



## Regina R. Grittner

August 4, 1925 - December 6, 2019

Regina R. Grittner, 94 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, formerly of Royalton, MN, passed away Friday, December 6, 2019, at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pierz, MN. Burial will be at St. Michael's Parish Cemetery in Buckman, MN. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 AM on Wednesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Regina was born to Frank and Barbara Kapsner and raised with six brothers and five sisters on the family farm. It was a busy household, where faith and family was most important. Regina was raised with small means and carried that on throughout her lifetime. Regina attended school through the eighth grade, which she surely enjoyed. At a very young age, she began working at the Zenner's Store in Buckman, walking to and from home, often in the dark of night. Regina loved music and was a member of the church choir in Buckman. Regina worked in the cities for a family as a nanny. With the money she saved, she along with her sister Peggy traveled to California to see their sister Irma's first baby, Allen. She remained in California, working in a candy store. She returned later to Minnesota to be a bridesmaid for her sister Peggy's wedding. From there she lived in Little Falls with her friend Kally Pohlkamp, where they both worked as seamstress's for Munsingwear. She met Leo Grittner, a friend of her brothers at a local barn dance where he "took a shine" to her. They were married on a hot July summer day soon

after. Their life together began in the town of Pierz. Leo's dream was to be a farmer. They started farming, renting west of Buckman. They later bought the home farm east of Little Rock.

She managed many farm responsibilities starting with horse and plow. She was able to drive and use any tractors and trucks (with Leo's voice in her ears) to get the job done. This included managing the finances along with planting, milking cow's, raising calves, chickens and pigs. She worked often on her own while Leo was busy working off the farm milling feed for farmers on their farm-sites. While managing the farm, Leo and Regina had ten children. These four boys and six girls came in handy as extra farm hands. She raised multiple gardens and many vegetables, which fed the family well. She was an avid cook, baker, canner and seamstress. She was able to sew any type of clothes-starting with hand-sewing outfits for her first-born Judy. Her sewing skills progressed through the years, sewing for all children and grandchildren. She later moved her sewing skills into quilting. She was well known for her hand-stitching and quilting skills. It was difficult for Regina to lose Leo while in her early sixties. But she managed to have a full "second-life" which allowed her to travel and enjoy her multiple children and grandchildren. She was an avid Minnesota Twins baseball fan and rarely missed a game. She loved a good card game, teaching grandchildren all the necessary skills to win!

At age 90, she finally retired, moving to Riverside Assisted Living. There she filled her time embroidering dishtowels for all family members. She made great friends and enjoyed socializing with staff and residents with card games, bingo and other events. In April of 2019, she moved to St. Otto's Care Center. She was happy to participate in their onsite masses and many activities. The staff at St. Otto's were so special to her, giving her the best care and comfort possible. Regina was very creative. She was never poor in her means, just rich in her talents. No one was ever more determined to get the job done, whatever task lay before her hands. She was FIERCELY independent, to the end of her days. Her children and grandchildren have all learned so much

from Regina. Her wit and wisdom continued on through to her last moments on earth. She will forever be missed and cherished, never to be replaced.

Survived by her children, Judy (Robert) Butkowski, Ron (Karen) Grittner, Jan (Kevin) Hemsing, Roger (Debra) Grittner, Janell (Michael) Prozinski, Jeannie (Kurt) Stelten, Joan (Kevin) Silbernack, Paul Grittner, Julaine (Jim) Rothleutner, John (Debra) Grittner, 17 grandchildren, and 28 great grandchildren. Sister, Rosetta Weber, sisters-in-law Lorraine Polhkamp and Elaine Grittner.

Preceded in death by husband Leo Grittner, grandson Shawn Grittner, great granddaughter Tressa Lorraine Woitalla. Brother's Alphonse (Gertie) Kapsner, Victor (Myrtle) Kapsner, Gilbert (Florence) Kapsner, Urban (Kally) Kapsner, Leander (Marcella) Kapsner, Oliver (Ceil) Kapsner. Sister's Irma Terwey, Sr. Mary Cecelia Kapsner OSB, Peggy (Freddie) Block and Anna (Vic) Poser. In-laws: Leo Weber, Reinhard (Clara) Grittner, Henry Grittner, Edward Grittner, Christine Grittner, Evelyn (Wes) Spence, Leonard Pohlkamp Sr.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Michael's Parish Cemetery

