



Jean Marie Merritt

August 23, 1933 - September 14, 2024

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jean Marie Merritt, 91, of Niagara, on Saturday, September 14, 2024, in Green Bay, WI with family at her side.

She was born in Aurora, WI, on August 23, 1933, daughter of the late Philip and Matilda (Steiner) Provencher. Jean was a graduate of Niagara High School, where she met the love of her life, James A. Merritt. They were joined in marriage on August 28, 1954, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Niagara. Jean worked in the payroll department at the Niagara Paper Mill for a short time before taking on her labor of love, running the family household that came to include 5 rambunctious children. Her strong faith served as light for the many lives she touched through charitable acts such as greeting parish members at church masses, assisting the parish food pantry, visiting residents at Mary Hill Manor or participating in many of the other St. Anthony Christian Mothers and Guild activities.

In Jean's free time she enjoyed participating in and watching figure skating, bowling, camping, and traveling. She cherished time spent with family, particularly fishing with Jim or attending all of her children's and grandkid's sporting events. At times she also believed herself to be a remote assistant coach for her favorite Wisconsin teams, the Badgers, Packers and the Bucks. Jean was also known for her admiration of a beautiful bouquet of flowers or

indulging in a couple scoops of her favorite ice cream. She took great pride in maintaining her beautiful flower gardens at her home and the flower arrangements placed at family cemetery sites.

Jean will be deeply missed by her children, Julie (Roger) Lantagne, Jeff (Catherine) Merritt, Jay (Amy) Merritt, Janice Merritt, and Jodi (Reiny) Klingeisen; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a special family friend, Sue Wink.

She is preceded in death by Jim, her husband of 58 years; parents, Philip and Matilda Provencher; two infant daughters, Cythia Marie and Barbara Jean Merritt; grandson, Brad Lantagne; and siblings; Lucille (Edward) Harkins, Isadore (Addelade) Provencher and Philip (Michelle) Provencher Jr.

Visitation will be at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 1432 River St. in Niagara, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024, with Rev. Felix Abano officiating the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in the Niagara Cemetery.

Jean's family would like to thank the caring staff of Unity Hospice in De Pere, WI, as well as all of the amazing friends and neighbors that reached out during these difficult days.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jean Marie Merritt online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Niagara Cemetery

Washington St.
Niagara, WI 54151

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
1432 River St.
Niagara, WI 54151

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Ron & Lynn Stickel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jean Marie Merritt.*



Ron & Lynn Stickel - September 18, 2024 at 06:28 PM

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“ *Ron & Lynn Stickel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Marie Merritt.*

Ron & Lynn Stickel - September 18, 2024 at 06:28 PM

JL

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Jean. My condolences to the family.
As neighbors for many years to your family, your mom and I visited many times in our adjoining yards and she was always so pleasant. It was a pleasure to see how she focused on her children and as a result of her efforts, they all grew up to be caring adults.
Hold on to your memories and may God guide you now during this difficult time.*

jeanne lindgren - September 18, 2024 at 12:33 PM

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*Many Memories of Floyd, Vi, Jim, Jean & Marietta while working at Our Theatre in the 1950s. Full story of Our Theatre and Slide show free. Many pictures of theatre from Jim & Jean...
Don Raboin (NHS1955) - Novato, California
betweenthebluffs@comcast.net*

Don Raboin - September 19, 2024 at 10:41 PM