



## Sandy K. Opatz

September 23, 1941 - July 14, 2022

Sandy K. Opatz, 80 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Thursday, July 14, 2022 at her home. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Alan Wielinski officiating. Burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 9:00-11:00 A.M. on Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN. Caring for Sandy and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Sandra was born on September 23, 1941 in Little Falls, MN to the late Stephen and Elizabeth (Trudeau) LaFond. She grew up in Little Falls, MN where she attended school and graduated from Little Falls High School with the Class of 1959. After graduation, Sandy began working for American National Bank in Little Falls, MN. She was united in marriage to Ronald Opatz on October 21, 1961 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN. The couple was blessed with four children, whom they raised together in Little Falls, MN. Along with caring for her children, Sandy was employed at several area businesses throughout the years. She worked for National Foods, St. Otto's Care Center and later Bank of the West where she retired in 2004 for the first time. Shortly after retiring, her husband Ron passed away in 2005 and she went back to work at the Little Falls Wal-Mart Pharmacy until retiring for the final time in 2011. Sandy loved to keep herself busy by playing bingo, going fishing, and taking trips with her family and friends. She was actively

involved in the Little Falls Dandelions, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Board of Directors at the Little Falls Senior Center, The Margarita Girls and The Golden Girls. Sandy has two great loves in her life, first were her children and grandchildren and the second love was Elvis Presley. She thoroughly enjoyed the music from Elvis Presley. Sandy was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Sandy is survived by children, Lisa (Larry) Wielinski of Burtrum, MN, Greg Opatz of Little Falls, MN, Brian Opatz of Minneapolis, MN; sisters, Karen (Don) Wojciechowski of Anoka, MN and Lois (Ron) Bieganeck of Little Falls, MN; grandchildren, Thomas Opatz, Hailey Opatz, Ashley Opatz, Bethany White, Trevin Adair, Jaren Adair; great-grandchildren, Bralynn Bue, Kyleigh Opatz, Emmitt Adair, and Brock Adair.

Sandy was preceded in death by parents, Stephen and Elizabeth LaFond; husband, Ronald Opatz; and son, Thomas Opatz.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

1100 13th Ave NE  
Little Falls, MN 56345

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls  
305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Funeral Mass

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls  
305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - July 18, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Sandy K. Opatz*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Joli Swart lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Joli Swart** - July 19, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Sue Hanson lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Sue Hanson** - July 19, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy Lisa and Larry your mom was such a sweet lady!  
You are in my thoughts and prayers!*

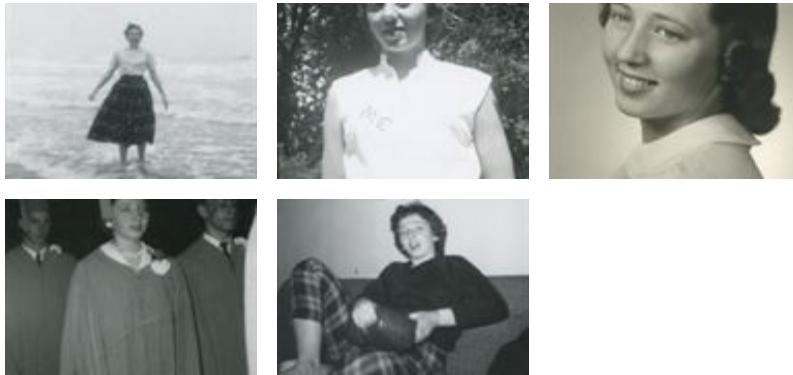


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**Renae Schneider** - July 18, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ *73 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - July 18, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Frank And Michelle Kurowski lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Frank and Michelle Kurowski** - July 18, 2022 at 09:30 AM

DH

“ To all of Sandy's families, my sincere sympathy on the loss of your mother. May she rest in peace. God Bless You All.



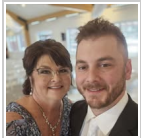
Debbie Jelinski Harakel - July 17, 2022 at 09:02 PM

PF

“ Patricia Fortier lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz



Patricia Fortier - July 17, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ Jill Guith sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandy K. Opatz



Jill Guith - July 17, 2022 at 10:22 AM

JW

“ I didn't know Sandy, but knowing Lois and seeing the tributes written here, I'm sure it would have been a pleasure. My condolences to all who knew and loved her.



Jim Wright - July 16, 2022 at 11:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sandy K. Opatz.*



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July 16, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ *Rob & Pam Czech lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Rob & Pam Czech** - July 16, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *Rest in peace my friend. Mary McCarthy.*



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**Mary Jane McCarthy** - July 16, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ *Sandy Barthel lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Sandy Barthel** - July 16, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandy K. Opatz.*



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July 16, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ *Deb Pederson lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Deb Pederson** - July 15, 2022 at 10:28 PM



“ *Joey And Judy Opatz And Family lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Joey and Judy opatz and family** - July 15, 2022 at 09:54 PM



“ *John and Marsha Sallden along with Jackie Gammon send our sympathy and prayers to Sandy's family.*



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**Marsha Sallden** - July 15, 2022 at 09:08 PM

SC

“ I am so very sorry the funeral and wake are Tuesday July 19; I have another appointment. My sympathy and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. a first cousin of Ron Opatz Sister Sylvia Opatz

Sylvia Opatz Sandys husband first cousin - July 15, 2022 at 08:40 PM

LP

“ Linda Paycer sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandy K. Opatz



Linda Paycer - July 15, 2022 at 06:04 PM

TL

“ Sandy was a wonderful friend who always had time to listen or help in any way, always fun to be around and will always hold a 'forever' place in my heart. My sincere sympathy to Lisa, Greg and Brian, she was so proud of each of you!

