



## Janice Gertrude Holzemer

March 23, 1937 - February 13, 2017

Janice G. Holzemer, 79, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2017 at Perrysburg Hospice, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 23, 1937 in Toledo, Ohio to Lamar W. and Grace E. (Focht) Zinser. Jan graduated from Sylvania Burnham High School, St. Vincent School of Nursing and Mary Manse College. She worked as a surgical nurse for Drs. John Kelleher and Jim Sullivan. She was very proud of her 48 hour "Call of Duty" in 1959 when a tanker truck explosion on the Anthony Wayne Trail left several city firefighters severely injured. The following year, Jan, the surgical nurses and Drs. worked tirelessly on the Cal-Poly football team airplane crash victims. Jan had a passion for helping the elderly, and worked at The Glanzman Nursing Home. She spent 30 years at the Toledo Hospital, finishing her career with the "Ask A Nurse" phone service.

Jan loved playing golf at Heatherdowns Country Club, scoring a hole in one on #16. She was an avid Bridge player, enjoying her friends and conversation. But the cornerstone of Jan's life was her family. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Faith, Family and Friends defined her.

Jan is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Jim Holzemer, her sons Mark (Dena) and Matthew (Beth), her daughter Amy (Stewart) Jones; grandchildren Rachel (Mitch) Mielcarek, James, Joshua, Jacob and Nicole Holzemer, Chelsey (Drew) White, Zachary and Cassandra Jones; great grandchildren Laila and Joe Mielcarek, Macy and Keira White. Several nieces and nephews also survive. Jan was preceded in death by her parents and her

sister Helen Teetrick.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Thursday, February 16 from 2-8 p.m. The funeral will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 17 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Maumee. Interment will be private.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Toledo Hospital, Flower Hospital, Elizabeth Scott Rehab Center and Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg for their compassionate care.

Memorial donations may be given to Bethany House and Hospice of NW Ohio.

Please view Jan's memorial video tribute and leave a condolence message for the family at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral

FEB **17**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Paul Lutheran  
112 E Wayne St.  
Maumee, OH 43537

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ I met Janice and Jim for lunch last summer, Her father and mine were brothers, and she was long lost to us. I tracked her down while doing some ancestry and we were overjoyed to see her again. She's been on my mind for the last couple of months but I just never found the right time of day to call her. My condolences to her family.

*Karen Zinser Brannon*

---

**Karen Brannon** - March 23, 2017 at 01:03 PM

JA

“ You are all in my thoughts at this time...All my best.  
*Jeff Arman*

---

**Jeff Arman** - March 06, 2017 at 09:59 AM

RW

“ *Mr. Holzemer, Mark, Matt, Amy and family,*

*Please accept our deepest condolences on behalf of the Wanucha family. We were fortunate to have lived down the street from your family during the 80's in Shadow Valley. Jan was definitely defined by Faith, Family and Friends. I know my parents Stan and Norma shared many fond memories, bridge games and somehow we always managed to see each other down in Stuart, Florida! I am glad I was able to visit with Jan, Amy and Mr. Holzemer recently in Toledo for Joan Duggan's funeral and reception. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jan and your entire family. Peace,*

*Bob and Jennifer Wanucha  
Nashville, TN*



---

**Robert Wanucha** - February 17, 2017 at 10:10 AM

RK

“ *To the Holzemer Family,  
Our condolences to all of you. We shared many days together as we worked our way through "Nurses Training" that seems so long ago (or was it yesterday?)... memories that will never be forgotten.*

*Zinzer (everyone got called by their last names for some reason) was so much fun, free spirited, caring & the life of the party. When she spoke, people listened. I believe she began dating you, Jim, before our graduation, and then began her long career with Dr's Kelleher & Sullivan and had such interesting stories to tell us when we'd get together.*

*Will miss her and may she rest in peace. She was loved by all who knew her.*

*Love,*

*Rosemary ("Marksie") & Dick Koziarski*

---

**Rosemary Koziarski** - February 17, 2017 at 09:02 AM

TD

“ *Mark, Matt, Amy and Mr. H (aka, Big Jim): I am so sorry to hear about Jan passing away this week (always, Mrs. Holzemer to me growing up).*



*I will always remember seeing her and my Mom sitting in our kitchen talking, laughing and telling stories, they were so funny together. Even though my parents left Toledo in 1999, you all kept in touch and were wonderful friends for so many years. I will always remember seeing you both and Amy at my Mom's funeral last Nov., that meant a lot to our family, especially knowing how much my Mom loved Jan. Such a beautiful person and so kind and friendly to many (even to us trouble-making teen in the neighborhood !)*

*God Bless the entire Holzemer family during this time and our prayers are with you. Remember her laugh and smile in the days to come, as we all will, it will warm your heart.*

*God Bless  
Tom & Christina Duggan  
(Chicago)*

---

**Tom Duggan** - February 16, 2017 at 05:02 PM

MB

“ *Mr. H, Mark, Matt, Amy and families,  
We have many fond memories of Mrs. H...we were especially thankful to have a nurse in the neighborhood to patch us up after our shenanigans up and down Rose Arbor Dr! We hope your fond memories bring you comfort at the loss of this great lady.  
The Bodenstedt Family*

---

**Matt Bodenstedt** - February 16, 2017 at 03:22 PM

BR

“ I knew Jan from seeing her at the 11:00 service at St. Paul's and always enjoyed her sweet smile and friendliness! She would help out whenever needed. We shared a special smile whenever I was assisting with Communion or greeting her on arrival. She will be missed!

