



## Janet Eileen Balzer

July 7, 1957 - October 4, 2019

Janet Eileen Balzer

Age 62, of Park Falls, died surrounded by her family on Friday October 4, 2019 at her home. She was born in the Chicago area on July 7, 1957, as the daughter of James and Cecile (McManigal) Hughes. She graduated high school in Oak Park, IL and earned a degree in nursing before working as an LPN at Park Manor Nursing Home in Park Falls. On March 13, 1982, she married Joseph Geoffrey Balzer. Janet performed social work in Price County for five years and then received another degree in Human Services from UW Superior. She later earned her Masters in Social Work from UW Oshkosh. She continued her social work in hospice for Howard Young Memorial Medical Center, Women's Outreach, Suicide Prevention, and for LCO School District. She finished her career at Inclusa, based in Park Falls. As a member of the Butternut Loopers and a Girl Scout Leader, Janet enjoyed the outdoors, traveling, skiing, her horses and pet donkey, running marathons, and most of all spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by:

her husband, Joseph Geoffrey of Park Falls

(2)children:

Elise (Matt) Balzer-Oliva of Stoughton

Jim (Zoey) Balzer-Zoromski of Antigo

(2)grandchildren:

Myles Oliva and Henry Balzer

Her mother, Cecile Hughes of Downers Grove, IL

(1)sister:

Katie (Rich) Reeter of Westmont, IL

(4)brothers:

Mike (Gloria Hurtado) Hughes of San Diego, CA

Tom (Shawn) Hughes of Mount Prospect, IL

Bob (Fran) Hughes of Park Ridge, IL

Steven (Lesley) Hughes of Chicago, IL

and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services will be held on Friday October 11, 2019 at 11:00am at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara.

A visitation will be held at the church on Thursday October 10, 2019 from 5:00pm until 7:00pm with a Prayer Vigil at 7:00pm led by Deacon Chet Ball, and on Friday from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Marshfield would be greatly appreciated.

[www.cancer.org/treatment/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge/marshfield/support-us.html](http://www.cancer.org/treatment/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge/marshfield/support-us.html)

The Novitzke Funeral Home is assisting the family.

[www.novitzkefuneralhome.com](http://www.novitzkefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church  
276 S 5th Ave  
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143  
(715) 762-4494

## Prayer Service

OCT 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Park Falls, WI 54552-1143  
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## Visitation

OCT 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Janet Eileen Balzer

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ I worked with Janet back in the 80s. She was a beautiful spirit. She made the days at the mental health center calmer and more peaceful. She was dedicated to helping others. I am so sorry to hear that she is gone. The world will miss her light.

Gary Eustice

Gary Eustice - March 23, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Janet's passing. She was such a lovely person. Both Mike and I always enjoyed chatting with her. Janet was always so upbeat and had a lovely smile. The joy she spread will be missed by many. Our condolences to Jeff, Elise, Jim and the rest of her family.

Mike and Claudia Baker

Claudia Baker - November 25, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ I remember many barnie birkies with Janet and the kids. She was probably the only skier ever to wear a fanny back in the birkie to carry \$2 in case she could buy a beer along the trail. This will always be priceless!

Mary Rashel - October 12, 2019 at 09:30 AM

LM

“ Sorry for your loss. Janet had such an infectious laugh and positive outlook. I walked my first marathon with her in Steven's Point and she was so funny and encouraging. I enjoyed snowshoeing and kayaking with her because there were always stories to tell. She was a real advocate for her patients and hospice families and I know that she had an effect on many people. I am now looking at a special rock she gave me with fond memories. She will be missed.

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**Linda McReynolds** - October 10, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Janet Eileen Balzer.



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October 10, 2019 at 12:01 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Eileen Balzer.



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October 08, 2019 at 10:31 PM

EP

“ Our deepest sympathy! A light has been distinguished, but a new star added in the sky.

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**Ed and Linda Palecek** - October 07, 2019 at 04:21 PM

GB

“ *Janet, your smile and personality were full of light. You will be greatly missed.* ”

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**Gail & Mike Boushon** - October 07, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Janet Eileen Balzer.* ”



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October 07, 2019 at 11:45 AM