



DEBRA ROHRER-EKERN

October 4, 1960 - April 15, 2024

Debra Sue Rohrer-Ekern, age 63, of Brownsville, MN, died peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on April 15, 2024, at Gundersen Medical Center, surrounded by her family.

Deb was born October 4, 1960, in Caledonia, MN to Omar and Mary (Noel) Goetzinger. She attended school in Freeburg and graduated from Caledonia High School. She married Steve Rohrer and they welcomed their son Lee on January 16, 1986. Steve died in 1988. She married Robert "Harvey" Ekern on October 20, 2001.

Deb worked at Acentek for 23 years, where she loved her job and co-workers. She is survived by her husband, Harvey; son, Lee (Leah) Rohrer; step daughters, Jessica Ekern and Kristina Seidel; grandchildren, Carter, Lenna, Jaxon, and Eli; brothers, Dean (Dana) Goetzinger, Curt Goetzinger, Scott Goetzinger, and Rick Goetzinger; sisters, Vicki Cavanaugh, Diane (Jack) Hauser, Pat (Mark) Lange, Cindy (Chad) Campbell, and Julie Winjum; brother and sister in law, Gary (LuAnne) Ekern, and Betty (Bob Johnson) Ekern; and aunt, Rita Noel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Steve; brother, Larry; sister and brother in law, Donna and Calvin Colsch; in laws, Susie Goetzinger, Bob Cavanaugh; and uncle, Jug Noel.

A Celebration of Deb's Life will be from 3 to 6 pm on Sunday, April 21, at the Brownsville Community Center, with a service at 3 pm. A private burial will take place at Peace Evangelical Church Cemetery in Freeburg. McCormick Funeral Home, Caledonia, is assisting the family.

Deb loved cooking, reading, and spending time with her family. She was a very special grandmother and loved cheering her grandkids on at their sporting events. She enjoyed getting together with her brothers, sisters, and their families; the "Dah" weekends and campground visits, using her poker stick to keep that fire going. Deb's last days were spent at her home that she loved with the beautiful view overlooking the Mississippi River.

You will be forever at the top of our pyramid; you will be missed Debby Sue
And here's one of your infamous good-byes, "we'll see you later, love you."

Previous Events

Service

APR 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

Brownsville Community Center
104 N 6th St
Brownsville, MN

A Celebration of Life

APR 21. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Brownsville Community Center
104 N 6th St
Brownsville, MN

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Thinking of Lee & the Rohrer/Goetzinger families as they mourn a great loss, Deb!! Another sweet angel taken too soon. RIP Deb!!

Dave & Wilma Schoh - April 23, 2024 at 09:49 PM

JS

“ Bob, I am so sorry for the loss of your wife, Debra. May the memories that you shared together give you comfort and knowing that she was welcomed into Gods loving arms, give you peace 🙏

Jackie Lenser Strutt - April 19, 2024 at 11:49 AM

RK

“ Harvey and family... So sorry for your loss... I will try and make the Celebration of Life on Sunday, but if I can't, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers... RIP Debra!

Robert E. Kerska - April 18, 2024 at 05:35 PM

MK

“ So sorry for your loss, Harvey. We won't be able to make the Celebration of Life, but wanted you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike Kammel - April 18, 2024 at 12:16 PM

DS

“ David and Slim purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of DEBRA ROHRER-EKERN.



David and Slim - April 18, 2024 at 11:56 AM

DS

“ David and Slim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of DEBRA ROHRER-EKERN.

David and Slim - April 18, 2024 at 11:56 AM

JF

“ Jean F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of DEBRA ROHRER-EKERN.

Jean F. - April 17, 2024 at 09:42 PM

TS

“ The Seitz's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of DEBRA ROHRER-EKERN.



The Seitz's - April 17, 2024 at 02:36 PM