



## Mary "Janice" Pittz

October 2, 1941 - May 10, 2020

Mineral Point - Mary "Janice" Pittz of Mineral Point, age 78, was called home on Sunday, May 10, 2020 after a 3-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born on October 2, 1941 in Dodgeville, daughter of William and Margaret (Cunningham) Schmitz, she attended Mineral Point High School where she was head majorette of the band.

Janice was the youngest of 10 children, and with 8 brothers, grew up with a fighting spirit. She married Ralph Pittz on July 5, 1958. Together they raised 8 children; Ralph would say that she raised the kids – and was also a 2nd mother to a special few.

In addition to farming for 60 years, she was also the backbone of the J&R Bar and then the Dodge-Point Country Club (DPCC) for over 30 years. It's fitting that she passed on Mother's Day as she spent many of them hosting brunch at the Club. She never missed a Labor Day weekend watching the Calcutta golf tournament; she and Ralph were inducted into the DPCC Hall of Fame.

No stranger to hard work, she went on to work at Lands' End and volunteered at the Dodgeville Food Panty after selling DPCC.

As an active member of Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church/CCW, she was a

regular at Church pasty sales. She loved to read and golf – even shooting a hole-in-one in 1996. She enjoyed her kids' and grandkids' school activities and could be heard yelling from the stands at many different sporting events. Janice and Ralph were inducted into the Mineral Point Wrestling Hall of Fame in January 2020.

She enjoyed her Wednesday night ladies group and the occasional trip to the boat with friends. She loved opening day deer hunting meat paddles, and chatting with everyone at Tony's Tap.

Janice's legacy is her kids: Tony (Lori) Pittz, Tim (Cindy) Pittz, Troy (Teresa) Pittz, Ted (Tina) Pittz, Tari (David) Engels all of Mineral Point, Torrie (Jeff) Zink, Sherrills Ford, NC, Trisha (Chris) Cox, Mineral Point and Tracie (Cody) Cook, Cottage Grove, WI. She dearly loved her 20 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren (with two more on the way).

Janice is survived by a brother, John (Mary) Schmitz, Rockford, IL and sisters-in-law, Marian, Helen and Barb Schmitz as well as Alice Pittz OP, Marion O'Brien and special friend, Dave Field.

She was preceded in death (2012) by Ralph, her husband of 54 wonderful years, her parents, a sister Kathleen, and brothers Harold, Don, Bernie, Kenny, Laverne (Curly), Joe and Billy; sister-in-law Betty Radtke and brother-in-law Ray Pittz.

The family would like to thank the doctors and health care team who cared for Mom and especially Upland Hills Hospice.

Cards for the family can be sent to Tony's Tap, 10A Commerce St., Mineral Point, WI. Memorials received will be gifted to Gilda's Club, Upland Hills Hospice and other groups Janice loved.

A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, May 14th at 11:00 am. A live stream of the mass can be found here. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

She loved many and was well-loved. She was a ton of fun. We'll miss you Mom.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/Congregation-of-St-Marys-St-Pauls-113542338679461/>

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Mary's Cemetery**

700 Dodge Street  
Mineral Point, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary "Janice" Pittz*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Janice was quite the lady, never forgot a name, had a great laugh, and was so fun to golf with. We are so sorry for your family.*  
*Lois and Kent Montague*

**Lois Montague** - May 16, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ *My condolences to classmate Torrie and the entire Pittz family.*  
*Thinking of you....*

*Dean Goninen*

**Dean Goninen** - May 15, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ *What a wonderful lady! She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say! Our condolences to the entire Pittz family. Judy and Doug Pelton*

**Judy Pelton** - May 14, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ *To the Whole Pitts family, Greg and I are so very sorry for your loss. Knowing both Janice and Ralph was an honor. You have our deepest sympathies. Greg and Cindy Roalfs*

**Cindy Roalfs** - May 14, 2020 at 07:09 PM

MR

“ Aunt Janice and Uncle Ralph always instilled Gods Love to all of their children, something I am sure they got from their Parents and Grandparents, and hope they will all share it with their children and grandchildren.

*Philippians 4:13 says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*

*We will miss you Aunt Janice but will be with you someday.*

*Mark and Maria Radtke*

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**Mark Radtke** - May 14, 2020 at 11:16 AM

RS

“ Aunt Janice and Uncle Ralph worked hard and played hard--a legacy they passed on to their children. People like them are the backbone of a community as they supported Mineral Point with passion and pride. My T cousins will miss her, but so will many other family and friends. Now Janice can join Ralph for heaven's Friday Fish Fry.

*Condolences from Ron & Sue Schmitz, Boca Raton, FL*

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**Ron Schmitz** - May 13, 2020 at 10:45 PM

TS

“ So sorry for the loss of your Mother Janice - growing up in Mineral Point & being neighbors - I have many fond memories of the entire Pittz Family yet will always remember the smile that was always on Janice's face.....many prayers & God Bless

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**Tina Schaaf** - May 13, 2020 at 08:06 PM

WB

“ Aunt Janice (who I'm embarrassed to say I did NOT know was named Mary!) was quite simply the best Aunt, godmother, friend and confidante that a girl could ask for and it's a darned shame that her funeral has to be live streamed since I'm pretty sure most of the town would have shown up to show their love for her bc the very truest statement in the obituary is "She loved many and was well-loved. She was a ton of fun." I will miss her so very dearly, too ...

