



Jeannine "Jeanne" M. Guilfoile

February 22, 1935 - October 11, 2020

Jeannine "Jeanne" Marie Guilfoile passed away at St. Francis Nursing Home in Fond du Lac, on Sunday, October 11, 2020.

Jeanne was born in Fond du Lac on February 22, 1935, a daughter of Clarence Richter and Marie Gulig Richter. She attended St. Mary's grade school, Fond du Lac High School and graduated from St. Agnes School of Nursing, Fond du Lac in 1956. After receiving her certified registered nurse accreditation she began working in the polio ward at St. Agnes Hospital, in the days when iron lung machines were common.

In 1957 Jeanne married her high school "sweetheart" Tom Guilfoile, and their love grew over 63 years. They began their married life in Milwaukee, where Jeanne worked in a doctor's office. When their first son was born, Jeanne became a full-time mom, and the family returned to Fond du Lac in 1960.

Though small in physical stature, Jeanne was a giant in kindness. She had a smile for everyone, and her genuine care for others was built in as part of her character.

Jeanne's great joy was time spent with her husband, children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed travelling, especially to Australia, where son Jim and his family settled, as well as to Ireland several times, a number of trips to Hawaii, vacations at our national parks, and a special trip to Fatima, Portugal, and the shrine of our Blessed Mother. A favorite relaxing spot was the family cottage in Door County.

Jeanne was active in the St. Agnes School of Nursing alumni, and worked

with her husband in various charitable fund-raising activities.

She is survived by her husband Tom and four sons: Michael (Judy) in Fond du Lac; Patrick (Audrey) in Fond du Lac; James (Julie) in Perth, Western Australia, and Timothy (Kate) in Milwaukee. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Steven in Grand Prairie, TX., Forrest in Rochester, MN., Connor, Eamon and Neve in Perth, Western Australia, and Sam and Tess in Milwaukee. She is also survived by a brother, Neil. Jeanne was predeceased by her parents, a sister, Nancy, and a grandson, Kieran.

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to St. Francis Home and their employees, for the wonderful, personal care given to Jeanne for over two years.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only a private family ceremony will be held at this time. A memorial celebration will be held at a later date, when it is safe for larger groups to gather.

Memorials may be directed to St. Francis Home or the Fond du Lac Area Foundation.

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family, www.kurkifuneralchapel.com, 920-921-4420.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

686 Fond du Lac Avenue
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Tribute Wall

JN

“ *Jim, Julie, Connor, Eamon, Kieran and Neve purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Jeannine "Jeanne" M. Guilfoile.*



Jim, Julie, Connor, Eamon, Kieran and Neve - October 22, 2020 at 09:46 AM

MS

“ *Tim and family,
My deepest sympathies to you and all of your family. Your mom was one of the sweetest people I have ever met. She always greeted people with a smile. May the memories you have help ease your grief.
Marta (Edwards) Schneider*

Marta Schneider - October 20, 2020 at 07:19 PM

JS

“ *Tom-Our sympathy to you and your entire family. We will miss seeing Jeanne at Serenity Circle when we visit Marjorie.*

Sincerely,

Larry, Joanne, and Nathan Schneider

Joanne Schneider - October 19, 2020 at 08:20 PM

EM

“ To all of Jeanne Guifoile's Family;
My thoughts & prayers are with you during
this sad time. I met Jeanne when she would
come to parent teacher conference when I
taught some of her children in 4th grade. She
was a beautiful person. May she rest in peace.
With my sincerest sympathy,
Esther Mand



Esther K. Mand - October 19, 2020 at 08:45 AM

MR

“ My heart is heavy to hear of Jeanne's
passing. She was such a good friend to my
mom. I remember when I was little they would
have their girl's lunches together. I hear many
fun memories of them growing up together. I
am so sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet woman. Heaven
gained a beautiful angel.



With sympathy, Missy De Rusha (Rosemary De Rusha's daughter)

Missy De Rusha - October 18, 2020 at 06:16 PM

GW

“ Tim and family, Sending my deepest
condolences. I remember that your Mom
always had a smile and was so sweet.



Gail Wustrack - October 18, 2020 at 11:31 AM

MT

“ I was saddened tonight to see the notice in the Holy Family email that Jeanne had passed away. I loved meeting up with her as we shared news of our families. She was a lovely, sweet person that will be greatly missed by all. Tom & family, Dick and I send our sincere sympathy.

Mary Tessner - October 18, 2020 at 12:12 AM

MS

“ Dear Guilfoile family,
My Tom and I met Jeanne in the mid-1980s and found a true lady who showed so much kindness and love to us and our 3 children. We felt thrilled to share some enjoyable breakfasts at Schreiner's with her and Tom. The love of baseball may have brought us together but we gained so much more experiencing her quiet demeanor and spirit. My heart goes out to you.

Mary Strauss - October 13, 2020 at 05:57 PM

JW

Jeanne was a lovely person. I so enjoyed our lunch meetings in Door County. Not only were you my insurance family, but Tom as a Rotary friend who shared his Irish humor. The Brothers Guilfoile book is on my desk in my office. Sending my love and prayers to your special family.
Fondly, Jo Ann Ward

Jo Ann Ward - October 17, 2020 at 09:43 PM