



Rochelle Heider

05/27/1937 - 02/13/2022

Our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Rochelle Heider, passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at the age of 84, after courageously battling thyroid cancer, with her family at her side.

She was married to the love of her life, Randy Heider, and they enjoyed 61 years together.

Rochelle attended Winneconne High School, where she was Prom Queen in 1954. After graduating from UW-Stevens Point, she worked for 40 years. She began teaching Home Economics at Brillion High School and continued teaching for many years in the Menasha School District. These learned skills carried over into her personal life as she was an avid seamstress, gardener, and canner. She was a very frugal individual in regard to material possessions, but was very generous with her love, kindness and compassion. Rochelle was never one to complain and always had a “glass half-full” outlook on life.

Some highlights of her life include: building the “shed” and using it as home base for five years while helping Randy build their dream home; the trip of their lifetime: to Milwaukee, to pick up their adopted daughter, Tami; climbing Longs Peak to the boulder fields while helping to chaperone a Boy Scout trip and spending many winters as snowbirds in Panama City Beach.

She was lovingly called “Mom” by her five children: Michael (Patricia) Heider, Oshkosh; Scott (Nicole) Heider, Appleton; Kim (Steve) Maertz, Greenville; Todd (Wendy) Heider, Johnsonville; and Tamara (Joel) Schmeltzer, Appleton.

Rochelle was blessed with 10 grandchildren: Brandon (Kaylie) Heider; Mitchell (Katie) Heider; Riley Heider; Richard (Amanda) Gasman Jr.; Rochelle (Matt) Gentele; Nick (Sydney) Maertz; Justin (Casie) Heider; Brad (Paige) Heider; Travis (Kristin) Schmeltzer; Owen (Brooke) Schmeltzer, and three great-grandchildren: Piper Gasman and Camryn and Jaxon Heider.

Rochelle was a member of Christus Lutheran Church in Greenville.

The family would like to thank Compassus Hospice Care for their support and guidance.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society, in Rochelle’s name.

A private family service will be held. Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family.