



Charlene Jelinski

October 19, 1947 - February 9, 2023

Charlene Jelinski, 75 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Thursday, February 9, 2023 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, February 17, 2023 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie, MN with Father Ben Kociemba officiating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Thursday and from 9:30-10:30 A.M. on Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie, MN. A Rosary will be prayed at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday Evening at the church. Parish prayers will be prayed at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday evening at Church. Caring for Charlene and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Charlene was born and raised in Belle Prairie Township on October 19, 1947 to the late Michael and Vivian (LeBlanc) Knopik. As a young girl, she enjoyed her time on the farm, helping her dad with mending fence, picking rock, and caring for cows. She loved her grandma's cooking as well. Charlene attended Country School, then Belle Prairie Academy through the 8th grade and graduated from St. Francis High School in Little Falls, MN. She was united in marriage to Jerry Jelinski, the love of her life on August 24, 1966 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie. Together they cherished 56 years of marriage and were blessed with three children. Charlene was a loving wife and mother, staying home to raise her children when they were young. She

also shared her love with others as she babysat her nieces and relatives, as she cooked in the school kitchen for 20 years. Charlene was known for her kindness and generosity, always willing to lend a helping hand or bring a meal. Her fun spirit always brought joy to the room. Charlene loved watching and feeding her birds, talking on the phone with friends, camping trips to Two Rivers and bus trips filled with fun and laughter. She volunteered in many ways, from helping with meals and activities at Church, meals-on-wheels, and sharing garden produce and meals with the priests, nuns at the convent, neighbors, family and friends. She gave so much of herself and always put others first. She was active in the community and very much enjoyed her close circle of friends. Above all, she loved her family picnics at Belle Prairie Park, times at the lake, Christmas and family gatherings. Charlene also was very involved in her grandchildren's activities, which often included a trip to the Dairy Queen, enjoying her favorite raspberry sundae.

Charlene is survived by her loving husband Jerry Jelinski of Little Falls, MN; children, Todd (Laura) Jelinski of Moorhead, MN, Scott (Becky) Jelinski of Little Falls, MN and Lisa Carr of Lake Benton, MN; sister, Cheryl (Charlie) Stanek of Little Falls, MN; 8 grandchildren, 2 step-great-grandchildren and 2 nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Vivian Knopik.

Charlene will be remembered for her faith in God and kind and loving heart to others. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Belle Prairie
18777 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

FEB **17**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Belle Prairie
18777 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN

Funeral Mass

FEB **17**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Charlene Jelinski*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 15, 2023 at 12:53 PM

SS

“ *The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls send deepest sympathy to Jerry and family in the death of their loved one, Charlene. May her goodness continue to radiate through her family...in gratitude. Sending love and prayers to all.*

Sister Cordy Korkowski and Sisters - February 16, 2023 at 11:01 AM

HR

“ *Sympathy to the family and friends of Charlene.*



Holly Runnoe - February 16, 2023 at 10:44 AM

RW

“ Ryley, Luke & James Wiering purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Charlene Jelinski.



Ryley, Luke & James Wiering - February 16, 2023 at 10:37 AM

SD

“ My heartfelt prayers and sympathy to all the family, charlene was a very special person and friend, used to go on trips with them and Gary and Laura, also Lisa is a very good friend of my son, many good memories, Sue Doucette and family

Sue Doucette - February 16, 2023 at 10:32 AM

SH

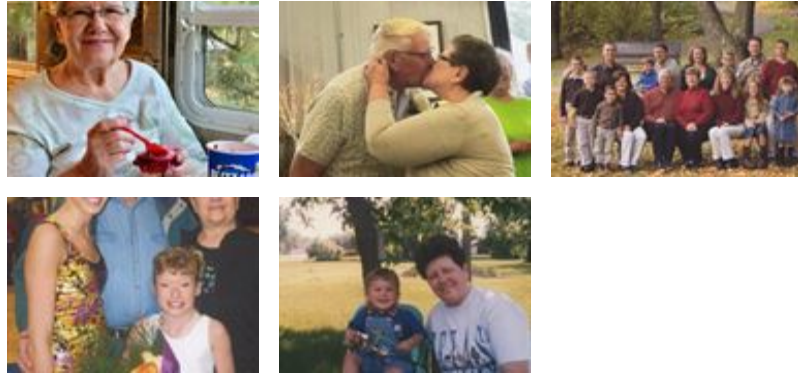
“ Jerry and Sue Hanson



Susan Hanson - February 16, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 15, 2023 at 12:52 PM