Bev Reno - February 16, 2017 at 02:16 PM

AR

“ Al & Marcia Ray lit a candle in memory of Janice Gertrude Holzemer



Al & Marcia Ray - February 16, 2017 at 01:16 PM

AR

Jan prayers coming your way because I heard prayers to angels are like musical notes lifting up to heaven. Jim and family remember, what is ours in memory will never be forgotten.

Al & Marcia Ray - February 16, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janice Gertrude Holzemer.



February 16, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Gertrude Holzemer.*



---

February 15, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences.*

---

**David Westmark** - February 15, 2017 at 04:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Gertrude Holzemer.*



---

February 15, 2017 at 02:30 PM



“ *It was our pleasure to share many happy hours at Heatherdowns CC with this special lady. So sad to hear of her passing.*

*Sandy and Jerry Miller*

---

**Sandy Miller** - February 15, 2017 at 01:58 PM

BF

“ *Mark*

*Sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. Sorry, we never got to meet her, but it sounds like she was a wonderful lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*  
*Bill & Nancy Fust*

---

**Bill & Nancy Fust** - February 15, 2017 at 01:27 PM

CB

“ *We remember Jan as a lovely person with a zest for life and great love for her family. She was a friend of my late father, Paul F. Baehren, MD during her nursing career. We send our sincere condolences to Jim and her family.*

*Andy and Chris Barabasz*  
*Rowlett, Texas*

---

**Christine Barabasz** - February 15, 2017 at 12:40 PM

RK

*And another classmate of Jan's (& my roommate in Nurses Training) worked for your Dad (who was great, by the way. I did Pediatrics for 40 yrs at St. Vincent's)...Wilma (Metzger) Adler*

---

**Rosemary Koziarski** - February 17, 2017 at 09:02 AM

LF

“ *Lucy Raftery and the Raftery Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janice Gertrude Holzemer.*



---

**Lucy Raftery and the Raftery Family** - February 15, 2017 at 12:27 PM

TL

“ *The Laskey's purchased the Simply Elegant Spat  
hiphyllum for the family of Janice Gertrude  
Holzemer.*



---

**The Laskey's** - February 15, 2017 at 11:53 AM

LR

“ *I was so said to hear of the passing of Jan, she was a wonderful  
person who had a positive influence on everyone she touched.  
Jan's love and compassion was intoxicating, everyone that had the  
pleasure of being in her company knew that she possessed a kind  
and caring soul.*

*Although I am currently traveling away from Toledo please take  
comfort in knowing that my thoughts and prayers are with the entire  
Holzemer family.*

*Lucy Raftery*

---

**Lucy Raftery** - February 15, 2017 at 11:20 AM

DL

“ *Doc and Fae Leffler purchased the Ocean Breez  
e Spray for the family of Janice Gertrude  
Holzemer.*



---

**Doc and Fae Leffler** - February 15, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Gertrude Holzemer.*



---

February 15, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janice Gertrude Holzemer.*



---

February 15, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



---

**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - February 15, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ *We are sad to hear of Jan's passing. Jim and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Pat and Becky Flynn*

---

**Pat and Becky Flynn** - February 15, 2017 at 07:03 AM

AL

“ Grandma Jan. Loved by all. She was one of the swim buddies with our kids and her grandkids at HDCC summer swim team. She will be missed. Prayers to the family who have lost a great one. 💜 April LaVoy (Sarah, Mike and Scott)

April LaVoy - February 14, 2017 at 07:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Gertrude Holzemer.



February 14, 2017 at 06:39 PM

WM

“ With love, Dee and Mic Mather purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Janice Gertrude Holzemer.



With love, Dee and Mic Mather - February 14, 2017 at 03:43 PM

JJ

“ Jan will be fondly remembered by her sweet spirit and loving heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Sincerely,  
The Kevin Taylor Family

Julie Jones - February 14, 2017 at 09:23 AM

JK

“ *May she rest in peace. She worked tirelessly in profession she chose and did so with distinction. I well recall the two disasters that gave her that "call to duty". I know her family takes great pride in the life she lived. May her family celebrate her life and cherish her memory.*

*John C Kelleher Jr MD  
Amarillo, Texas*

---

**John kelleher** - February 13, 2017 at 07:27 PM

SS

*Jan was a dear, sweet lady who had a smile for everyone. She was a Bible study leader at our church, St. Paul's Lutheran, for the Friday ladies and others. She had a servant's heart and had recently begun working in the church's food pantry helping families get groceries. It is our loss, but it is Heaven's incredible gain. Rest in peace, dear one.*

*Sue Schad  
St. Paul's Lutheran, Maumee, Ohio*

---

**Suzanne Schad** - February 14, 2017 at 08:54 PM

JR

*Dena, Rembering all the fun we had working together at Ask A Nurse. Jan always was a delight to work with, never rushed, always kind and encouraging. My deepest sympathy to you and your entire family.  
Jill Ratke*

---

**Jill Rathke** - February 15, 2017 at 04:50 AM

LL

*Jan, was sweet, sweet, sweet! Someone I admire and wish I could be like. I enjoyed sitting with her at church. She was a friend and also a mother figure. She was always happy, even when she wasn't feeling good.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Laurie Laskey*

---

**laurie laskey** - February 15, 2017 at 10:46 AM