



Donna J. Kalis

January 9, 1955 - May 18, 2026

Donna J. Kalis, 71 year old resident of Sobieski, MN passed away Monday, May 18, 2026 at her home surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Sobieski, MN with Father Patrick Hoefft officiating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. Visitation will be held from 5-7 P.M. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 and from 9-10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 all at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Sobieski, MN. Caring for Donna and her family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the family as they will be establishing a fund for women who are in need of assistance to get a wig during cancer treatments.

Donna was born on January 9, 1955, to the late Donald Sr. and Rita (Otremba) Reis. She grew up in Bowlus, Minnesota, where she attended Bowlus Elementary School and later graduated from Royalton High School with the Class of 1973. Following high school, Donna attended Brainerd Community College, where she obtained her LPN license and graduated in 1974. Donna was united in marriage to Alvin Kalis on August 29, 1974, at St. Stanislaus-Kostka Catholic Church in Bowlus, MN. Throughout her working career, Donna dedicated herself to caring for others. She worked at Psyck's Supermarket in Bowlus, Family Medical Center, Lutheran Care Center, and

later at Essentia Health in Baxter, where she eventually retired. Her compassionate heart and caring nature made her a wonderful nurse and caregiver to so many throughout the years. Donna was deeply devoted to her faith and community. She taught religious education for many years at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Sobieski and was a lifetime member of the Bowlus American Legion Auxiliary, where she proudly held many offices over the years. She also served in various office positions with the Steelworkers Labor Union for many years. Donna found great joy in the outdoors and in spending time with those she loved most. She enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, especially family trips to Kitchi Lake, ATV riding, and vacationing with family and friends. She was an avid gardener who took pride in canning the fruits of her labor. Above all else, Donna cherished her family. Her “grandkid weekends” were among her greatest joys, and she loved supporting her grandchildren in all of their activities and accomplishments. Donna will be remembered for her loving heart, strong work ethic, unwavering faith, and deep devotion to her family. She was greatly loved and will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She is survived by loving husband, Al Kalis of Sobieski, MN; children, Christine Massmann of Melrose, MN, Melissa (Dan) Lampert of Bowlus, MN, Thomas (Sarah) Kalis of Royalton and Patrick (Chrissy) Kalis of Randall, MN; siblings, Patricia (Butch) Psyck, David (Janet) Reis, Michael (Diane) Reis, Donald, Jr. (Carol) Reis, Dennis (Louise) Reis, Paul (Tammy) Reis, Ward (Maryanne) Reis and Joseph (Jessica) Reis; grandchildren, Dakota (Jade) Massmann, Adrian (Haley Ramecher) Massmann, Emmett Massmann, Rebecca (Lucas Venske) Lampert, Elizabeth (Phillip) Lampert, Abby Kalis, Ezra Kalis, Bellanie Kalis and Alayna Kalis; great-grandchildren, Liam Massmann, Colt Massmann, and Willow Massmann.

Donna was preceded in death by parents, Donald Sr. and Rita Reis; sister, Mary Lou Knaack; brothers-in-law, Ed Kalis and Delmar Kalis; and sister-in-

law, Delores Klisch; in-laws, Frank and Helen Kalis.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church - Sobieski
9406 Church Cir
Little Falls, MN 56345

Visitation

MAY **27**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Diane Sura lit a candle in memory of Donna J. Kalis*



Diane sura - 1 hour ago

DS

My deepest sympathy to the Reis n Kalis family. Donna was a very sweet n fun gal to be around.may She RIP 🌹🌸🕊️

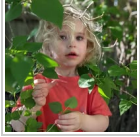
Diane sura - 1 hour ago

MM

“ *Condolences to the Kalis family. Rest in peace Donna. Jim Krottoschinsky and Mary McCarthy.*



Mary McCarthy - 2 hours ago



“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family. Donna will be missed by so many. Though we didn't see each other often over the years, we kept in touch. I'd like to share a light memory from high school. Since Royaltown was a small school, we had many classes together. The one that stands out was Chemistry class. There were four of us working together as lab partners. I don't think any of us really knew what we were doing. This particular lab, I think it was our final, we were testing four unknowns and had to ID them. We painstakingly weighed and measured substances into test tubes. Donna was holding one of the test tubes and with the same hand hitched up her chem apron dumping the contents of the test tube over her shoulder. The guys in the class howled with laughter. Our chem teacher just shook his head. We had no choice but to start the process over again. We completed the process wrote down our answers, gave them to Mr. Hofer and watched as he made a check mark next to each one. We were ready to sink into the floor until he said "I don't believe it ladies, you got everyone right.

Joyce Hochsprung - 2 hours ago



“ Donna was a kind person. She will be missed. Sympathy to her family.



Shirley Soltis - 2 hours ago

KO

“ *Rest in Peace Dear sweet cousin*



Karen Otremba - 2 hours ago

BB

“ *Brenda Bonebrake lit a candle in memory of Donna J. Kalis*



Brenda Bonebrake - 4 hours ago

DJ

“ *Debbie Jelinski-Harakel lit a candle in memory of Donna J. Kalis*



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - 4 hours ago

MB

“ *Mary Brausen sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna J. Kalis*



Mary Brausen - 5 hours ago

RB

“ *Randall State Bank purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donna J. Kalis.*



Randall State Bank - 6 hours ago

LB

“ *We are sorry to hear of Donna's passing. It saddens our hearts. What a wonderful woman. May God surround your family with love and comfort. Deepest sympathy to you.*

Lora and Jim

Lora and Jim Bartkowicz - 6 hours ago

GR

“ *Prayers to the whole Kalis family.*



Gene and Janet Retka - 6 hours ago

GE

“ *Gerard lit a candle in memory of Donna J. Kalis*



Gerard - 6 hours ago

G&

“ R.I.P my friend one of the best neighbors a person could have we will miss you.

Gerard &Pat - 6 hours ago

MO

“ Our hearts are broken by the passing of such a beautiful neighbor. Donna brought so much caring, kindness, and love to everyone around her, and her absence is deeply felt. We will miss the best neighbor ever! ❤️

Michelle Olson - 7 hours ago

GC

“ Gregg & Leone Chirhart sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna J. Kalis



Gregg & Leone Chirhart - 8 hours ago