CA

“ *Chris Anderson lit a candle in memory of Charlene Jelinski*



Chris Anderson - February 15, 2023 at 11:23 AM

LB

“ *2 files added to the album Memories*



Laura Block - February 15, 2023 at 11:13 AM

LB

*Many many great memories with Charlene and Jerry traveling with Gary Block Tours.
She always wore a smile and had all the time to visit with people as that was her passion - people.*

Laura Block - February 15, 2023 at 11:13 AM

JF

“ *Joe & Kya and their Families purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Charlene Jelinski.*



Joe & Kya and their Families - February 14, 2023 at 02:44 PM

MB

“ I feel very blessed that I was able to call Charlene my aunt. Some of the happiest memories of my life include her there right beside me. She was my daycare lady, so I remember fondly watching Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street, asking her to dance "the pigeon" with me in the living room downstairs. And she did. I remember summer days picking strawberries and going back to Grandma and Grandpa's house to clean and prep the berries. She always had a cabinet full of crayons and coloring books for me because she knew I loved to color. She made the best spaghetti at lunchtime and always kept Schwan's Golden Nugget bars in the freezer. Every year for my birthday, she baked me a cherry chip cake--my favorite. One year she even shipped the cake to me at college. She was devoted to me in so many lovely and touching ways. The list goes on and on. I've never met anyone who could make every person feel special and heard. When you had a conversation with her, she really listened. She was so generous with her time and her talents, not to mention being incredibly brave during all of her health concerns. I can't quite wrap my head around her not being here anymore. The world feels much dimmer to me. I can only take comfort knowing that she's now our angel, watching over us and guiding us along the way. I love you and miss you, Auntie Charlene. And to Uncle Jerry, Todd, Scott, Lisa, and families, I love you very much and am so sorry for your loss. All my love, Maria

Maria Burnham - February 13, 2023 at 08:44 PM

VB

“ Virgil & Babe lit a candle in memory of Charlene Jelinski



Virgil & Babe - February 13, 2023 at 07:05 PM

DF

“ Jerry and Family. Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies. Char was always there with a smile and more than willing to help with whatever needed to be done. Another Angel received her wings. We will miss you Char.

Darrol & Judi Zak Ficek - February 13, 2023 at 06:01 PM

JA

“ Our deepest sympathies to Jerry and family, Charlene was always a ray of sunshine when you were with her, she will be truly missed.
Ron and Janice Czech



Janice - February 13, 2023 at 04:55 PM

TC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Charlene's family at this difficult time.



Tim & Sandy Cash - February 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charlene Jelinski.



February 13, 2023 at 03:56 PM

PL

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to Charlene’s family.*

Pat Lutzwick - February 13, 2023 at 01:03 PM

RC

“ *Racers For Christ purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charlene Jelinski.*



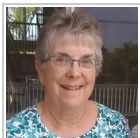
Racers For Christ - February 13, 2023 at 11:54 AM

GD

“ *My condolences Jerry. I didn’t see Charlene very often in the last many years but when I did it was like we had never been apart. We talked and talked and laughed. I have memories of her from a very young age.*

Gayle (Plante) Diehl

Gayle Diehl - February 13, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Karen Haaland lit a candle in memory of Charlene Jelinski*



Karen Haaland - February 13, 2023 at 09:48 AM

CM

“ Gentle hugs, prayers, and condolences go out to the Jelinski, Knopick, and Stanek families. May Charlene rest in the peace of Christ, and may God hold all of you in the palm of his hand. Blessed be her memory.



Claudette Moran - February 12, 2023 at 08:28 PM

DL

“ Oh what a honey of a lady-❤️! What a joy to always run into her & she was the sparkle in the Lindbergh School lunchroom! Our sincere sympathies to Charlene's family! Dawn & Brad Laager



Dawn & Brad Laager - February 12, 2023 at 01:42 PM

SD

“ Charlele, we will miss you! R I P.



