



## Sister Adeline B. Kroll

May 16, 1939 - October 1, 2025

Sister Adeline B. Kroll, 86 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at the St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls. A private graveside service was held at the St. Francis Convent Cemetery in Little Falls. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the St. Francis Convent in Little Falls, MN. Visitation will be held from 12:00 P.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 23, 2025 all at the St. Francis Convent in Little Falls, MN. Donations to Franciscan Sisters' ministries are preferred. Caring for Sister Adeline and her family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls.

Sister Adeline Kroll was born on May 16, 1939, in Royalton, Minn. She was the tenth of 13 children born to Frank and Margaret (Cekalla) Kroll. She was accepted as a Franciscan Sister of Little Falls, Minnesota, on July 31, 1957. She made first profession on August 12, 1959, and final vows on August 12, 1962. She was a Franciscan Sister for 68 years. Her life as a Franciscan included ministries as a teacher, artist and spiritual director. For the past 25 years, Ade lived and shared her ministry through working with Faithful Fools Street Ministry in California. As we remember Sister Ade, we hear her say (as she often did while here on earth), "We are stardust and unto stardust we will all return." Her journey on earth began on a farm among 13 brothers and sisters, whom she dearly loved. Then her journey took her to many wondrous places from Papua New Guinea to the Tenderloin District of San Francisco

and back to Little Falls. In all she did, and in each person she met, she marveled at the exquisite wonders of an unfolding Universe that revealed to her that God really is alive and revealing sacred presence everywhere and in everyone.

When Ade began her ministry with Faithful Fools, she found herself challenged and moved by the mantra that guides the Fools as they reflect on their experiences with the people and streets of the Tenderloin in San Francisco, Calif.:

“What holds me separate?

What keeps me separated?

As I walk the streets, what still connects me?”

These words resonated with her in so many ways: from her life as a Franciscan through her wonder at the vastness of the Universe Story to her own journey finding her place in community and the world around her. Ade engaged in the ministry of the Fools as a guide in a long-running Bible Study and Cosmic Conversations, as a mentor to young artists and as a spiritual companion. She was the embodiment of a Faithful Fool, discovering on the streets her common humanity, and welcoming everyone who came seeking community. All creatures and amoebas, too, were welcome in Ade’s life, from the apples that fell from the tree just outside her door to the birds taking wing over water nearby, even the bacteria that nurture decay. Yes, all were welcome in Ade’s life.

In particular, Ade nurtured the wellbeing of young lives. She offered care to the very young, committing herself to precious beings from infancy to adulthood. Her care included nourishing the body with homemade food, challenging their spirits to be loving and strong, and loving them when things were most difficult. There are many who will remember Ade’s wisdom, guidance and comfort as the future unfolds. They will remember to embrace the struggle as an essential part of life. Her love will see them through.

As creation and creativity flowed through Sister Ade's hands, she stitched brilliantly colored quilts, turned paper mâché into lively puppets, and stewed random vegetables into soul-soothing soups. Every moment of creativity and community was, for Sister Ade, a celebration of life. There was and is nothing more precious than the life force that unites us and all creation throughout the universe—so Sister Ade reminds us.

Sister Ade was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Pauline Kluetsch, Stephen, Cordelia Fiero, Clement, Celestine, and Mary. Survivors include, Sister Lillian, OSF, Little Falls; Jean Litke, Pierz; Reverend Anthony, Sauk Rapids; James (Patricia), Wahkon; Thomas (Virginia), Sauk Rapids; and Janet (Elmer) Litke, Grand Rapids; nieces and nephews; The Balfour-Cove Family, especially Siobhan, and her Faithful Fools and Franciscan Community.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Francis Convent Cemetery

116 8th Avenue SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Francis Convent  
116 8th Avenue SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345

## Memorial Mass

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Blessed be her memory.* ”



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**Claudette Moran** - October 11, 2025 at 12:06 PM

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“ *I am Ade's older brother Tony. Ade left a great legacy. She loved the Creator's idea of a planet full of life. She believed the Creator wants us to keep it full of life for the people who live here next. She respected life on Mother Earth. She saw life in and on and above Mother Earth...I learned lots from her. Let's follow her...* ”

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**tony kroll, Ade's brother** - October 02, 2025 at 08:34 PM