



Ruth Ann Powell

December 3, 1968 - December 22, 2025

Ruth Ann Powell, 57 year old resident of Swanville, MN passed away Monday, December 22, 2025 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, December 29, 2025 at the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN with Rev. David Sperstad officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30-11:00 A.M. on Monday, December 29, 2025 at the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN. Burial will take place at a later date in Bearhead Cemetery in Pillsbury, MN. Caring for Ruth and her family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN.

Ruth was born on December 3, 1968, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to the late Donald and Edna (Shaw) Powell. Throughout her childhood, she lived in several different places before her family settled in Little Falls, Minnesota, when she was 12 years old. Ruth attended Little Falls High School, where she graduated with the Class of 1987. Ruth spent most of her working career at IWCO before later beginning employment with Oakridge Group Homes in Long Prairie, Minnesota, where she found meaning and fulfillment in helping others. In her younger years, Ruth loved traveling with her best friend to watch her play travel softball, creating lasting memories on the road together. She also enjoyed spending time up north camping embracing the outdoors and the peace it brought her. In her free time, Ruth enjoyed playing horseshoes, listening to music, and fishing. She especially treasured time spent visiting on her deck with her closest friends and family, moments filled with laughter,

conversation, and companionship. Ruth had a very contagious laugh and a smile that could light up a room, leaving a lasting impression on everyone she met. Ruth had a special love for the Christmas season and was an avid collector, with a great fondness for anything featuring snowmen. Her joy for the holidays reflected her warm and loving spirit. Ruth's proudest accomplishment in life was raising her daughter, Brittany, whom she cherished deeply and loved unconditionally. In July of 2024, Ruth moved into a care facility, where she discovered joy in working on and creating art with diamond dotz. Most recently, Ruth was overjoyed to become a grandmother to her grandson, Benson, whom she loved and adored beyond measure.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Brittany (Andrew) Vodak of Long Prairie, Minnesota; son, Kody Anderson; brothers, Donald (Joyce Held) Powell and Russ (Stephanie) Powell; grandson, Benson Marvin Vodak; many nieces and nephews; and her best friend, Judi Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Edna Powell; and siblings, Debra Brown, Catherine Powell, Robert Powell, and Cheryl Nelson.

A special thank you to the staff at Long Prairie Nursing Home, the St. Cloud Hospital ICU, and the many friends and family who were there for Ruth with love, care, and support.

Cemetery Details

Bearhead Cemetery

Swanville, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Little Falls Chapel
214 2nd St SE
Little Falls, MN 56345
(320) 632-5242
info@shelleyfuneralchapels.com

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 26, 2025 at 02:31 PM

RA

“ *Richard C. Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



Richard C. Anderson - December 27, 2025 at 11:50 PM

TP

“ *Trudee Preimesberger lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



Trudee Preimesberger - December 27, 2025 at 06:49 PM

TP

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Ruth, she always wore a smile on her face and had a kind-hearted spirit! Hugs and prayers to Brittany, Kody, Judi and the rest of her family as you process this time of sorrow!

Trudee Preimesberger - December 27, 2025 at 06:51 PM

RE

“ *Rueben & Peggy, Darren, Jacy & Elissa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruth Ann Powell.*



Rueben & Peggy, Darren, Jacy & Elissa - December 27, 2025
at 03:57 AM

AS

“ *Arnelle Schlicht lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



Arnelle Schlicht - December 26, 2025 at 08:57 PM



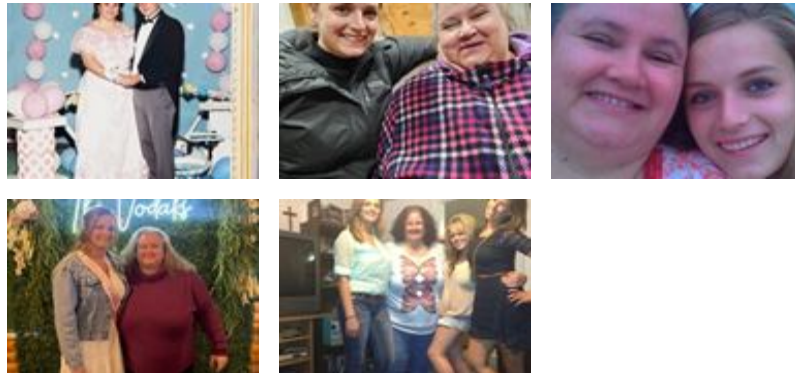
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruth Ann Powell.*



December 26, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 26, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 26, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *Our Deepest sympathy to all of Ruth's family!*



Jerry & Julie Hollermann - December 26, 2025 at 11:56 AM

KM

“ *Keith Maxson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



Keith Maxson - December 26, 2025 at 11:34 AM

M,

“ *Missy ,Kim lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



Missy ,Kim - December 26, 2025 at 09:20 AM

MK

“ *Mimi Kruschek lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



Mimi Kruschek - December 26, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ *Laurie Venske Koll lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



Laurie Venske Koll - December 25, 2025 at 10:35 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hoover lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



Mary Hoover - December 24, 2025 at 10:22 PM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss, I worked with Ruth many years, she was a wonderful person* ❤️



Stacey Schuman - December 24, 2025 at 08:12 PM

LM

“ *Sweetest person ever! I will miss our chats & visits!*



Lisa Miles - December 24, 2025 at 05:55 PM

AS

“ *Audrey Stout lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



audrey stout - December 24, 2025 at 03:12 PM

NC

“ Nicki, Buffy & Crystal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Ann Powell.

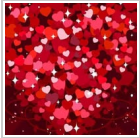
Nicki, Buffy & Crystal - December 24, 2025 at 02:59 PM

NC

“ Nicki, Buffy & Crystal purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ruth Ann Powell.



Nicki, Buffy & Crystal - December 24, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ Dottie Baum lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell



Dottie Baum - December 24, 2025 at 02:52 PM

SP

“ Steph Powell lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell



Steph powell - December 24, 2025 at 12:48 PM

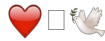
SP

The memories I have of you i will cherish forever , from garage sales to breakfast at Perkins and just hanging out , you're one of a kind sister n law 💕 your brother and our family will hold your memory in our hearts forever

Steph powell - December 24, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ *Fly high my sweet angel. Till we meet again*



Tori Powell - December 24, 2025 at 12:48 PM

PT

“ *Pat Theis lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



pat theis - December 24, 2025 at 11:05 AM

JA

“ *Judi Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Ann Powell*



Judi Anderson - December 24, 2025 at 09:49 AM

JA

“ We have endless memories together. You are my soulmate, the phone call I always made, the voice I needed to hear, the laughter that fixed me, the smile that changed the world. If you were a car; you would be my nova. If you were a beer; you would be my bud. Thank you for slipping on that banana peel 46 years ago even though you stomped off when asked if you were ok :). Lol Because that was how one of the best friendships on earth started. I will forever yearn to hear your voice when I would call and you would answer with; “ Hello my sister from another mother” or “Hey Bud” and we could talk forever about nothing and laugh over anything. We could finish one another thoughts, and understand the mumbo jumbo that came out of our mouths. Truth is, I am going to be lost without you! You always worried about me. I promised you as my final words to you; I got you, I will be ok, I love you Bud. Forever, Rita and Jesse we will be. So long my friend, I love you beyond words, Juju

Judi Anderson - December 24, 2025 at 09:46 AM