

Ilona MaryAnn Gunther, 66
Rice, MN
May 21, 1950 - Dec. 2, 2016



Ilona MaryAnn Gunther, 66, passed away at home on Friday Dec. 2, 2016, surrounded by family and friends. Visitation is to be held at the Rice Lions Building located at 101 4th Ave. NW, Rice, on Thursday Dec. 8, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred. Deliveries please after 4 p.m.

Ilona M. Gunther was born May 21, 1950, in Little Falls, the daughter of the late Mieczyslaw (Joe) and the late Elizabeth (Hubner) Pietrzykowski. Ilona grew up and lived in Little Falls and graduated from Little Falls High School in 1968. Ilona was united in marriage to David Gunther on July 15, 1972, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls. The couple resided in Rice where Ilona cleaned

houses and was a stay-at-home mom to their three children. She enjoyed fishing, spending time with family and friends, talking on the phone to many of her friends and family, decorating for fall, spending days putting up her outdoor Christmas lights and showing her grandchildren. Ilona M. Gunther is survived by her companion, Bob Wheeler; daughters, Tina Gunther of Rice and Tanya (Dennis) Middendorf of Melrose; son Timothy (Amanda) Gunther of Bowlus; companion's children, Erik (Jessie) Wheeler of Rice and Courtney (Tyler) Freihammer of Rice; grandchildren Cierra and Haley Goodrow, Aaron Middendorf, Isabelle Gunther, Landen Gunther, Jett and Chase Wheeler, Willow and Josie Freihammer; soon-to-be great grandchildren, Jaxson Skaj; sister, Ingrid (Bruce) Lestico of Grand Rapids.

Ilona was preceded in death by her husband, David Gunther, father, Mieczyslaw (Joe) Pietrzykowski, mother, Elizabeth Pietrzykowski, father-in-law, Walter Gunther and mother-in-law, LaVern Gunther.