



Ava Mary Rudnicki

March 10, 1953 - September 13, 2025

Ava M. Rudnicki, 72 year old resident of Edina, MN formerly of Little Falls, MN passed peacefully away Saturday, September 13, 2025 at Cherrywood South Care Facility in St. Cloud, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, October 10, 2025 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Edina, MN. Visitation will be held from 10-11 A.M. on Friday at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Edina, MN. Burial will take place in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Caring for Ava and her family is the LeMleur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN.

Born in Little Falls, Minnesota, Ava was the beloved daughter of Paul T. Rudnicki and JoAnne (Schlichting) Rudnicki. Ava's early years were rooted in faith and community. She attended St. Mary's Grade School and graduated from St. Francis High School in Little Falls. Ava continued to grow in her faith and was known by many to be a spiritual person. She went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Social Work from St. Cloud State University and later received her Master's degree from the University of Minnesota. Her career in social work began in Luverne, Minnesota, where she served with compassion and dedication. She later joined Hennepin County, October of 1980, where she continued her work until retirement in 2016—always advocating for those in need with grace and empathy. Ava had a zest for life and a spirit of adventure. She traveled extensively, exploring cultures and landscapes around the world. She found joy in hiking, browsing estate sales, and crafting

beautifully personal greeting cards that touched the hearts of many. Known for her quick wit and warm humor, Ava always had a clever quip ready to brighten someone's day.

Ava is survived by her siblings, Claire (Robert) Mahling, Paula (Paul) Tesch, Stephen Rudnicki, and Jennifer Hewitt; and by her step-siblings, Adrene (Herald) Hadley, Cathie (Jim) Fosburgh, Jim Deminsky (Cheri), John Deminsky (Jan), Mark Deminsky (Elaine), and Mike Deminsky. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews who will carry forward her memory with love.

Ava was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and JoAnne Rudnicki.

Ava's legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the laughter she shared, and the love she gave so freely.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
5071 Eden Ave.
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

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“Ava was a friend, extended family member, co-worker and partner in fun. We often crossed paths and sometimes walked the same path together. St. Mary’s, St. Francis HS, the U of M to obtain our MSW and years of working at Hennepin County. Ava was challenging, fun, funny, a fighter and awesome friend. We had wonderful times and adventures together. May Ava continue that path exceptional life in this new life. Ciao, my friend. You are missed.

Terry Mahling

Terry Mahling - October 10, 2025 at 10:34 AM

CH

“May our Lord & Savior wrap His loving arms around all of Ava's family in these sad days!! What a wonderful neighborhood we grew up in LF! Ava would always come out & make sure the older kids weren't picking on us smaller ones, and enjoyed playing the games with us to teach us how to play fair!! She was so sweet & nice to us all!! Thoughts & prayers to all of you!

Take Care, & Peace be with You!

Colleen Callahan Harris 🙏💕

Colleen Callahan Harris - October 07, 2025 at 02:53 PM

GM

“Ava once helped us haul wood at my childhood home in Richmond MN. She had a great attitude and said "work is fun." For the next 5-10 years we uttered her phrase (sometimes sarcastically) as we hauled wood into the basement each fall to heat the house during the winter. She had a great sense of humor and sharp wit. She was a skilled debater and a great help to many children and families over many decades in Hennepin county. She will be missed!

Gerhardt Mahling - September 25, 2025 at 04:11 PM

JC

“ *Janice Czech lit a candle in memory of Ava Mary Rudnicki*



Janice Czech - September 24, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ava Mary Rudnicki.*



September 20, 2025 at 11:36 AM

RS

“ *To the Ava Mary Rudnicki family: My deepest sympathy, condolences, thoughts and prayers to the family in the great loss of Ava. Ava was a very special young girl in school. I went to grade school & high school with her. She always had a wonderful smile, an she was a very intelligent and smart young lady. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. May the angels of God bless a take her to heaven to be with her Heavenly Father. May God's grace, love, peace, an confort her an her family. God bless them all.*



Richard R. Schneider - September 18, 2025 at 03:36 PM

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“ *Cindy Kalahar lit a candle in memory of Ava Mary Rudnicki*



Cindy Kalahar - September 17, 2025 at 05:57 PM