



## Leo "Jim" Kalis

August 1, 1930 - August 27, 2011

Leo "Jim" Kalis, 81 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Mark Innocenti officiating. Burial will be in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 P.M. on Tuesday and from 9-10 A.M. on Wednesday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Parish prayers will be said at 6P.M. on Tuesday at the Funeral Home.

Jim was born on August 1, 1930 in Little Falls, MN to the late Alex and Josephine (Waltman) Kalis. He attended country school and entered the U.S. Navy in September of 1950. Jim proudly served four years in the Navy receiving an honorable discharge in July of 1954. He was united in marriage to Loraine J. Zoren in 1958 at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Sobieski, MN. Jim was a life long member of the Little Falls VFW Post #1112. He worked at the St. Paul meat packing plant, moving back to Little Falls in 1954 which he began working at St. Gabriel's Hospital. He worked as a painter and later worked his way up to boiler operator. Jim retired 45 years later in 1999. He loved to start everyday attending mass and reading the morning newspaper. Jim was a very loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was an avid mechanic and loved to drive and see new places and things. Jim also loved western movies especially John Wayne and enjoyed western books like Louis L'Amour. His positive attitude was evident in his love to visit, tell

stories, and just laugh. Jim was respected for his undivided faith and his willingness to serve the Lord.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 53 years Lorraine; sons, James (Diana) Kalis, Alan (Pat) Kalis, LeRoy, and Jonathan; daughter, Janet (Kevin) Burggraff; five grandchildren, Just, Kyle (Amber), & Logan Kalis, Joshua & Nicholas Burggraff; great-grandchildren, Izaak & Katelyn Kalis; brother, Dennis (LaVern "Lovey") Kalis; sisters, Leona Knopik & Carol Lobin.

Jim was preceded in death by parents, Alex & Josephine; daughters, Colette & Annette; sibling, Rose Maciej; brothers-in-law, Alvin Knopik, Leonard Maciej, and Jack Lobin.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

AUG 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

AUG 31. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leo "Jim" Kalis*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Janet, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Don't hesitate to call if there is anything that I or anyone else in our office can do to help.##imported-begin##Jenny Dick##imported-end##*

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“ *To the family of Jim,  
I worked with Jim at St. Gabs and it was a pleasure as he always had tidbits of wisdom he would share .  
My deepest sympathies.##imported-begin##Jerry Adamski##imported-end##*

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August 27, 2011 at 04:46 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire famiy. We will be lost without one of our favorite neighbors to visit with. God Bless all of you.##imported-begin##Dave & Kathy Barthel##imported-end##*

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