Stan and Dee - February 12, 2023 at 01:14 PM

MG

“ JJ and family, so sorry for your loss. She'll always be with you in your heart. Cherish all the memories. God's blessings on all of you. Mike & Bev (Zak) Gangl

Mike & Bev Gangl - February 12, 2023 at 12:47 PM

BG

“ *Bev (Zak) Gangl lit a candle in memory of Charlene Jelinski*



Bev (Zak) Gangl - February 12, 2023 at 12:42 PM

DJ

“ *To Jerry and all your family members, I am so shocked to see this as I just saw you Jerry at my son's services. She was a gem to be around and mom liked her a lot too. Sincere sympathy to you all. May perpetual light shine upon her and may God hold you all in the palm of his hands as you go onward. Keep your memories of Charlene close to your hearts.*



Debbie M Jelinski-Harakel - February 12, 2023 at 03:55 AM

AD

“ *Ann Doble lit a candle in memory of Charlene Jelinski*



Ann Doble - February 11, 2023 at 10:37 PM

PD

“ *Phyllis & Dave Dobis lit a candle in memory of Charlene Jelinski*



Phyllis & Dave Dobis - February 11, 2023 at 09:15 PM

PH

All our sympathy & prayers are with you at this difficult time. She was a very special lady & will be greatly missed.

Phyllis - February 11, 2023 at 09:17 PM

DP

“ *Gerald and all of Charlene’s family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. I have many fond memories of Charlene at Monday night bowling and visiting with her on so many occasions over the years. May she rest in God’s peace.*



Deb Pederson - February 11, 2023 at 08:29 PM

JH

“ *Judy Huebner sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlene Jelinski*



Judy Huebner - February 11, 2023 at 08:20 PM

JW

“ *Jim And Carol Wielinski sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlene Jelinski*



Jim and Carol Wielinski - February 11, 2023 at 06:42 PM

DH

“ *Doris Heying lit a candle in memory of Charlene Jelinski*



doris heying - February 11, 2023 at 06:25 PM

AW

“ *Charlene was such a joy to be around. She always had a smile and good thing to talk about. She sure will be missed by all. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE* 🙏

Anna Mae Woltman - February 11, 2023 at 03:52 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Charlene Jelinski*



Sandy Nelson - February 11, 2023 at 03:40 PM

JK

“ *Charlene had a way of bringing sunshine to all the people around her. I will miss her smile and positive attitude. Rest In Peace.*



Judi Kosbau - February 11, 2023 at 02:59 PM

CH

Such a happy talkative person. Will miss visiting with at the greenhouse. Rest in peace Sharon.

charlene holste - February 11, 2023 at 07:44 PM

CK

Always a fun time when Charlene was around, she will truly be missed. God gained a great gal.

Charlene L. Kapus - February 11, 2023 at 10:05 PM

BK

Jerry and family, Our sincere sympathy to each of you. Charlene was a sweet lady and always had a great smile and ready to visit.

Ben and Donna Kuklock - February 12, 2023 at 12:51 PM

TB

I always enjoyed Charlene and Jerry at the soup suppers at the convent they were great volunteers and fun to be around. Terry Bernardy

Terry Bernardy - February 12, 2023 at 10:26 PM

WR

Jerry and family, It's hard for me to find the right words to say about a great friend. Charlene was a one of a kind person. One who always had time for you and everyone around her. We had some great laughs when she served lunch at Lindbergh. The kids loved her and they knew she always looked out for them. Happy tears fill my eyes when you and Charlene would go on the bus trips with my mom and dad, the stories they had and how much fun it was for them. I will miss you my dear friend, but you are with God now and have no more worries. Rest in peace. Wendy and Dave Rutz

Wendy Rutz - February 13, 2023 at 09:00 PM

DH

Jerry I will miss Charlene so much. I always enjoyed being able to call her and I enjoyed are long conversations especially after I had my stroke. She called me at the hospital and she the only reason I'm still here and I didn't go through with my plan to quit taking my rejection meds.

Dorcie Hulke - February 14, 2023 at 04:54 PM