



## Rita E Thompson

August 7, 1948 - October 14, 2020

Rita E. Thompson, age 72, of Dixon died at her home surrounded by her family Wednesday Oct. 14, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on Aug. 7, 1948 in Dixon, IL the daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Kramer) Blackburn. Rita worked in quality control at Dixon Direct, formally known as Dixon Publishing and Dixon Web, for over 46 years. She was a member of the Dixon Moose Club, and Dixon Elks Club. Rita was an avid golfer, loved playing cards and bingo, listening to country western music and her family singing. She also loved visiting with family and friends over a cup of coffee.

Rita is preceded in death by her son David J Thompson, parents, brother William Blackburn, and sister Victoria Blackburn.

She is survived by her daughter Amanda "Mandy" Lance of Dixon, and 3 grandchildren Tanner Thompson, Kennedy Lance, and Carynn (John) Howell.

Rita is also survived by her siblings that include 4 sisters, Sue (Marvin) Bagwell of Greenville TX, Mary Ruggles of Dixon, Ruth (Tom) Croudy of St. Petersburg FL, Louise (Jerry) Ferguson of Dixon; and 4 brothers Joe (Pam) Blackburn of Garland TX, John (Pam) Russell of Mission TX, Paul (Sandy) Blackburn of Dixon, and Dan (Malou) Blackburn of Sheboygan WI.

A memorial service will be held Sunday Oct. 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dixon, with Pastor David Schweppe officiating. Facial coverings are required.

A memorial has been established to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dixon.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Arrangements by The Jones Funeral Home Dixon.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **18**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1013 Franklin Grove Rd  
Dixon, IL 61021  
<http://www.immanueldixon.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita E Thompson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Rita E Thompson*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Rita always had a smile and a friendly word. She was a customer from the time we opened. But we considered her a friend as well. Prayers for a great lady! Leda and family!*

**Leda Bartolomei** - October 21, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ *Rita was a very special person. I loved her dearly and will miss her so much. Since we moved to Texas, most of our contact was by phone. She was always upbeat and positive even on her worst days. Our last visit last summer was special as we knew we would probably not see her again in this life. We will see you again in heaven Rita. You are loved.*

**Pam Russell** - October 17, 2020 at 06:11 PM

LH

“ My deepest sympathy to Mandy, Kennedy, Tanner and Carynn an the rest of Rita's family.

*Rita was a true gem that will live long in many of our hearts. I have so many memories with her it's hard to put in to words. Rita and I worked together for over 25 years. We made each other birthday cakes, laughed together, cried together and shared stories of our children. Rita's spirit for loving life was truly to be admired.*

*One of my favorite memories is the sandwich she made for me when she lost a bet to me. She killed a bunch of boxelder bugs and put them between to slices of bread to bring to work for me. We laughed until we cried. I got her back by gathering up as many flying insects I could find around my outside light and put them in rice crispy treats to give to her. Rice crispy treats were one of her favorites. We had a lot of fun working together.*

*I will miss my friend and all of our laughs! I know Rita will live on forever in all of our hearts that knew her.*

*Laura Helfrich*

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**Laura Louise Helfrich** - October 17, 2020 at 07:50 AM

JZ

“ Rita was a great lady and a good friend. We bowled together played bingo and had tons of laughs. God bless and rest in piece my friend your friend judi. Also know as judy z mudka.

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**Judy z mudka** - October 16, 2020 at 07:13 PM

LL

“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. I had the pleasure of golfing with Rita numerous times on the ladies traveling golf outings. It was always a joy to get put on a team with her. I particularly remember the morning we were getting ready to golf and she was telling us all about the restaurant that her niece had purchased in Deer Grove had burned down in the early morning hours and how concerned she was. As we all were, especially because of the history behind the Happy Spot. God Bless you all knowing that she is at peace now. Linda Logan, Rock Falls

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**Linda Logan** - October 16, 2020 at 09:17 AM

JS

“ To my very dear friend. Rita we spent a lot of time at the golf course had a ton of laughs. I cherish her friendship always. I will miss her as a best friend. God bless. Jan Shriver

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**Jan schryver** - October 16, 2020 at 08:32 AM