



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Janice Faye Powell

WHO WAS BORN

April 12, 1947
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

May 26, 2026
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday, June 4, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
St. John's Catholic Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT

Father Shawn Polman

MUSICIANS

Diane Vangsness, Accompanist
St. John's Funeral Choir

INURNMENT

Mound Cemetery
Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Janice's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the church dining hall.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Well Done, Dear Mother

*Two bright eyes, a tender smile,
A loving heart that knew no guile,
Deep trust in God that all was right,
Her joy to make some other bright,
If sick or suffering one she knew,
Some gentle act of love she'd do,
No thought of self, but of the other,
I know He said, "Well done, dear Mother".*

Janice Faye (Hermans) Powell was born April 12, 1947, in Milbank, SD, Dorwin “Bud” and Margaret Eloise (Lowthian) Hermans. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank and attended elementary school at St. Lawrence. She later attended Milbank High School, graduating in 1965.

Janice grudgingly took piano lessons but always had a life-long passion for music. She had a habit of asking many questions earning her the family nickname: “How Come Hermans.”

Janice attended Mankato Business College after high school and worked for 10 years at Honeywell in Minneapolis as a secretary for the engineers in the Temperature Control Division.

Janice and William “Bill” Powell were united in marriage on May 10, 1975, in Milbank, SD. After a trip to Colorado, they went to Vicenza, Italy, where they lived for a year while Bill was stationed with the U.S. Army. Some years later, they moved back to Ortonville where they built a home and raised two sons: Larry and Steven.

With her background in secretarial work, Janice was employed as a secretary for eight years in the Grant County Extension Office, receiving much accolade for her organizational skills. In 1990, she continued her career at Minnwest Bank in Ortonville and worked there until her retirement in 2012.

Janice was a Cub Scout leader when her children were young and continued to support her children during their high school days as they participated in football, basketball, track, band and choir concerts, and competitions. Later, Janice enjoyed following her grandchildren as they participated in all types of extracurricular activities, from sporting events to plays and concerts. She cheered them on in the same manner as she had done with Larry and Steve and was often heard yelling louder than others as well as jumping up and down.

Janice enjoyed her travels with Bill, whether it was a trip to Hawaii or to Rome, Italy, and many places in between. She especially enjoyed the trips to visit her son, Steve (and her grand-dogs), and his friends.

Janice was strong in her faith as a devout Catholic and served the Church of St. John’s in Ortonville in many capacities, including serving on the parish council, teaching Sunday School, being a Eucharistic minister, lecturing, and delivering communion to homebound parish members. She was also an active member of the St. John’s Church Choir for over 40 years and loved every minute of it!

Janice is survived by her husband, Bill; sons: Larry (Kyla) and Steven; along with grandchildren: Tyson, Carter, and Bree; sisters: Roma Meister of Brookings, SD; Deborah Hermans of Milbank, SD, and Ginger Dinter of Milbank, SD; and brother, Jim Hermans of Milbank, SD.

She was preceded in death by parents: Bud and Margaret Hermans; and brothers-in-law: Curtis Meister and Tim Dinter.

Please use this QR Code to view

Janice’s online obituary, tribute video, and guestbook.

