



## Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke

August 16, 1930 - December 31, 2022

Wallace M. Pantzke, 92 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at his residence. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, with Fr. Ben Kociemba officiating. Burial will be at Our Lady of Lourdes parish cemetery. A visitation will be from 9 AM to 11 AM on Saturday at the church. Memorials are preferred to the family of Wally. Caring for Wally and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Wallace (Wally) Myron Pantzke left the world he loved on December 31, 2022. He was born to Edwin F. Pantzke and Alice (Johnson) Pantzke on August 16, 1930, at their family farm near Randall. Wally attended country school district 140 through 8th grade and graduated from Little Falls High School in 1949. Wally's love for the West took him to Montana during his high school years, where he acquired lifelong friends, worked as a ranch hand, and harvested grain from Canada to Texas. During his senior year of high school, he started work at the American National Bank of Little Falls and continued there until April 1953. Wally enlisted in the Minnesota Army National Guard on January 9, 1951, and was commissioned in 1957. He held many responsible positions in the 47th division as an officer. He was the purchasing and contracting officer and later became the Army Comptroller. Wally married the love of his life, Marion Chock on April 28, 1951 in Little Falls, Minnesota. Together they raised their 5 children. Wally loved spending time with his wife and family

enjoying the outdoors in various travel trailers and at their cabin in Northern Minnesota. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, caring for his yard, tinkering in his shop on projects and helping others. As a couple, Wally and Marion enjoyed dancing with their friends and family. Wally retired from his duties at Camp Ripley in April of 1988 with the rank of Colonel as Army Comptroller. In 1989 they moved and built their retirement home on Lake Alexander. Wally and Marion loved to travel while enjoying retirement and spent several winters in their 2nd home in Texas. Wally was very active in his community and was involved in many civic, and church activities, including Morrison County Planning and Zoning, school board committees, Pinnacle Hunting Club, Lake Alexander, MN., Lake Association, Knights of Columbus, and many church functions in the Little Falls, Motley, and Randall parishes.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife Marion, of 71 years; children, Patricia A. (Gary) Morse, Thomas J. (Tami) Pantzke, Brian M. (Jennifer) Pantzke, and Susanne M. (Steven) Lemme; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. His siblings include, Donna (Hap) Johnson, and Yvonne (Lynn) Kalahar; and sister-in-law, Norma Pantzke.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Alice Pantzke; son, Charles S. Pantzke, brother, Edwin (Sonny) Pantzke, and sister, Margie Backowski.

Wally will forever be remembered as a kind man of faith and who loved his family and friends. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady Of Lourdes Cemetery

Highway 27  
Little Falls, MN 56345

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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208 West Broadway  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 12, 2023 at 10:38 AM

KG

*Beautiful tribute video of Uncle Wally. He was always so genuinely happy to see you and had such a joyful spirit. He will be missed immensely. Sending love and wrapping you all up in prayers of comfort during this time. Kit Girtz*

Kit Girtz - January 12, 2023 at 11:20 PM



“ *Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

DH

“ *Sincere sympathy to all the Pantzke especially Mrs., and Patty. I am so sorry for your loss. I know it hurts so much as I had a rough week myself. My oldest son Christopher age 44 passed away on the 11th. It was a total shock to us all. Although he had been ill and I guess God thought it was a good time to take him home. God Bless you all. God is Good all the Time. Peace.*



Debbie M Jelinski Harakel - January 14, 2023 at 05:49 PM

DH

*Beautiful slide show of your dad and the whole family.*

Debbie M Jelinski Harakel - January 14, 2023 at 06:00 PM

IB

“ *Wally was my favorite company commander in my 39 years of National Guard service. He was a very kind, caring person and will be missed by many.*  
*Dave and Irene Becker*

Irene Becker - January 14, 2023 at 11:23 AM

SP

“ *Synergy Products purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke.*



Synergy Products - January 13, 2023 at 11:25 AM

LG

“ *So sorry for the loss of such a wonderful Man!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*  
*Leeanne Grosso and Kevin Silbernick*

Leeanne Grosso - January 12, 2023 at 11:29 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke.*



January 12, 2023 at 02:07 PM

IB

“ Irene Brisk lit a candle in memory of Wallace  
"Wally" M. Pantzke



Irene Brisk - January 11, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieux Funeral Homes - January 11, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke.



January 11, 2023 at 01:25 PM

TC

“ The parishioners of St James Church purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke.



The parishioners of St James Church - January 11, 2023 at 12:42 PM

LT

“ Loewen Sales Team purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke.



Loewen Sales Team - January 11, 2023 at 09:34 AM

TW

“Wally was inducted into the Court of Honor in October of 2015 at Camp Ripley for his many years of dedicated military service. Wally helped us with our annual Fund Raiser at August Fest Church Bazaar at St James Church in Randall. He helped out very much and was fun to work with. My sympathy goes out to his wife, Marion, and his entire family.”

Tony Wenzel. Randall, MN



Tony Wenzel - January 06, 2023 at 04:07 PM

AW

“ *Wally was a kind and friendly man. I remember sharing my Nutrisystem chicken soup with him, and all the laughs we had about it.* ”



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**Anne Henkemeyer Wolke** - January 05, 2023 at 01:24 PM

DZ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



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**Dawn Zimprich** - January 04, 2023 at 08:24 PM

YV

“ *Wally was a super friend. He always made you feel important and made you smile. He will be missed so much. This is a great loss. Love and hugs to the family.* ”

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**YvonneZappa** - January 04, 2023 at 05:37 PM

BP

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



**Brian Pantzke** - January 04, 2023 at 01:22 PM

DC

“ I will miss Uncle Wally so much! What a wonderful, kind and funny guy, with a laugh and hug that lifted you right up off the ground. XO to the family and Auntie Marion.



**Diane Cowan** - January 04, 2023 at 08:40 AM

CO

Uncle Wally was always encouraging to me and I so appreciated the acceptance he showed me and Buzz. Love and prayers to you Marion and family.

**Connie Swanson (Sonny's daughter/Joyce O** - January 07, 2023 at 02:35 PM

WR

“ Wally was a very nice man. Sympathies to the family.

**Wendy (Nieman) Rutz** - January 03, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Pantzke family.  
Such a kind man. May he Rest in Peace* 🙏



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**Renae Schneider** - January 03, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ *Sam Shikowsky lit a candle in memory of  
Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke*



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**Sam Shikowsky** - January 03, 2023 at 08:06 PM

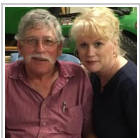


“ *Teanna Stadum lit a candle in memory of  
Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke*



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**Teanna Stadum** - January 03, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Judy Berger lit a candle in memory of Wallace  
"Wally" M. Pantzke*



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**Judy Berger** - January 03, 2023 at 05:43 PM

JF

“ *Joanne Fischer lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke*



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**Joanne Fischer** - January 03, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Janet Retka lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" M. Pantzke*



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**Janet Retka** - January 03, 2023 at 03:45 PM