



## Rita L. Skwira

January 11, 1944 - December 11, 2012

Rita L. Skwira, 68 year old resident of Little Falls, formerly of Sobieski, MN passed away Tuesday (Dec. 11) at Highland Senior Living in Little Falls. Mass of Christian Burial for Rita L. Skwira will be held Saturday at 11 AM at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Sobieski with Rev. Joe Herzing and Rev. Jimmy Joseph con-celebrating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Friends may call Friday from 4-7 PM at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls with Christian Mothers rosary at 4 PM followed by parish prayers at 5 PM. There will also be a visitation Saturday from 10-11 AM at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Sobieski, MN. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Rita L. Skwira was born January 11, 1944 in Little Falls, MN to Paul and Gunda 'Connie' 'Rudolph' Skwira. She grew up in Sobieski and attended elementary school at the Little Red School House. Rita graduated from St. Francis High School in 1961. She then trained to be a nurse at Glenwood Hills Hospital in Golden Valley, MN. She became a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1963, specializing in pediatrics at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Minneapolis, where she worked until 1969. Rita then worked as a LPN at Pediatric Associates in Minneapolis with Drs. Scherling, Goldfarb and Greene. Later, Dr. Larry Singher asked her to assist him in his private practice in pediatric oncology in Minneapolis. She cared for many children with different forms of cancer, while raising her daughter, Rachel who was born in 1968. Rita worked for Dr. Singher until 1980 and then returned to Little Falls, MN purchasing her first

home. She was employed as a LPN at the Lutheran Care Center in Little Falls from 1980 until retiring in 1999. She was a proud member of the Steelworkers Union and helped the employees at the Lutheran Care Center with their insurance needs. Her passion was nursing. She took great pride in her career caring for children and then the elderly. She was very close to her mother and family. After she retired, her five grandchildren became a source of pride and joy. Rita enjoyed attending auctions, flower gardening, buying and selling antiques, going to the casino, spending time at the cabin with family, cultural events, traveling to Mexico and attending the grandkids activities. Rita lived the last year at Highland Assisted Living receiving loving care from the staff. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls. Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Rachel 'Dean' Schilling of Ft. Ripley, MN; brothers, LeRoy 'Mickey' Skwira of South St. Paul, MN and Edwin 'Doris' Skwira of Sartell, MN; sisters, Margaret 'late Arthur' Novakoske of Sobieski, MN and Pat 'Jerry' Virnig of Little Falls, MN; grandchildren, Rebekah, Breeanna, Bethany, Mariah and Benjamin Schilling, all of Fort Ripley, MN.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Gunda 'Connie' Skwira and an infant grandson, Anthony.

Honorary casketbearers will be Sheila Gardner, Gail Virnig, Donna Kalis, Linda Scepurek, Bonnie Lintner and MaryAnn Jagodzinski.

Casketbearers will be Larry Novakoske, Jerry Novakoske, Paul Virnig, David Virnig, Gary Skwira, John Hoogenhous, Richard Marsolek and David Anderholm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church - Sobieski  
9406 Church Cir  
Little Falls, MN 56345

## Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita L. Skwira*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rita L. Skwira*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *my deepest sympathy is with you and your family at this time of year; its hard to lose a loved one around this time of year. i feel your situation i lost my grandpa last year around christmas so i know how it feels. once again i cant express the sympathy i have for you and the family.*

*god bless you and take care,*

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December 19, 2012 at 12:16 PM



“ Dear Rachel, Dean, and Family, I just wanted to offer my prayers and condolences to you and your family, with the passing of your mom, mother in law, and grandma. May she rest in the peace of Christ, and may God hold all of you in the palm of his hand.###imported-begin##Claudette Moran###imported-end##

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December 15, 2012 at 10:30 PM



“ Rita and I went to St. Francis High School together. She was a joy to be around.###imported-begin##Elaine Binstock(Mondloch)###imported-end##

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December 14, 2012 at 11:56 AM



“ Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Always remembered and never forgotten...forever loved and always missed. Deepest sympathy to you and your family!###imported-begin##Rosie (Krebs) Janey###imported-end##

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December 13, 2012 at 09:22 AM