



Jeanette H. Porrey

January 14, 1934 - August 24, 2021

Jeanette Helen "Jan" Porrey, age 87, of Waupaca, WI, passed away on Tuesday, August 24th, 2021 at Bethany Home in Waupaca. She was born in Chippewa Falls, WI on January 14, 1934, a daughter of the late Francis and Helen (Niesen) Martin.

Jeanette married Kenneth Porrey on September 2, 1953 in Manawa, WI. He survives.

Jan was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Waupaca for 68 years. She was a member of the Lady's Sodality and taught catechism. Jan also sang in the church choir for over 20 years.

Jan was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her family was undoubtedly the most important focus in her life. She never missed a card or gift for a special occasion. When you visited Jan, you were always greeted with a smile and you never left her house without a gift or a bag of goodies and a reminder to "Watch for deer" She loved to give to others and never asked for anything in return.

One of Jan's greatest gifts was her ability to strike up a conversation. Within minutes of talking with a stranger she would know their life history and they would know hers. Her outgoing nature led her to be involved in many community activities. She was a founding member of the Waupaca Fine Arts Festival and was a member of their board of directors for over 50 years. She was a Community Chorus charter member since it was founded in 1964 and sang in all 55 performances. Jan was a member of the Rural Historical Society and served on the elections board for the Town of Dayton. ThedaCare Waupaca was lucky to have Jan as a faithful volunteer where she worked in the gift shop for over 15 years.

Jan was an exceptional homemaker who also enjoyed a long working career in the Waupaca area. She spent 10 years with the Appleton Post Crescent working as circulation manager. She also worked many years for Walgreens and assisted in setting up their first store in Waupaca.

Jan was a very talented decorator and dearly loved her home in Rural. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed making her home look special and inviting to all. She most enjoyed her time spent sitting on the front porch with Ken and her faithful companion, her dog Jake.

Survivors include her Husband: Kenneth Porrey, Waupaca, WI; Sons: Michael (Betty) Porrey, Wausau, WI; John Porrey, Waupaca, WI; Peter (Jodi) Porrey, Greenville, WI; Grandchildren: Benjamin Porrey; Amanda Porrey; Andrew (Fiancé' - Stacey Rowl) Porrey; Aaron (Brenda) Porrey; Adam (Cassie) Porrey; Landen Porrey; Elizabeth Porrey; Joseph Porrey; 8 Great Grandchildren; Brother: James (Hilda) Martin; Sister: Joan (Leland) Koehler. She was preceded in death by her parents, one granddaughter - Megan Porrey, one great granddaughter - Rowan Porrey, a brother - Francis Martin and a sister - Bernadette Martin.

The Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Waupaca at 11 AM on Monday, August 30th, 2021, with Father Xavier Santiago, officiating. Interment will be in St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery in Waupaca. Visitation will be held on Monday from 9 AM until the time of the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Waupaca Fine Arts Festival or the Waupaca Humane Society.

Cemetery

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery

900 High Street

Waupaca, WI, 54981

Events

AUG Visitation 09:00AM - 11:00AM

30

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
N2845 Shadow Road, Waupaca, WI, US,
54981

AUG Funeral Mass 11:00AM

30

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
N2845 Shadow Road, Waupaca, WI, US,
54981

Comments



“ Jan has been a presence in the lives of so many here in our community, including mine at an early age. Each Sunday morning we would be off to Mass, separating at the entrance where my mother, Joan Imre, would climb up to the choir loft. There would be Jan awaiting her, in the soprano section. Much like our Community Chorus, it was a time for friendship building while using their lovely voices to give praise. Many times I sat transfixed at how single voices could combine to create such utter beauty, resonance and piety.

I was so pleased to be one of the check-in ladies at Community Chorus, serving alongside Mary, Selma and Jan. Being the youngest, I minded my elders. Jan always greeted me with a warm smile, ready to chat as we caught up every week. I visited her and Ken's lovely home, petted Jake or tried to and always got an invitation to stop by again.

Sadly, my mother has lost her singing voice as well as her memory. She would have deeply mourned Jan's passing, as do I. She will always be remembered for her warmth, joy and celebration of life, accepting the sorrows and the glories.

Sue Eiler - August 29, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jeanette H. Porrey.



August 27, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ Jeanette is my oldest sister and a person I have loved my entire life. I well remember her wedding to Ken and how hot it was that day. She was a beautiful bride both inside and outside. She was delighted with the birth of her first child Michael despite the terrific difficulty in bringing him into the world.

Family always came first for Jeanette. She made a home that was comfortable and loving. I recall helping one day to dig the hole for the basement of their first home and she was wielding a shovel with the rest of us. Jeanette always took the time to visit our mother despite all the other demands on her time.

My wife and I spent a very special week with Jeanette in Ireland. Her most pressing concern on that trip was that she might lose her passport and never return home. Now, her heavenly passport has taken her to her eternal home. God bless her, the family, and all her friends.

Jim and Hilda Martin

Jim Martin - August 26, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss Porrey family! I will be keeping you all in my prayers!
-Ashley Gerner

Ashley Gerner - August 26, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ Dear Porrey Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I dedicate this post on behalf of the Waupaca Fine Arts Festival family. Jan Porrey has been a rock of this organization for over 50 years. Her lifelong dedication to the Waupaca community and the Arts will not be forgotten. Personally, I will miss her at Community Choir practices and concerts.

You have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, and you have kept the faith! God's continued blessings on Ken and the entire Porrey family. Jan will hold the angelic choir accountable in the soprano section. We love you Jan, and will always be bolstered by your memory and lifelong contributions to our lives. - Dan Wolfgram

Dan Wolfgram - August 25, 2021 at 09:41 AM