



## *Peaceful Memories*



# *In Loving Memory Debra Diane Rice*

*Born to Donald and Lois (Fixmer) Raines*

April 29, 1947

Remer, Minnesota

*Returned to Her Heavenly Father*

November 1, 2025

Tioga, North Dakota

### *Debra's Memorial Service*

Friday, November 7, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel

Tioga, North Dakota

#### *Officiating*

Pastor Jim Booth

#### *Guitarist / Soloist*

Pastor Jim Booth

#### *Urn Bearer*

Jon Watterud

#### *Honorary Urn Bearers*

Deb's Loving Grandchildren  
and Great-Grandchildren

#### *Music*

"How Great Thou Art"

"On The Wings Of A Dove"

#### *Arrangements By*

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

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# *Celebrating A Life Well Lived*



## "Deb" Debra Rice

April 29, 1947  
November 1, 2025



GOODBYES  
are not forever  
goodbyes are not  
THE END  
they simply mean I'll  
miss you till we meet  
AGAIN



Debra Diane Rice of rural Tioga passed away peacefully at Tioga Long Term Care on November 1, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Deb was born to Donald and Lois (Fixmer) Raines on April 29, 1947, in Remer MN. She was the third of four children; Sharon, Donny, and John. From Remer the family moved to Yantis, Texas and then on to Cantonment, Florida. The family then moved to Washington.

Deb met Kevin Watterud in Bonners Ferry, Idaho and married in 1979. They moved to Larson, ND in 1981. From this union came Deb's greatest blessing, Jon Isaac Watterud on September 14th 1987. Deb and Jon lived throughout Jon's childhood and adolescence in Larson where many of Deb's talents and passions were passed down to Jon.

Deb met the love of her life, Keith Rice, in 2002. Keith and Deb were united in marriage on November 26th 2004, at Norman Lutheran Church, Tioga ND. Keith and Deb resided on the Rice family farm in rural Tioga, ND. From this union, Deb gained five step-sons, four daughters-in-law, 17 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren, who became a very special part of her life.

Deb had various occupations throughout her life, and was never afraid of hard work. Some of her favorite jobs included dog grooming and upholstery. Deb also worked for SGS grains out of Crosby and Williston.

Deb enjoyed telling stories of her jobs, hobbies, talents and travels. Some of Deb's favorite hobbies included woodworking and building. She had a vision for crafting beautiful and unique things. She greatly enjoyed bringing beauty to her yard, building ponds and planting trees. Deb had a special love for animals. She cared very much for her pets including her dogs, cats and horses.

Deb is survived by her husband, Keith; son, Jon (Bucky) Watterud; brother, John (Sandy) Raines; sister-in-law, Anita Raines; stepsons, Rikki (Sarah) Rice, Bobby (Tami) Rice, Jason (Danett) Rice, Trevor (Brittany) Rice, Brett Rice; grandchildren, Paige (Jeb) Schafer, Logan (Briana) Aadnes, Leah Aadness, Cody, Kash, and Presley Rice, Zachary, Joseph (Jocci), Dawson (Sadie), Tyson Rice, Wyatt, Tucker, Lucas, and Brantley Rice, Tayton, Rylan, Shaylee Rice; great-grand-children, Wrenley and Wylder Schafer, Karter, Charlotte, Violatte, Murphy, Noah and Thomas Rice, her faithful companions, Bubba the dog and Annie the cat.

Debra was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Don; sister, Sharon; brother-in-law, Jackie Sewell; mother and father in-law, Bud and Marian Rice; numerous aunts and uncles.



GOD hath not promised  
Skies always blue.  
Flower strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.  
But GOD hath promised  
*Strength* for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way.  
Grace for the trials  
help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy.  
*Undying love.*

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Farm & Ranch  
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