



Melinda M. "Mindy" Portzen

August 18, 1955 - April 3, 2018

Dodgeville - Melinda M. (Hauptert) Portzen, age 62, of Dodgeville WI passed away at Agrace HospiceCare peacefully on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 surrounded by her family after a short, but well fought battle with cancer.

Melinda was born in Dubuque, IA to Mr. and Mrs. Richard & Frances (Hunt) Hauptert on August 18, 1955. She was a 1973 graduate of Senior High School in Dubuque IA. Melinda and Nick were married on June 6, 1975 and rounded out their family with four children. In 1989, they moved from Dubuque to Dodgeville, WI where they have owned and operated the Dodger Bowl Lanes for 29 years. During this time, Melinda sat on the board of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association and was a Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce board member. Melinda will be most missed for her sharp wit, creativity, and mad baking skills. Her life's accomplishments are not so much wrapped up in titles she held, but in the love and devotion she had for her husband of 43 years and the endless encouragement she gave her children to pursue their dreams.

Melinda is survived by her husband Nicholas J. Portzen II of Dodgeville; her children Nicholas J. Portzen III (Ann) of Dodgeville, Christine (Brian) Kuzdas of Mount Horeb, Amanda (Curt) Kaiser of Madison and Katy Portzen of Nashville TN; her grandchildren Nick IV, Makayla, Hank, & Oscar; her mother Mrs. Frances (Hunt) Hauptert of Dubuque; her siblings Deborah Hauptert of

Dubuque, Richard Hauptert (Chris) of Dubuque, Nancy K Smith (Ryan Johnson) of Dodgeville and William Hauptert (Sue) of St. Charles MO; other relatives and friends.

Melinda is preceded in death by her father Mr. Richard Hauptert, her maternal grandparents Samuel & Frances Hunt, & her paternal grandparents Joseph & Marie Hauptert.

Her husband and family would like to thank Agrace Hospice and all the medical staff for the kindness and compassion shown to Melinda and her family as she journeyed through the last months of her life.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 9, 2018 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Monsignor Daniel Ganshert will officiate. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. on Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a contribution to Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care or Iowa County Cancer Coalition.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melinda M. "Mindy" Portzen*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness.
Anne Frank*

Nancy Smith - April 28, 2018 at 01:11 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to your family.*

Cheryl Ortiz and family - April 28, 2018 at 01:11 AM



“ *We send you our sympathy to you from the Walsh Store family in
Dubuque--Jeff & Ann*

Ann Liddle (Walsh) - April 28, 2018 at 01:11 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences Nick. We will keep you and all family
members in our prayers*

Bonnie & Lenny Rhomberg - April 28, 2018 at 01:11 AM



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AD

“ It was my honor to meet and have wonderful conversations with Mindy in the last couple months of her life. The love for nature, her family and her perseverance were so evident and present each time we talked. I am most grateful I met her and wish to encourage her family to talk about her to each other and share wonderful happy moments you shared. A part of her lives on in each of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ann Dettwiler - April 28, 2018 at 01:11 AM



“ Sorry for your loss Nick. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

April 28, 2018 at 01:11 AM

TN

“ So sorry for your loss Nick. May the love and prayers of friends and family carry you through your grief.

Terry and Linda Nauman - April 28, 2018 at 01:11 AM

NC

“ Very sorry for your loss. Prayers for Melinda and her family. Wishing Sharon and myself could attend the funeral services. However, we are experiencing health problems that make it too difficult to travel at this time.

Nicholas Chappell - April 28, 2018 at 01:11 AM

JT

“ Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all the family.

JT Thomas - April 28, 2018 at 01:11 AM