



## Rita T. Britz-Toenies

February 7, 1935 - September 20, 2021

Rita Britz-Toenies, 86 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Monday, September 20, 2021 at Diamond Willow Assisted Living in Little Falls, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:30 A.M. on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Ben Kociemba officiating. Burial will take place in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Wednesday and from 10-11 A.M. on Thursday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Caring for Rita and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Rita was born on February 7, 1935 in Moran Township, Todd County to the late Anthony and Anne (Drong) Bryniarski. She grew up in the Cushing area where she attended elementary school and graduated from Little Falls High School with the Class of 1953. Rita was united in marriage to Wilbert "Willie" Britz on June 14, 1955 at St. James Catholic Church in Randall, MN. She was employed by National Tea Grocery for three and a half years and later began working at St. Gabriel's Hospital in the radiology department where she retired from after 34 years of service. On September 1, 1995 she was united in marriage to Al Toenies at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN. Rita was a lifelong, active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN, member of the Christian Mothers and the 3rd Order Franciscan. In her free time she loved playing cards, dancing, sewing and baking. Rita was an

excellent baker, especially her famous poppy seed coffee cakes. She was also very dedicated and proud of her volunteer efforts. She gave her time to the Franciscan Sisters, St. Otto's Care Center and was a grandma at Lindbergh Elementary School in the grandparent's program for many years. Rita was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Rita is survived by daughters, Charlene (James) LeMieur of Little Falls, MN, Cheryl Harrison of Royalton, MN, Colleen Britz of Brainerd, MN and Ruth Anne (Tom) Cheney of Little Falls, MN; brother, Raymond Bryniarski of Cushing, MN; sisters, Lorraine Altrichter of Cushing, MN, Mariann (Allan) Host of Long Prairie, MN and Joanne (Gary) Collins of St. Cloud, MN; grandchildren, Jennifer Norberg of Royalton, MN, Carrie Norberg of Royalton, MN, Kyle (Margit) LeMieur of Little Falls, MN, Maria (Brian) Stemple of Mount Airy, MD, Mark (Nikki) Cheney of Sauk Rapids, MN and Beth (Kenny) Schneider of Royalton, MN and 10 great-grandchildren.

Rita was preceded in death by parents, Anthony and Anne Bryniarski; husbands, Willie Britz and Al Toenies; grandson, Ryan Norberg; son-in-law, Wayne Harrison and brother, Stefan Bryniarski.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

SEP **23**. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls  
305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita T. Britz-Toenies*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - September 21, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ *Rita T. Britz-Toenies*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. May your memories be close at heart. God Bless all.*



**Debbie Jelinski-Harakel** - September 23, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ *Ruth Anne,  
The tribute to your mother was fantabulous! I'm sure your Mom & Dad were up in heaven giggling as you read it. Very touching ;-}  
Faye Santala*



**Faye** - September 23, 2021 at 04:31 PM

BC

“ I am sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Rita blessed all of us who knew her. She was an angel on earth and now heaven. God bless Barb Carlson

Barb Carlson - September 23, 2021 at 02:31 PM

BK

“ Rita was a good friend of us over the years when I worked with him at Vons Supply. Willie was a big part of that company. Rita got to be friends with lots of us in the organization . Both Fran and I got to know the whole family and had several get togethers with all them. You can all be so proud of the good Christian parents you children had . GOD BLESS THEM BOTH.

Bob Koetter. - September 22, 2021 at 05:18 PM

LP

“ Linda Paycer sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita T. Britz-Toenies



Linda Paycer - September 22, 2021 at 04:43 PM

LK

“ Memories of Rita as such a calming, loving soul. RIP. Sending sympathy.



LaVonne Knopik - September 22, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita T. Britz-Toenies.*



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September 22, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ *R I P Rita! You will be missed! Peace to the family!*



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**Dee and Stan** - September 21, 2021 at 11:03 PM



*A beautiful tribute to your Mom.. So sorry to hear of her passing... sending love and prayers~~ She will be missed*

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**Donna Bloch** - September 22, 2021 at 06:42 PM



*What a beautiful tribute to your Mom. So sorry to hear of her passing.. she will be missed. Sending love and prayers ~~ ❤️*

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**Donna Bloch** - September 22, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *Deb Pederson lit a candle in memory of Rita T. Britz-Toenies*



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**Deb Pederson** - September 21, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Lemieux Funeral Homes** - September 21, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Rita T. Britz-Toenies*.



September 21, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Karen Haaland* sent a virtual gift in memory of *Rita T. Britz-Toenies*



**Karen Haaland** - September 21, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *Patty Mallak* lit a candle in memory of *Rita T. Britz-Toenies*



**Patty Mallak** - September 21, 2021 at 08:46 AM

WR

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Rita. I remember her from working at the hospital years ago, and then being able to see her at school when she became a foster grandparent. The kids loved her very much and so did everyone she came in contact with. She was a wonderful and caring lady. Sympathies to her family and my she now rest in peace.

Wendy Rutz

Wendy Rutz - September 20, 2021 at 10:34 PM

MR

“ Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of Rita  
T. Britz-Toenies



Mary Jo Retka - September 20, 2021 at 09:36 PM

BA

“ Sympathy to Rita's family. She was a beautiful lady. Bev ARNDT

Bev Arndt - September 20, 2021 at 07:49 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of  
Rita T. Britz-Toenies.



September 20, 2021 at 07:37 PM

TS

*“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Tom and Diane Santala*



Tom and Diane Santala - September 20, 2021 at 07:19 PM

NO

*“ Kyle and family, my deepest sympathy to you all. Grandma's hold a very special place in our hearts.*



Nona - September 20, 2021 at 06:26 PM

LJ

*“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Rita was a very dear friend to me. We worked together in the radiology department at St. Gabriel's Hospital. Rita and Willie were always there to comfort, help, and did many acts of kindness to anyone in their time of need. They were true friends.*



Lorraine Janski - September 20, 2021 at 06:17 PM

WW

*“ Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of Rita T. Britz-Toenies*



Wendy Waltman - September 20, 2021 at 05:43 PM

FA

“ *Charlene, Cheryl, Colleen, Ruth Anne and families,  
So sorry for the loss of your rmom, so many memories of hanging out your house and going to dances with your mom and dad. We kept them guessing what we were up to next!*

*Treasure all your special memories and hold them cloose to your hearts ;-}*

*Love, Faye and Chuck Santala*



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**Faye** - September 20, 2021 at 05:23 PM

BA

“ *Bruce And Kathy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rita T. Britz-Toenies*



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**Bruce and Kathy Anderson** - September 20, 2021 at 05:22 PM

FL

“ *Fred & Judy Leisenheimer lit a candle in memory of Rita T. Britz-Toenies*



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**Fred & Judy Leisenheimer** - September 20, 2021 at 05:08 PM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss! Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers 🙏



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**Mike & Denise Czech** - September 20, 2021 at 04:53 PM

GR

“ Gene And Janet Retka lit a candle in memory of Rita T. Britz-Toenies



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**Gene and Janet Retka** - September 20, 2021 at 03:54 PM