



Janice "Jan" Ocker

January 17, 1943 - April 16, 2022

Janice "Jan" (Jonassen) Ocker

passed away peacefully at home in Fifield on April 16, 2022 at the age of 79. Janice was a vivacious sparkly lady who deeply loved her family, friends, flowers, and birds. Janice was born in Elmwood Park – Chicago, IL on January 17, 1943 to parents Otto and Martha (Grimes) Jonassen. IN 1958 at the age of 16, Janice and her parents moved to Fifield and lived and owned and/operated 3-Mile Tavern (Otto's Twin Pines) nestled in a forest of Balsam 3 miles west of Fifield. Jan attended Fifield High School and it was there she spied the love of her life, Gary, who had already graduated, but was refereeing basketball games. They married on February 25, 1961 in Fifield.

Jan loved painting ceramics, cooking and baking, gardening and music. Jan loved to make meals for her family in addition to preparing large feeds for farm crews during the haying seasons over the years. Jan enjoyed cookouts at the park, fishing, camping, making wreaths, shopping, traveling (especially to Hawaii) and laughing. She loved holidays and birthdays and made sure there was always cake and ice cream for everyone. Jan always sent cards in the mail with special messages of hugs and kisses.

Janice is preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Martha and great grandson Ezra Samson Kalade Marvel.

Jan is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Gary Ocker and their four-legged fur baby Jade and 5 children, Toni (Brad) Champeau of Green Bay, Sandy Marvel (Chris) of Eau Claire, Jon (Suzy) Ocker of Fifield, Lisa Ocker of Tucson, AZ, and Judy Wibel of Eau Claire. Granchildren (15) Ben (Ping), Vinny and Amanda Champeau, Christopher (Iyabo) and Joseph (Malorey) Marvel, Emily (Chuck) Koshak, Jonathon (Austyn), Olivia and Ebbe Ocker, Isaac (Lynz), Ellen and Zachary Jordan, and Lucy and Madelyn Wibel. Great Grandchildren (4) Leona and Lilly Champeau, Marave Marvel and Lyna Jordan, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Visitation at 10 am on Friday, April 22, 2022 with funeral services following at Fifield Congregational Church at N13977 W. Central Ave Fifield, WI. with interment to follow at Forest Home Cemetery in Fifield.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fifield Congregational Church
N13977 West Central Ave
Fifield, WI 54524

Service

APR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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N13977 West Central Ave
Fifield, WI 54524

Graveside

APR 22 (CT)

Forest Home Cemetery
Old 70 Road and Krucky Road
Fifield, WI 54524

Tribute Wall



“ *Janice "Jan" Ocker*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Janice "Jan" Ocker.*



April 21, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *Jan was a wonderful lady...she loved her music, whenever she would come in we always played the jukebox, Ruby Tuesday was one of her favorites! I'll never forget her beautiful smile..keep on dancing, Jan*

Merri Cassidy - April 21, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *The best thing that ever happened at Fifield High is when Jan moved here from Chicago. One thing I will never forget is when we rolled the jukebox into the gym during lunchtime and danced to Maybe baby by Buddy Holly, she loves to dance! We will dance again one day my dear friend..
Love, Bonnie (Krucky) Salm*

Bonnie Salm - April 21, 2022 at 10:21 AM

CK

“ I remember Jan from many years ago, as a small child. She was one of my mother's dear friends. Jan was the mom that always allowed a sleepover, and it never mattered how late we stayed up. She seemed to just get it and know "Girls just wanna have fun". I remember the smile she always had on her face.

Colleen Kunding - April 21, 2022 at 09:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janice "Jan" Ocker.



April 20, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janice "Jan" Ocker.



April 19, 2022 at 01:40 PM

KP

“ Jan was a gem! I spent many days and nights out on the farm, one of things I remember most about Jan is that when we would do sleepovers, she NEVER told us to quiet down, other parents would continually holler “ go to sleep”, I guess she knew us girls liked to talk and giggle way into the night! She always made sure we were fed, even if it was cereal with milk straight from cow! Lol

Kris Pritzl - April 18, 2022 at 06:23 PM

DW

We had sleep overs at Jean Myers Teeters growing up! Jan was familiar with the fun and giggles of girls! I always enjoyed Jan, she was ahead of most of us in makeup and dress. I am sure coming from Chicago had taught her more than we knew! We appreciated our new classmate! Wish I could have seen her more often. And spent time with her as an adult.

Dale Peters Wilson - April 19, 2022 at 02:00 AM

PW

I had started working when I was 11 at the Ocker farm and I distinctly remember Jan making the best lunches and made me feel like a millionaire when she wrote out that check for the Summer's efforts. Gods speed Jan and sympathies to the Ocker family.....

Paul Warren - April 19, 2022 at 11:08 AM

MA

*My sincere condolences to Gary and family. I have so many good memories of reunions and gatherings as members of the Fifield class of 1960. She and Gary were soul mates. Many of us were in awe of the wonderful life they created without moving "far from home". That Chicago gal who had a laugh and giggle to rival none other....That's how I will always remember Jan.
"Cookie" Peters Dieter*

magdalenedieter - April 19, 2022 at 11:31 AM