



## Rhonda Kay Boettcher

September 24, 1948 - October 19, 2024

Memorial services for RHONDA KAY BOETTCHER, 76, will be held 10am November 11, 2024, at the First Lutheran Church 803 3rd Ave Longmont, Colorado 80501. A livestream will be available at [firstluth.org](http://firstluth.org). Memorial donations may be given in memory of Rhonda to First Lutheran Church P.O. Box 327 Longmont, Colorado 80502. Colyer Funeral Home in Torrington, Wyoming assisted the family with the cremation arrangements. Rhonda Kay (Rossler) Boettcher went home to her eternal Lord and Savior peacefully on October 19, 2024, and cremation has taken place. Rhonda was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on September 24, 1948, to Frank W. Rossler and Mabel IVL (Kraft) Rossler. She grew up on the family farm east of Menomonie and took part in taking care of the dairy cows, beef cattle, chickens, hogs, sheep and Belgian horses. She drove tractors, trucks and horses farming the fields of grain, hay and corn. Music was an important part of the Rossler family. Singing in church choirs and playing instruments was encouraged. Rhonda sang in church choirs from the age of 3 at Our Savior's Lutheran, Menomonie, Wisconsin. At age 8 she started piano lessons and at age 9 organ lessons. She was church organist at New Hope Lutheran Church, Downsville, Wisconsin at age 12 and became their choir director at age 14. She also directed the choir at Little Elk Creek Lutheran Church, Menomonie, Wisconsin at that time. At Menomonie High School Rhonda played saxophone and participated in band and choir. She also was an accompanist for many vocal groups and instrumentalists. Rhonda was involved in Cedarlings 4-H Club and

participated in the State 4-H Band her junior year of high school. Her senior year she was chosen State 4-H Accompanist and led music at State 4-H Club Week in Madison, Wisconsin and on the fall tour with the State 4-H Choir. She also did this her freshman year of college. Rhonda played the Mabel Tainter Memorial organ in Menomonie for various events Rhonda played her saxophone in the Ludington Guard Band during her high school and college years. In 1964 Rhonda was involved in the Milwaukee Circus Parade sponsored by Schlitz Brewing Company. This was a family affair, as her father drove a 6-horse hitch in the parade, her mother drove a single cart, and her brother rode as an out-rider for the hitches. Rhonda first played an unison on top of one of the wagons in the parade. She also played the large American steam calliope in concerts on the lakeside grounds. Through this she was chosen to represent Schlitz Brewing Company and the Circus World Museum playing the steam calliope in the Cotton Bowl Parade, Dallas, Texas. Rhonda attended Luther College, Decorah, Iowa 1966-1970 receiving BA degrees in Music, Education, and Psychology. In 1992, she received her master's degree from Colorado State University in Adult Education. Rhonda met her husband David Micheal Boettcher on tour with the State 4-H Band and Chorus in October 1964. They were married December 20, 1970, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Menomonie, Wisconsin. To this union was given the blessing of their son, Aaron Joshua Boettcher, January 18, 1978. Rhonda taught Vocal Music and Social Studies at Mead Elementary, Mead Junior (Middle) School, Northeast (Heritage) Junior High, and Sunset Middle School. After 33 years of teaching in the St. Vrain Valley School District she retired and moved from Longmont, Colorado to Torrington, Wyoming. Music and education were important to Rhonda whether she was teaching public school or at First Lutheran Church, Longmont Colorado. At First Lutheran she taught confirmation, led Vacation Bible School, served on the church council and directed youth choirs and the Chancel Choir for many years. Rhonda was a life member of the Colorado Education Association, National Education Association, 50+ year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as

Weld County Election Judge for many years. Rhonda is survived by her husband, David, of Torrington, Wyoming and her son, Aaron Joshua Boettcher, of Longmont, Colorado. Her brother Clifford G. Rossler, his wife Lou Ann and their children, Leslie and Matthew Rossler. Rhonda's parents, Frank and Mabel Rossler and infant sister Ann Marie preceded her in death.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

First Lutheran Church  
803 3rd Ave  
Longmont, CO 80501

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Boettcher was my choir teacher at Sunset Middle School. For all 3 years of middle school, choir was the best hour of my day. Mrs. Boettcher loved her students and I felt special working with her. She made being that awkward age a little less awful. I am not an assistant principal at a 6-12th grade school and I I am inspired to be the kind of teacher and role model Mrs. Boettcher was! Nadia Coleman- Sunset Middle School 1996-1998

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**Nadia Coleman** - May 25, 2025 at 04:04 PM

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“ Rhonda was a sweet lady with a huge musical talent. All who attended First Lutheran Church knew Rhonda. We worked together several times teaching Sunday School and Summer Bible School for the elementary kids. Rhonda was always a cheerful addition to any group. She will be missed by many.

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**Linda Riggert** - November 10, 2024 at 11:02 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Mrs. Boettcher. As I referred to her. She was my middle school music teacher at Mead. She had a big impact on my years there. Her music talent was evident even back then. She must of thought I had something special to offer because she gave me a lot of solo parts and had confidence in my ability to sing when I did not. She was cutting edge on her music choices as well. I remember singing and performing many popular songs at the time like Dock of the Bay, Hummingbird and Aquarius just to name a few. I was even Mrs. Boettchers teachers aid . So many wonderful memories surround when I think of her. Sincerely share in your loss. Diana Bunker (Weber)

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**Diana Bunker (Weber)** - November 09, 2024 at 01:36 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers go out to you! She will surely be missed!

*Barbara and Joe Peterson*

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**Barbara Peterson** - November 08, 2024 at 11:57 AM

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“ I remember Miss Boettcher from Mead Jr High as our music & choir teacher she was always nice . Sorry for your loss. Lynnette Smith former student at Mead Jr High

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**Lynnette Smith** - November 07, 2024 at 06:43 PM

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“ Don and I knew Rhonda through being First Lutheran church members, choir members and being a fellow teacher and special educator in the St. Vrain Valley school system. We joined the FL choir after our children had left the nest and we thoroughly enjoyed our time in the choir for lots of years when she was the director. She was an excellent choir director filled with the Holy Spirit who inspired us to do our best each Sunday as well as the many services at the Ryssby Services each June and December. Despite our move to Loveland from Longmont, we remained members of the FLC's choir till her retirement. She was so talented, so fun and such a warrior for her students, her heritage, her family, her church and her faith in God. R.I.P. my friend. Job well done. You will be missed. Sally Specht and family

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**Sally Specht** - November 07, 2024 at 12:29 AM

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“*Rhonda was my cousin and best of friends. Summer vacations from school were our best of times on the farm. As adults we kept up with long phone calls where we could solve world problems or discuss simple life’s challenges. She will be missed*”

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**Charlotte Backman cousin** - November 06, 2024 at 10:39 PM