Trudy Larson - July 15, 2022 at 05:59 PM

JJ

“ Jackie And Brendan Jay lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz



Jackie and Brendan Jay - July 15, 2022 at 04:07 PM

JD

“ *Juliann Doucette lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



Juliann Doucette - July 15, 2022 at 02:00 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fenske lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



Connie Fenske - July 15, 2022 at 01:20 PM

CL

“ *Charlie And Dianne Ledbetter sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter - July 15, 2022 at 01:02 PM

LL

“ *Linda And Gale LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



Linda and Gale LeBlanc - July 15, 2022 at 10:57 AM

LL

*Sandy was a joy to work with and a fun member of our margarita ladies. We will miss her so much.*

**Linda and Gale LeBlanc** - July 15, 2022 at 10:59 AM

PM

“ *Patty Mallak lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



**Patty Mallak** - July 15, 2022 at 09:10 AM

RS

“ *Rosie And Jim Solorz lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



**Rosie and Jim Solorz** - July 15, 2022 at 07:31 AM

SD

“ *R I P Sandy*



**Stan and Dee** - July 15, 2022 at 12:55 AM

LZ

“ Sandy was a special friend to many. She will truly be missed.  
Rest In Peace, Sandy



Laure & Dave Zimmermann - July 14, 2022 at 11:10 PM

LK

“ Linda Kaiser lit a candle in memory of Sandy  
K. Opatz



Linda Kaiser - July 14, 2022 at 10:50 PM

DJ

“ Dawn Janson lit a candle in memory of Sandy  
K. Opatz



Dawn Janson - July 14, 2022 at 10:45 PM

DJ

“ Lisa & Families I'm So Very Sorry for your Loss ! Deepest  
Sympathy to All . Sandy was such a nice lady 💕💕💕. My heart goes  
out to all ! Hugs & Prayers 🙏❤️🙏

Dawn Janson - July 14, 2022 at 10:42 PM

AW

“ May Sandy have peace and no more pain. Dennis and Anna Mae will keep all of the family members in our prayers and thoughts. Hugs to all.

Anna Mae and Dennis Woltman - July 14, 2022 at 10:09 PM

JR

“ John & Sandy Rudek lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz



john & Sandy Rudek - July 14, 2022 at 09:10 PM

SW

“ Sandy Wright-Olson sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandy K. Opatz



Sandy Wright-Olson - July 14, 2022 at 08:33 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Boser sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandy K. Opatz



Carolyn Boser - July 14, 2022 at 08:17 PM

CB

*Sandy fly high, I am so sorry to hear of Sandy passing, My prayers and hugs go out to you all.*

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**Carolyn Boser** - July 14, 2022 at 08:18 PM

JW

“ *Jim And Carol Wielinski sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Jim and Carol Wielinski** - July 14, 2022 at 07:47 PM

SS

“ *Sandy Schwientek sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Sandy Schwientek** - July 14, 2022 at 07:22 PM

JB

“ *Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille** - July 14, 2022 at 06:45 PM

TR

“ Tony & Annette Rekowski lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz



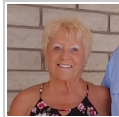
Tony & Annette Rekowski - July 14, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ Mary Kistler lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz



Mary Kistler - July 14, 2022 at 06:30 PM



*My condolences to Sandy's family. She was an awesome person and cousin of mine. I remember baby sitting for her and Ronnie's kids. That was always fun. We stayed very close and even though we didn't see each other much these last years I always loved and respected Sandy. She will be missed.*

Mary Kistler - July 14, 2022 at 06:36 PM

SN

“ Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz



Sandy Nelson - July 14, 2022 at 06:22 PM

DO

“ *RIP Sandy! have many wonderful memories with you!, Thank you for being a wonderful Grandma /Great Grandma to Ashley and Bethany Kyleigh and Braelynn. Now you are with Ron and Tom and your parents and other loves ones! Until we meet again!*



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**Denise Opatz** - July 14, 2022 at 06:08 PM

TS

“ *Tina Saeher lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Tina Saeher** - July 14, 2022 at 05:48 PM

CA

“ *Lisa, Greg, Brian and all your family, So very sorry for the passing of your mom, grandma and great grandma. We will all miss her and keep her and all of you in our prayers. Arnie and Carol*

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**Carol and Arnie** - July 14, 2022 at 03:48 PM

WW

“ *Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of Sandy K. Opatz*



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**Wendy Waltman** - July 14, 2022 at 03:41 PM

CM

“ *Carol Molus lit a candle in memory of Sandy  
K. Opatz*



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**Carol Molus** - July 14, 2022 at 03:30 PM