



Judith "Judi" L. Smieja

May 13, 1955 - April 14, 2024

Judith "Judi" L. Smieja, 68 year old resident of Brainerd, MN, passed away Sunday, April 14, 2024, at her residence with her family by her side. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, May 3, 2024, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, at 11:00 A.M., with Father Ben Kociemba officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, from 5:00-8:00 P.M., and an hour prior at the church on May 3, 2024. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery following the Mass. Caring for Judi and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Judith "Judi" Tuholsky was born on May 13, 1955 in Little Falls, MN to the late Dennis and Wynn (Vornbrock) Tuholsky. Judi attended Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School and was a graduate of Little Falls Community High School. She went on to attend St. Cloud Vocational School getting her degree to be an Optometric Assistant. She was united in marriage to Mark Smieja on July 15, 1974. She was employed at Bremer Bank in Brainerd for 5 years and then worked at Brainerd Eyecare Center for 30 years. Judi enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family, reading, motorcycling, taking road trips, gardening and watching the birds in her backyard.

Judi is survived by her husband, Mark Smieja; daughter, Tara (Lucas) Mezzenga; grandchildren, Isabella, Landon, Lucianna and Valen Mezzenga;

brothers, Michael Tuholsky and Patrick (Becky) Tuholsky; sisters, Mary (Ed) Marsolek, Lynn (Gene) Anderson, Jeanne (Rob) Stanek, Susie (Ronnie) Yasgar, and Andrea (Josh) Pocklington.

Judi was preceded in death by her parents, Dennis and Wynn Tuholsky; in-laws, Adolph and Delphine Smieja; and brother-in-law, James Smieja.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church
208 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church
208 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 02, 2024 at 01:06 PM

CM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Judi passing. She is a beautiful soul inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*
Cindy(Gammon) Messer

Cindy Messer - May 04, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ *313 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 02, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja.*



April 30, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja.*



April 29, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *Dear Mark and family I was shocked to see Judi's obituary in the paper and so very sad to read this. I want you all to know you are in my prayers. She is such a beautiful lady and I always looked forward to chatting with her on my mail route. May God give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Bev Emery*

Beverly Emery - April 28, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *Peter & Teri Brenny lit a candle in memory of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja*



Peter & Teri Brenny - April 28, 2024 at 08:50 AM

PS

“ Penny Stanley purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja.



Penny Stanley - April 26, 2024 at 07:02 PM

KS

“ Ken & Linda Santala lit a candle in memory of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja



Ken & Linda Santala - April 25, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja.



April 25, 2024 at 10:04 AM

LM

“ Mark, Tara & all of the Tuholsky family, our thoughts & prayers are with all of you at this time. Heaven gained a beautiful person & will be missed by all lives that she touched.



Lou & Rich Marsolek - April 19, 2024 at 09:56 AM

TL

“ Tom Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja



Tom Ledbetter - April 18, 2024 at 03:20 PM

KN

“ Keven Ness planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja.

Keven Ness - April 18, 2024 at 02:58 PM

KN

“ Keven Ness purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja.



Keven Ness - April 18, 2024 at 02:58 PM

DJ

“ My heart felt sympathy to all of Judi's family. The memory of Judi is every time our paths would cross she greeted me with a huge smile. A classmate of 1973.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - April 18, 2024 at 11:56 AM

EM

“ *Judi was always a sweetheart.From High School and all nthe way until the end.She would always visit with me when we got together on bike trips and an evening out.Mark and her were one of my dearest friends in life.*

Eldon Malek - April 18, 2024 at 08:47 AM

GC

“ *Gregg & Leone Chirhart lit a candle in memory of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja*



Gregg & Leone Chirhart - April 17, 2024 at 10:49 AM

SR

“ *Mark and Family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Judi was a wonderful lady with a beautiful smile and heart. Praying for comfort and love for you, your daughter and family. God Bless you all.
Love and hugs. Sherry Reberg*



sherry reberg - April 17, 2024 at 08:42 AM

DP

“ *Losing someone you love is never easy. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Judi's family during this sad time.*



Deb Pederson - April 16, 2024 at 08:17 PM

KJ

“ *Karen Jacobson lit a candle in memory of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja*



Karen Jacobson - April 16, 2024 at 05:13 PM

DR

“ *David & Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Judith "Judi" L. Smieja*



david & barb rousslang - April 16, 2024 at 03:43 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to Mark and all the Tuholsky family. Heaven gained an angel!*



Rena Schneider - April 16, 2024 at 01:08 PM

KL

“ *Our sympathy to Mark and her family. She greeted everyone with a wonderful smile. We all should try to live by her example.*

Keith Lindgren - April 16, 2024 at 01:08 PM

BC

“ *Our Deepest Condolences, Dear Friends ❤️
The Crowder Family*



Brian-Paul K. Crowder - April 16, 2024 at 12:34 AM

DL

“ *Mark, Tara and Tuholsky family. Judy was a
great person and friend. We will miss her very
much. Hugs*



Doug and Rita LeMieur - April 15, 2024 at 08:47 PM

GL

“ *Our deepest sympathy Mark, Tara and family.
Judi was such a lovely person, treasure your
memories.*



Gale and Linda LeBlanc - April 15, 2024 at 06:26 PM

LG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Lori Gutierrez - April 15, 2024 at 05:56 PM

LZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. My sweet classmate Judi, will be missed by many.



Laure and Dave Zimmermann - April 15, 2024 at 02:20 PM

MM

“ God gave you your wings. Fly high sis. Love you and will miss you so much. 💕🙏. Mary and Ed and family

Mary Marsolek - April 15, 2024 at 12:56 PM

VJ

So sorry to learn of Judi's passing. Our sympathy to Mark, Tara and her family, and the Tuholsky family. Val and Steve Jones

Valerie Jones - April 17, 2024 at 01:06 PM

MT

Hello Mark. I just learned today of Judi's passing and am stunned and saddened. I remember getting together with you and her the last time I was in Little Falls and both of you as young lovers in high school. May God comfort and strengthen you in this time of great loss.

Mark Toenies - May 21, 2024 at 11:58 PM