



## Jo Ann E. Deist

May 7, 1930 - February 22, 2020

Jo Ann Deist, 89, of Wild Rose, passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Wild Rose Hospital. Jo Ann was born on May 7, 1930 in Elkhorn, WI; the daughter of Edward and Ellen (Murphy) Martin.

Jo Ann married her husband, James Deist, on December 17, 1949 in Elkhorn, WI. Jo Ann was a stay at home mother raising their six children. Her and her husband built and operated the Pioneer Pub in Wild Rose for nine years. Jo Ann enjoyed music, playing cards, gardening, bird watching, sporting events, visiting with others, casino runs, and she loved to laugh. She always saw the good in people and would help anyone in need. Jo Ann was most proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She'd never pass an opportunity to spend time with family or go for a ride. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

Jo Ann is survived by three sons: Thomas (Carla) Deist, Tim (Dawn) Deist and Pat Deist, all of Wild Rose; a daughter: Laurie (Dan) Steffens, Wild Rose; twelve grandchildren: Jeff (Richelle) Deist, Cara Deist, Blake (Jessica) Deist, Nichole (Stewart) Droeger, Savannah (Chris) Bossart, Paige and Amber Patterson, Lindsay (Dan) Madsen, Alissa Steffens, April (Eric) Adamski, Tyler Steffens and Tanner Deist; 17 great-grandchildren: Dominick, Brock, Ethan, Linelle, Riley, Ava, Olivia, Dierks, Reagan, Lawrence, Kane, Beckett, Leo, Quinn, Bryce, Cole and Hadley; one brother, John (Cindy) Martin; one sister-in-law, Mary Lou Schinke, both of Elkhorn, WI and other nieces and nephews.

Jo Ann was preceded in death by her parents: Edward and Ellen Martin; husband: James Deist; two brothers: Robert and Edward; one sister: Shirley; two daughters: Linda Jones and Diane Patterson; a daughter-in-law: Michelle Deist; and a son-in-law: Dennis Patterson.

A Funeral Service will be on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 12:30 PM at the Holly Funeral Home in Wild Rose, WI. A visitation will be held on Saturday morning from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Holly Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery in Wild Rose following the service on Saturday. The Holly Funeral Home of Wild Rose is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Oak Hill Cemetery**

**FEB 29**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 12:30PM

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Wild Rose, WI,

A. J. Holly & Sons (Wild Rose)  
630 County Road CR-GH, Wild Rose, WI, US, 54984

**FEB 29**   **Funeral Service**   12:30PM

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# Comments

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“ I hadn't even processed the news that Diane had passed when I got word that Jo Ann had joined her in heaven. I can't even comprehend what the family is experiencing at this point. So much loss with Diane and then to add mom and grandma to the mix is horrible. I remember growing up with Jo Ann as my second mom, seems like I was at their house more than my own. I was always helping Linda in the garden pulling weeds before Big Jim got home. Boy, why did I fall for that trick? Can't play until the weeds were pulled and what a great way to get the neighborhood kids to help, or was it just me that was so gullible? Diane always had time to show Linda and I how to put make-up on, always interested on how she did this. Jo Ann always around to give us snacks and cooking a meal. Seems like she was always in that huge kitchen cooking, baking, or canning. The potato collection in the basement, WOW.

One of my worst memories is attending Linda's funeral. Hearing Big Jim talk at the cemetery ... losing his Daughter-In-Law and Son-in-law and now his own daughter. It was heart wrenching to hear. The tears rolling down everyone's cheeks, especially moms. Too many losses, so many young people stolen from us. Memories of all the kids; Tom, Diane, Tim, Linda, Laurie and Pat will forever be ingrained in my memories. The loss of losing both parents, a sister and in-laws is heart breaking. The exhaustion from all the emotion these last two weeks is so draining. I am SO sorry for this pain to all of the Deist family and extended family and friends. Hugs and happy memories will sustain us all. God Bless, Judy Statz

**Judy Statz** - February 28, 2020 at 12:58 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann E. Deist.



February 28, 2020 at 11:02 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the family our thoughts and prayers to the family also she will be greatly missed!



**Heather Dillman and family** - February 25, 2020 at 09:09 PM

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“ John and Cindy Martin purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jo Ann E. Deist.



**John and Cindy Martin** - February 24, 2020 at 02:08 PM