



Rita A. Trettel

June 15, 1933 - February 6, 2020

Rita A. Trettel, 86 year old resident of the Bowlus/Royalton area passed away Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Chateau Waters Therapy Suites in Sartell, MN surrounded by her family. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Bowlus, MN with Father Gregory Mastey officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. A visitation will be held from 3-7 P.M. on Friday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls and from 9:00-10:30 A.M. on Saturday at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Bowlus, MN. A parish prayer service will be at 4:00 P.M. on Friday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. The rosary will be led by her family at 5:30 P.M.

Rita was born on June 15, 1933 in Swan River Township to Albin and Florence (Waletski) Zapzalka. She attended School District 45 for eight years and graduated from Little Falls High School in 1951. She received her teaching certificate at the Teacher Training School in Little Falls and worked five years at rural schools in Sobieski, Bowlus, and Holdingford. Rita was united in marriage to Lawrence Trettel on June 3, 1957 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. She was a stay at home mom for their 13 children on the Trettel family farm. After her children were in school, she worked at Munsingwear in Little Falls for two years. Rita enjoyed quilting, sewing, gardening, cooking, baking, playing cards, watching Wheel of Fortune, and spending time with family and friends. She was a member of St. Stanislaus

Kostka Church, Christian Mothers, and St. Stanislaus Kostka Mission Group. Her presence brought a sense of peace and happiness to all she encountered. She was devoted to saying the rosary daily and serving others. Rita stated she was "rich," meaning rich with all the children she had with Lawrence.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Lawrence; sons Kenneth of Little Falls, David (Janet) of Rice, Marvin (Rita) of Little Falls, John of Little Falls, Mark (Elizabeth Johnson) of Little Falls, William of Royalton, and Thomas of Royalton; daughters, Ann (Jerry) Kuklok of Rice, Susan (Steve) Sweeney of Sauk Rapids, Julie (Scott) Smith of Holdingford, Janet (Joe) Zachman of Holdingford, Marlys Trettel of Maple Grove, and Joyce (Rich) Zika of Sauk Rapids; 17 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 2 on the way; brothers, Ben (Judy) Zapzalka of Little Falls, Duane (Carole) Zapzalka of Bowlus, and Donnie (Nila) Zapzalka of Little Falls; sisters, Darlene (Gary) Wilcek of Little Falls and Carol (Ray) Wilczek of Bowlus.

Rita is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Ambrose Zapzalka, Arthur Zapzalka; sister, Evelyn Witt.

A special thank you to Chateau Waters Therapy Suites for the wonderful care given to Rita and the support they gave the family.

Cemetery Details

St Stanislaus Parish Cemetery

Bowlus, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

FEB 15. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church - Bowlus
428 Main Street
Bowlus, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church - Bowlus
428 Main Street
Bowlus, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita A. Trettel*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 13, 2020 at 10:44 AM

DT

This is so BEAUTIFUL! ❤️💞❤️ RIP

Donna Traut - February 13, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ *Rita A. Trettel*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 14, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 13, 2020 at 02:33 PM



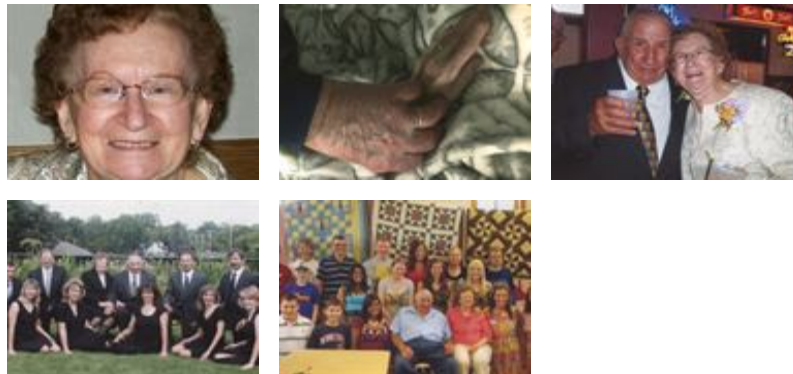
“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rita A. Trettel.



February 13, 2020 at 01:29 PM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 13, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita A. Trettel.*



February 12, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rita A. Trettel.*



February 12, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *All your friends at Regions - Acct, Finance and HR purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Rita A. Trettel.*



All your friends at Regions - Acct, Finance and HR - February 10, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ *Laura Kitz Smith lit a candle in memory of Rita A. Trettel*



Laura Kitz Smith - February 09, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita A. Trettel.



February 09, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ GM Wentzville IE Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita A. Trettel.



GM Wentzville IE Team - February 08, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ Mary & Ernie Oldakowski lit a candle in memory of Rita A. Trettel



Mary & Ernie Oldakowski - February 07, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ Mary And Ernie Oldakowski lit a candle in memory of Rita A. Trettel



Mary and Ernie Oldakowski - February 07, 2020 at 06:30 PM

CJ

“ I always loved the sound of her voice. Babysat a number of the children. Liked her so much that I named a daughter after her. I give my sympathy to the family. May her soul and the soul of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Eternal rest grant onto her O Lord.

Carole (Schelonka) Jaroch

Carole Jaroch - February 07, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JT

“ What great memories. The large bowl of bread dough on the kitchen counter, the smell of fresh homemade bread from the oven, and them warm slices of bread and butter that melted in your mouth. Oh yes, we can not forget about the best breaded pork chops that I have ever tasted. What a great homemaker you were Aunt Rita. My sympathy to the family.

Jim Trettel - February 07, 2020 at 03:54 PM

GR

“ Gene, Janet & Michael Retka lit a candle in memory of Rita A. Trettel



Gene, Janet & Michael Retka - February 07, 2020 at 12:31 PM

SF

“ Sue and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. She was such a sweet lady, may she Rest In Peace.



Sharon Freudenrich - February 07, 2020 at 10:50 AM

SW

“ *Sharon Waytashek lit a candle in memory of Rita A. Trettel*



Sharon Waytashek - February 06, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ *Karla Olson Cool lit a candle in memory of Rita A. Trettel*



Karla Olson Cool - February 06, 2020 at 07:49 PM

MF

“ *MaryJane, Tim & family; Dennis, Diana and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rita A. Trettel.*



MaryJane, Tim & family; Dennis, Diana and family - February 06, 2020 at 05:20 PM

WS

“ *Wendy Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Rita A. Trettel*



Wendy Sweeney - February 06, 2020 at 01:41 PM

MK

“ *Michelle Kurowski lit a candle in memory of Rita A. Trettel*



Michelle Kurowski - February 06, 2020 at 01:33 PM

MK

Rita had a heart of gold, such a genuinely sweet person! And it shows through in her children!

Michelle Kurowski - February 06, 2020 at 01:38 PM

MA

Aunt Rita, you will be missed. I loved you dearly.. may you rest in peace.

Mary Jane Askren - February 07, 2020 at 11:14 AM

NF

When I traveled up to Minnesota, you always had a houseful of family so I could see many cousins and their families. One of my favorite memories was being pregnant at the same time--you with Ann, me with Sheri, and 6+ years later, you with Marlys and me with Lorell. Great times with you and Uncle Lawrence

Niece Darlene Battoe, Florida - February 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM