



Janice "Jan" M. Messerschmidt

June 16, 1943 - April 19, 2026

Janice "Jan" M. Messerschmidt, 82, De Pere, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, April 19, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Jan was born on June 16, 1943, in Green Bay, a daughter of the now late Clement and Mary (Parmentier) Westerman. She attended East High School where she met the love of her life Paul Messerschmidt and graduated in 1961. On July 13, 1963, the two were married at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Jan began her career as a bookkeeper and later managed the books for her husband Paul's business at Johnston Opticians. She went on to work with the Wisconsin Women's bowling Association, where she dedicated many years before retiring. She found joy in the outdoors and had a true gift for gardening. Her flower beds were always thoughtfully tended and beautifully in bloom from spring through fall. Jan also enjoyed golfing and was active in both a couples bowling league with Paul and a women's bowling league with her sister, Mary Ann, and friends. She was especially known for her cooking, lovingly preparing meals that brought family and friends together around the table. Whether it was a favorite dish or something new, her kitchen was a place of warmth, comfort, and care. Jan loved taking long walks while enjoying the beauty of nature and the art of conversation with her loved ones. Above all, Jan cherished her family. Whether gathered by the backyard pool or simply spending time together, those moments meant everything to her. Jan was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and a friend to many. Faith was an essential part of who she was. Just as she

carefully tended her gardens, nurturing them with patience and care, she lived out her faith in the same way, quietly, faithfully, and with a love that helped others grow, passing those roots of faith down through her family. And now, that life she lived has become her reward, as she is cared for in the presence of Jesus. Jan will always be lovingly remembered and sorrowfully missed.

Janice is survived by her husband, Paul; her 4 boys: Rob (Chad Viegut) Messerschmidt, Mark (Lisa) Messerschmidt, Michael (Laurie) Messerschmidt, Daniel (Treena) Messerschmidt; 8 grandchildren: Sarah (Phil), Anthony (Bailey), David (Kim), Sydney (Tim), Rachael (Edward), Nicholas, Lauren, Nora; 5 great-grandchildren; and her sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann (Dennis) Fidler. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Joshua; two brothers, Bill (Sandy) Westerman and Bob Westerman.

Gathering of family and friends will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Saint Matthew Catholic Community, 130 St. Matthew Street. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 A.M., with Father Bob Kabat officiating. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Unity Hospice, especially Melissa, Kathy, and Nihm, for their compassionate care and devotion shown to Jan. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Matthew Catholic Church
130 St Matthews St
Green Bay, WI 54301

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Green Bay, WI 54301

Tribute Wall

LT

“ I’m so very sorry to hear of Jan’s passing. I knew her from the bowling office, and her and Paul from Van Boxel’s bar. She was always so nice, and my thoughts are with all of you.

Lynn Materniak Timm - May 24 at 10:27 AM

MV

“ So very sorry for the loss of Janice.. she was a lovely lady.. Paul you and your family have my deepest sympathy —Mary VanLangendon

Mary VanLangendon - April 24 at 03:29 PM

JE

“ Dear Paul John & I send you, your sons the rest of the family our condolences on the loss of Janie. She was your love and the heart of your family. We will keep you in our prayers.
With love
John & Darlene Elliott

John& Darlene Elliott - April 24 at 10:44 AM

LF

“ Love, Mike Fidler and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janice "Jan" M. Messerschmidt.



Love, Mike Fidler and family - April 24 at 08:31 AM

CB

“ Cheryl and Mike Bonville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice "Jan" M. Messerschmidt.

Cheryl and Mike Bonville - April 22 at 01:15 PM

CB

“ Cheryl and Mike Bonville purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Janice "Jan" M. Messerschmidt.



Cheryl and Mike Bonville - April 22 at 01:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice "Jan" M. Messerschmidt.

April 22 at 11:06 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Janice "Jan" M. Messerschmidt.



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LD

“ Love, Tracy & Derek purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janice "Jan" M. Messerschmidt.



Love, Tracy & Derek - April 22 at 09:06 AM



“ Some of my favorite childhood memories were with "auntie Janie" as I called her. Family meals, getting into mischief with Josh and swimming in the pool. I know she's with my dad now and at peace. Hugs to uncle Paul and family. Nicole, Chris & kids.

Cole Ni - April 22 at 02:49 AM

TF

“ Tucker family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Janice "Jan" M. Messerschmidt.



Tucker family - April 21 at 08:38 PM

TF

“ The Michaletz Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janice "Jan" M. Messerschmidt.



The Michaletz Family - April 21 at 08:34 PM

RP

“ Mike and the rest of your family my prayers are with you in this difficult time my heart goes out to your whole family
Ron and Judy Perra

Ron Perra - April 21 at 02:40 PM

MR

“ Dear Paul and family, Arlene and I had many good times over the years with Jan & Paul. Jan was as gracious as she was beautiful. Godspeed gentle soul...

Mike & Arlene Rentmeester - April 21 at 11:17 AM