



## Rita Collen Hansen

August 19, 1940 - October 16, 2024

Rita Colleen Hansen, age 84, passed away on October 16, 2024, in Grove, Oklahoma. Born on August 19, 1940, in Cherryvale, Kansas to Herman and Bertha (Berigan) Fiechtl, Rita pursued a life marked by dedication to education.

Rita earned her master's degree from Pittsburg State University and went on to serve as a Physical Education teacher at Wellington Independent School District in Wellington, Texas. Her serious disposition and intelligence left a lasting impact on her students and colleagues.

Beyond her professional life, Rita was involved in her community and her faith, actively participating in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Grove. Her hobbies included refinishing furniture and other antiques, and crafting stained glass, showcasing her artistic flair and meticulous attention to detail.

Rita came from a large family. She was one of thirteen siblings. Many family members have preceded her in death, including her parents and nine of her brothers and sisters, leaving one brother and two sisters to carry on the family legacy.

She is also survived by her children, Stephanie Hansen of Arlington, Texas, Scott Hansen of Grove, Oklahoma, and Paul Hansen, Jr. of Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren with one more on the way. Her presence will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services in Grove, Oklahoma, is assisting the family during this time. Rita's life and legacy will be remembered and cherished by all.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We will miss you Rita. Another one of our group gone. Sharon, Bette and I will surely mourn your passing. Rest in peace classmate, Cherryvale High School Class of 59. Love you. Sue and Chuck Hucke, Cherryvale, KS

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**Sue Hucke** - October 19, 2024 at 11:11 PM