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**Wanda Behling** - May 13, 2020 at 05:38 PM

JK

“ A beautiful lady and miss her & Ralph from the ole Dodge Pt. Days. Sympathy to all the family - Dale & June Tate

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**June Kaczur-Tate** - May 13, 2020 at 03:42 PM

SH

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Sarah Hutchison** - May 13, 2020 at 02:43 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



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Tracie Cook (Pittz Kid #8) - May 13, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary "Janice" Pittz.



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May 13, 2020 at 11:45 AM

SH

“ 3 years ago I was invited to come to Platteville to meet the Schmitz/Pittz family. I was told "they are a hard working, fun group that loves everyone". What a wonderful family!

*I am truly sorry for your loss and we wish we could all be there to share with you all the great memories. The Lord gave you a little extra time with your Mom to prepare for this day and I know you are thankful for that. Janice is at peace now... We will miss that beautiful Schmitz/Pittz smile but will always be there in our hearts!*

*May God continue to Bless You all.*

*Sarah Hutchison - Friend from Florida*

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**Sarah Hutchison** - May 13, 2020 at 09:43 AM

AB

*Very nice Sarah! We love you .*

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**Aunt Barb** - May 13, 2020 at 01:51 PM

SW

“ One of the saddest things of growing old is losing life long friends. Janice is one of those, she was kind, sweet and fun to be around. So many memories, all good. My love to the family.

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**Sharon Whitford** - May 13, 2020 at 07:55 AM

DW

“ Deb & Denny Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Mary "Janice" Pittz



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**Deb & Denny Wilkinson** - May 13, 2020 at 07:13 AM

GM

“ To all of the Pitz family. We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She's a great lady and will be truly missed. Greg and Janet McKeon

Greg McKeon - May 12, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary "Janice" Pitz.



May 12, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary "Janice" Pitz.



May 12, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary "Janice" Pitz.



May 12, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary "Janice" Pittz.*



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May 12, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *Janice was a special lady who always had a smile on her face and a warm greeting for everyone she met. She was generous and willing to help others any time she could. She will be remembered fondly by all and will be sorely missed.*

*Donna Clauer Nelson*

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**Donna Nelson** - May 12, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary "Janice" Pittz.*



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May 12, 2020 at 12:55 PM

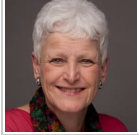


“ *I'll always remember the Panther vs. Packers tailgate bus parties & the Lake Norman visits with Janice & family. Such great memories.*

*-chaz*

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**chaz** - May 12, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of this news. Janice was one of the most loving and beautiful people (both inside and out) I've ever known. I remember with so many fond memories times at the J&R bar, the DPCC, and later Tony's Tap. My mom and dad valued both Janice and Ralph and precious friends. I had been back to MP for a class reunion in 2018 at Tony's Tap and was pleasantly surprised to see her - so vibrant and full of life! She will truly be missed by so many. Please accept on behalf of my family (Mom, Donna, and myself) our most humble condolences.

Carol (Clauer) Nielsen

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Carol Nielsen - May 12, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary "Janice" Pittz.



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May 12, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ I had the honor of knowing Janice through Gilda's Club. Her fighting spirit and love of her family helped her navigate her cancer, as few people do. She was so proud of her family. She will be missed greatly.

Kirsten Norslien, Gilda's Club Program Director (and group facilitator)

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Kirsten Norslien - May 12, 2020 at 10:18 AM

DR

“ Hugs to all of you, your mom was a special lady and left a footprint in Mineral Point, take care, The Tim & Deb Riley family

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**Deb Riley** - May 12, 2020 at 09:52 AM

JT

“ Mrs. Pittz can be proud of the family she raised and the legacy she made. Deepest sympathy to the entire family. May memories comfort you now and in the days ahead. God's Blessings to all.

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**Janice Schyvinck - Friend of Trish** - May 12, 2020 at 09:46 AM

BR

“ Aunt Janice, Oh My!

*They would say the Good Lord threw away the mold once He blessed all of us with your everlasting, love, care and direction for our lives to be enjoyed.*

*But, let's just wait a minute.*

*No, that mold was not thrown away. No, not at all! The Good Lord not only reused this mold to shape the lives of 8 very special children but also, 20 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and yes, there will be many more, for many years to come. What a blessing given to those to carry, everyday, of their lives.*

*Oh My! Yes, Janice will live forever in the lives of so many. Let us never forget the impact she made on all the rest of us also. Never once would meeting with her leave you feeling down and out. Janice always put a smile on your face, warmth in your heart and just a thing or two she wanted you to know!*

*Yes, indeed, what a Lady!*

*Now, Janice enjoys resting in wonderful eternal peace, at Her Makers right hand. In the presence of so many more loved ones who paved the path for Janice to follow.*

*Yup, boy, will we miss you. But, only a short time until we too, will join you!*

*Good Lord, continue always, to Bless this Wonderful Lady!*

*Bill and Vicki Rowe*

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**Bill Rowe** - May 12, 2020 at 08:17 AM

MG

“ *Janice was such a sweet lady! So sorry for your loss.*

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**Michelle Grinnell** - May 11, 2020 at 08:32 PM

DR

“ *So sorry for your lost! What a great lady!Deepest sympathy to the whole family!Cherish your memories!*

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**Darlene Ryan** - May 11, 2020 at 06:09 PM