



## Rita Rens

January 30, 1940 - December 17, 2016

Rita Rens, 76, left us on December 17, 2016 at Treasure Coast Hospice House in Stuart, FL. Rita was born on January 30, 1940, in Morris, MN to Frank and Mary Mellett. She graduated from Starbuck High School as class valedictorian in 1958. She married Dennis Rens on May 18, 1963. They moved to Lennox, SD in 1972, where they raised their four daughters. Later in life, Rita returned to school and graduated with an Associates Degree in Computer Technology in 1990. Rita was an active member of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday and Bible School and helped in the kitchen. Her interests included spending time with her family, reading, playing cards and visiting with friends over coffee. Grateful for having shared her life are her beloved husband of 54 years, Dennis K. Rens of Stuart, FL; daughters, Julie Blair and her husband Ronald of Palm City, FL; Lisa Crumpton and her husband Andy of Prosperity, SC and Melissa Rens of Lancaster, SC; her son-in-law, John Peterson of Brookings, SD; one brother, John Mellett and his wife Jeannie of Edina, MN; one sister, Cathy Bucholz and her husband James of Detroit Lakes, MN; and seven grandchildren, Jessica, Brock, Jordan, Erin, Cassidy, Ivy and Gabriel. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Dr. Denise Peterson; her brother, Bob Mellett and both of her parents. Memorial services will begin at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. The family requests memorials to the Lennox Senior Citizens Center.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathies during your time of loss. I worked with Rita for many years at Wells Fargo. Such a sweet lady with a kindness for all. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

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**Jan Gordon** - April 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM