



## Ruth Hlad

October 16, 1945 - August 31, 2024

Ruth Hlad, 78 year old resident of Randall, MN, passed away Saturday, August 31, 2024, at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Flensburg, MN, at 11:00 A.M., with Father Ben Kociemba officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00 A.M., on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at the church prior to the Mass. Caring for Ruth and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Ruth Clara Birchem was born on October 16, 1945 in Sobieski, Minnesota to the late Joseph and Susan (Trutwin) Birchem. She left the family farm at age 15 and moved to the Twin Cities to help her sister. In 1963 she graduated from Columbia Heights High School. Ruth was united in marriage to Larry Hlad on August 5, 1963. They lived in the Twin Cities and Ruth worked in financial record keeping. In 1973 they purchased a small farm outside of Randall. Ruth began working for the Little Falls School District in 1974 in various administrative roles and retired after 30 years with the district. After retirement, she kept busy helping with her brother Jim's business. Ruth's greatest joy was spoiling her grandchildren, Ayla and Nora. This included taking them to Subway when Mom and Dad wouldn't, taking them shopping, and letting them run across the road to visit whenever they wanted to. Ruth also enjoyed crocheting beautiful blankets for family and friends, gardening, watching Twins baseball and playing cards. Ruth was devoted to her family

and friends and lived her life in love and kindness. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Larry Hlad; son, David (Amanda) Hlad; grandchildren, Ayla and Nora Hlad; brother, Jim (Kathy) Birchem; sister, Mary Birchem; sisters-in-law, Doris Birchem and Gloria Birchem.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Susan Birchem; siblings, Ben Birchem, Elroy Birchem, Douglas Birchem, Lorraine Bergren, Mona Brezinka, Joseph Birchem, Irene Roerick, Loretta Larson, Betty Symanietz, John Birchem.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Flensburg  
18 Pine Street  
Flensburg, MN 56328

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Pat Simonet lit a candle in memory of Ruth Hlad*



Pat Simonet - September 20, 2024 at 05:53 PM

PS

*Remembering Ruthie and thinking about the family.*

Pat Simonet - September 20, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Hlad.*



September 17, 2024 at 09:19 PM

DK

“ *Donna Kuklock lit a candle in memory of Ruth Hlad*



Donna Kuklock - September 13, 2024 at 04:33 PM

SF

“ *Schoenrock Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ruth Hlad.*



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**Schoenrock Family** - September 09, 2024 at 03:26 PM

JB

“ *Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille lit a candle in memory of Ruth Hlad*



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**Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille** - September 06, 2024 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ *The Marshall Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ruth Hlad.*



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**The Marshall Family** - September 06, 2024 at 12:22 AM

TF

“ *The Marshall Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Hlad.*

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**The Marshall Family** - September 06, 2024 at 12:22 AM

SO

*“ Ruth was such a nice lady. I always enjoyed our daily visits when we worked with each other @ St. Ottos. May she she rest in peace.*



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**Susan Ogaard** - September 05, 2024 at 05:27 PM



*“ Sympathy to you and your family, Ruth was a wonderful person, kind and happy. Thinking of her brings a smile to my face.*

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**Ann Hanson** - September 03, 2024 at 11:20 AM

CF

*“ So sorry to hear about Ruth. We were friends since we were teenagers. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Love Cathy Frank*

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**Cathy Frank** - September 03, 2024 at 10:12 AM

BN

*“ I'm so sad to hear this news. Ruth was an absolutely wonderful & kind person. She & I worked at the HS during the same time and I always enjoyed chatting with her. My deepest condolences to her family and loved ones all. Bonnie Nagel*

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**Bonnie Jo Nagel** - September 02, 2024 at 05:30 PM

RH

“ We had so much fun with the Hlads when our boys were in boy scouts. And went snowmobiling together. She loved to laugh. Larry and David we are so sorry.  
*Robert and Deb Helmerick*

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**Robert, debbie Helmerick** - September 02, 2024 at 10:49 AM

CH

“ I have so many good memories that there is no way I could share all of them. Ruth was one of the nicest, kindest, most generous ladies ever. I remember spending every coffee and lunch break for many years with Ruth when we worked at the school. We had so many good times and laughs together. She was a very good friend and will truly be missed. Rest in peace Ruth. Love you always - Cheryl Stanek

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**Cheryl** - September 01, 2024 at 09:45 PM