

## **Rose Leja**

Funeral mass: 11am Saturday August 19, 2023  
Holy Family Catholic Church in Stanley.

Visitation: Friday, August 18, 2023 from 5 - 8pm  
Plombon Funeral Home  
Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 10 - 11am  
at the church



**Rose Leja**, age 91, passed away unexpectedly on August 12, 2023 at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital. She was born on December 21, 1931 in Maple Hill, rural Boyd, to Louis and Evelyn (Regele) Schumacher. Rose attended Maple Hill School and graduated from Stanley high school in 1950. During high school, she met Harold Leja, who she married on July 28, 1951. After their marriage, they briefly lived in Indiana before relocating to Chicago, IL. In 1964, they moved back to Stanley. Together, they had four sons, Randy, Dave, Brian and Bob. After high school, Rose worked for her parents at Maple Hill Tavern and performed secretarial work. In Stanley, she was a homemaker for several years, volunteered at her church and had a large vegetable garden. She enjoyed canning tomatoes, pickles, peaches and pears. Providing meals for her family was very important and she loved making desserts. After her husband became too ill to work, Rose worked for several bars in Stanley until she retired at age 83 after more than 50 years of bar tending. She was known for her sense of humor, listening ability and strong cribbage skills. She was very proud of her three perfect "29" hands in cribbage. Rose was also a lifelong polka fan, enjoyed dancing and telling jokes. Rose is survived by three sons, Randy (Ann) of Oakdale, MN, Brian (Linda) of Omer, MI and Bob (Julie) of New Richmond; 11 grandchildren, Cathy (Jason), Kevin (Angela), Bethany (Jim), Doug, Matt (Brittany), Jen (Andy), TJ (Julie), Krystal (Jon), Jason (Crystal), Megan and Hannah, eighteen great grandchildren and many friends. Rose is preceded in death by her parents, husband Harold, son Dave, and her siblings, Virginia Rygiel, Alvina (Bana) Lis, Louis Schumacher, Janice Fitzgerald and Keryl in infancy.

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at Holy Family Catholic Church in Stanley.

Burial will follow in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery.

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Plombon Funeral Services assisted the family with the arrangements.