



Rose M. Wachlarowicz

February 10, 1927 - July 3, 2016

Rose M. Wachlarowicz, lifelong resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away on Sunday, July 3, 2016 at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 AM on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, with Fr. Tim Wenzel officiating. Burial will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery in Little Falls. Visitation will be from 9 AM to 11 AM on Wednesday at the church. Christian Mothers will pray a Rosary at 10 AM Wednesday. Arrangements are with Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Rose Mary Rohlik was born in Seaforth, MN, to the late Anthony and Frances (Donahue) Rohlik. Rose was an extremely caring and compassionate woman. Rose's compassion inspired her to become a registered nurse. While working as an RN, Rose cared for and ultimately fell in love with John Wachlarowicz. Rose and John were joined in marriage on January 4, 1951 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Seaforth, MN. Together they made a home in Little Falls. Rose took great pride in caring for her home and raising her seven children. Rose was a devoted mother who always supported and fought for what was best for her children, especially her daughter Ann. Rose was a sweet, soft-spoken, Irish woman who was the backbone of her family.

In her spare time, Rose loved to play cards and bake. She was an expert cookie baker, which earned her the nickname, "Cookie Grandma". Rose knew

each of her grandchildren's favorite cookies and faithfully brought an ice cream bucket full of cookies every time she would visit. When Rose was not at home, she could be found volunteering or participating at church events. Rose was a very spiritual woman who was devoted to the church.

Rose will be dearly missed by her husband, John; children, Jeff (Roxanne) Wachlarowicz, Jim (Lynn) Wachlarowicz, Tom (Penny) Wachlarowicz, Frank Wachlarowicz, Jack (Grace) Wachlarowicz, Mary (Steve) Dewald, and Ann Wachlarowicz, 18 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and siblings; Sister Helen, Ruth, and Steve.

Rose is joining several loved ones in Heaven including her parents; siblings, Roy, Ida, Jerry, and David.

Rose's family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. McNamara, the nursing staff at St. Gabriel's, and the nursing staff at St. Otto's for their open hearts while caring for Rose. Your kindness and compassion was comforting, not only for Rose, but for her family. Rose was blessed to have caregivers that were as kindhearted as she was when she worked as a nurse.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady Of Lourdes Cemetery

Highway 27
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

AC

“ ANGELA COFFELT lit a candle in memory of
Rose M. Wachlarowicz



ANGELA COFFELT - October 04, 2025 at 11:56 PM



“ Rose M. Wachlarowicz

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

D'

“ Don Malinsky SJU '79 lit a candle in memory
of Rose M. Wachlarowicz



Don Malinsky SJU '79 - July 06, 2016 at 08:30 PM

FW

Thank you Father Don, our family appreciates your thoughts prayers
and support !

frank wachlarowicz - July 08, 2016 at 10:11 AM

KH

“ My deepest sympathy to John and family. Sorry I just heard this
today as have been on vacation. Rose was one of the kindest,
gentlest people I knew. I enjoyed working with her at St. Otto's. You
will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Haaland - July 06, 2016 at 09:45 AM

GZ

“ Greg And Wendy Zylka lit a candle in memory of Rose M. Wachlarowicz



Greg and Wendy Zylka - July 06, 2016 at 09:34 AM

FW

Thanks Greg ! Our family appreciates your kindness and thoughts!

frank wachlarowicz - July 08, 2016 at 10:09 AM

JW

Thanks so much Greg.

Jeff & Roxanne Wachlarowicz - July 08, 2016 at 05:06 PM

JS

“ I remember well my first trip to recruit Frank to Saint John's. John and Rose were so gracious and hospitable. Rose is a very special woman, patient and kind and a great basketball fan of Saint John's. I don't think she ever missed a game during Frank's fabulous four years at Saint John's.. This is a difficult day for your family but sharing happy memories with family and friends is helpful.. Our thoughts and and prayers are with you. Jim and Ade Smith

Jim Smith - July 06, 2016 at 08:45 AM

FW

Coach Smith thank you so much for the excellent tribute to mom! She was a wonderful person and a great mom to us all ! Thank you for your support !

frank wachlarowicz - July 08, 2016 at 10:16 AM

TM

“ To John, Frank and Family,
We share in your sorrow at the passing of
Rose. She was a great mother and a great
Johnnie basketball fan. I always enjoyed
seeing her sitting in the stands with a big
smile on her face.
May your faith in the Resurrection sustain you.
Blessed be her memory!
Tim McNamara, SJU '77



Tim McNamara - July 06, 2016 at 07:51 AM

FW

Mac you have been so supportive with the passing away of my mom
this week. It's been a tough two month and a tougher week! She is pain
free and in a better place. Thank you so much for all the wonderful
things you have spoken about her --she was a great lady and a greater
mom to us. We will truly miss here !

frank wachlarowicz - July 08, 2016 at 10:22 AM

FS

“ *Mr. John Wachlarowicz, Frank and all your Family,*

My sympathy and prayers are offered to all of you. I will not be able to be present for Rose's Funeral in Little Falls (my Dad grew up in Flensburg) as I am in Notre Dame for an Institute for pastors with Catholic Schools but will con-celebrate Mass today here. And the Mass Intention I will offer will be in Thanksgiving to God for Rose.

I read her own Thanksgiving for all who cared for her at St. Otto's.....an amazing woman. AND all about the "Cookie Grandma"...her nursing career and her love for all of you. Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia.

*Christ's peace,
(Fr.) Dave Super, SJU '76 (teammate of Frank's in the 75-76 Season & we shared in the trip to Poland 40 years ago this past May/June)*

Fr. Dave Super - July 06, 2016 at 06:03 AM

FW

Father Dave thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers! Mom was such great caring person and a wonderful mom ! We will miss her dearly !

frank wachlarowicz - July 08, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rose M. Wachlarowicz.*



July 05, 2016 at 02:22 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rose M. Wachlarowicz.*



July 05, 2016 at 12:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rose M. Wachlarowicz.*



July 04, 2016 at 05:54 PM



“ *John & Sandy Rudek lit a candle in memory of Rose M. Wachlarowicz*



John & Sandy Rudek - July 04, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ *Stan And Dee Wielinski lit a candle in memory of Rose M. Wachlarowicz*



Stan and Dee Wielinski - July 04, 2016 at 01:19 PM

MN

“ *My memories of Rose, working with her at ST Ottos, are of a caring, concerned and efficient nurse. She was a loving advocate for all those in her care. The world surely is a better place for her being with us. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to your family.*
Marcia Nelson

Marcia Nelson - July 04, 2016 at 11:39 AM

TO

“ *Theresa Otremba-Popp lit a candle in memory of Rose M. Wachlarowicz*



Theresa Otremba-Popp - July 03, 2016 at 09:37 PM

WW

“ *Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of Rose M. Wachlarowicz*



Wendy Waltman - July 03, 2016 at 05:36 PM

WW

“ *John and my dad (Chuck Tabatt) worked together on the Northern Pacific Railroad for many years, we knew John and Rose well! I also babysat for Annie once in awhile, my parents, and I send our prayers and Sympathy to the Wachlarowicz Family Chuck and Aggie Tabatt and Wendy Waltman*

Wendy Waltman - July 03, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ *Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of
Rose M. Wachlarowicz*



Wendy Waltman - July 03, 2016 at 05:28 PM