Buckman, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
68 North Main Street  
Pierz, MN

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
68 North Main Street  
Pierz, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 09, 2019 at 10:02 AM

AN

*Your Mom was a very beautiful lady in so many ways!! Wonderful family and memories! I'm happy to have known this lady!!*

**AnneKalis** - December 10, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ *Regina R. Grittner*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

KT

“ *Sending prayers.*



**Kelly Voltin Thomsen** - December 13, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Regina R. Grittner.*



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December 10, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Regina R. Grittner.*



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December 10, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ *Jan and family,  
I didn't know your mom but reading her life's story I can tell you were blessed to have a driving force to influence your own life's path. She sang praises to the Lord in the church choir and has now earned her reward. I pray God's peace will descend upon you and provide for you during this difficult time. Buck and Belinda Crouse*

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**Buck Crouse** - December 10, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ *Kevin + Pat Kasella lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



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**Kevin + Pat Kasella** - December 10, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Regina R. Grittner.*



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December 09, 2019 at 10:57 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Regina R. Grittner.*



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December 09, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ *Ron and Karen,  
Sorry for the loss of your mother, hold all of  
your special memories close to your hearts.  
Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Chuck and Faye Santala*



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**Faye** - December 09, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 09, 2019 at 02:33 PM

DH

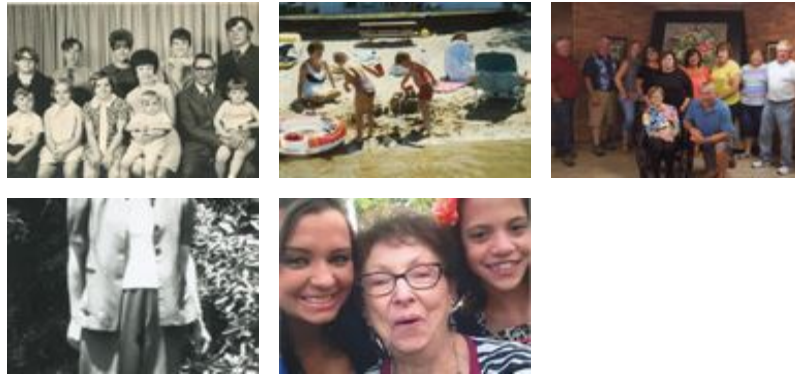
“ Denise Hegna sent a virtual gift in memory of Regina R. Grittner



Denise Hegna - December 09, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ 56 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 09, 2019 at 10:02 AM

DH

“ Dennis & Janice (Virnig) Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner



Dennis & Janice (Virnig) Hoffman - December 09, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ *Kathy Watercott Funk lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



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**Kathy Watercott Funk** - December 09, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ *Paula & Dean Rocheleau lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



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**Paula & Dean Rocheleau** - December 09, 2019 at 08:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Regina R. Grittner.*



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December 09, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Regina R. Grittner.*



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December 08, 2019 at 07:56 PM

MK

“ *Mark & Mary Kapsner lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



Mark & Mary Kapsner - December 08, 2019 at 08:41 AM

FG

“ *Frank & Wendy Grittner lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



Frank & Wendy Grittner - December 07, 2019 at 07:20 PM

JA

“ *Hugs and prayers to the whole family.... Your mom is spending Christmas with your Dad....Love, Joe & Alice*



Joe & Alice - December 07, 2019 at 03:46 PM

JG

“ *Jim & Ginger Grittner lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



Jim & Ginger Grittner - December 07, 2019 at 02:41 PM

BT

“ *Brian & Lois Thommes lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



**Brian & Lois Thommes** - December 07, 2019 at 11:57 AM

JK

“ *Jan Kummet lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



**Jan Kummet** - December 07, 2019 at 11:13 AM

JS

“ *Joan Sanoski lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



**Joan Sanoski** - December 07, 2019 at 08:18 AM

BP

“ *Bill & Lori Przybilla lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner*



**Bill & Lori Przybilla** - December 07, 2019 at 07:29 AM



“ *Catherine Hebig lit a candle in memory of Regina R. Grittner* ”



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**Catherine Hebig** - December 07, 2019 at 04:54 AM