

Had she made it to her 90th birthday, Janice Thill might have celebrated by visiting the Bonlender dairy farm. The milking parlor and all those cows fascinated her. Or had it been possible to go to an auction, she would have been there, opening the bidding. Just as likely, Janice might have pattered in her yard, pulling weeds, filling bird feeders, taking in the country air. Janice was, above all things, an independent country woman.

Janice was born Oct. 2, 1936, to Bernetta (Reindl) and Jacob Bruessel. She joined two siblings, Doris and Jake, Jr., and was later followed by two more sisters, Lavilla and Carol. A proud graduate of Kewaskum High School in 1954, Janice went immediately to work for one of the vice presidents at Regal Ware. On a lunchtime walk with a co-worker, she encountered a handsome young guy pumping gas at Honeck's. She was so taken by him that she stopped for gas three consecutive days when he was working the gas pumps. He took the hint and asked her out. Their first date was a Sunday afternoon fishing excursion on Long Lake. Janice and Allen Thill were married a few years later, on Oct. 11, 1958.

Janice and Allen spent the following years living in the country. They gardened, helped their parents, and raised their daughters. Janice was only 52 years old when Allen passed away on Nov. 23, 1988.

Proud to be a lifelong Kewaskum area resident until her move to Serenity Villa Campbellsport in 2022, Janice knew the backroads of Washington County and where to find any and every rummage sale and auction. Her Saturday excursions often ended with evening Mass in whatever town she happened to be in.

Regal Ware figured again in Janice's life, when she returned in the early '70s and became secretary to the vice president of the Direct Sales Division. She retired in the mid-90s after 25 years and embarked on a busy retirement.

Janice is survived by two daughters, Barbara and Jean (Pat) Lowney and one granddaughter, Emily Lowney; and her sisters, Carol (Dennis) Weiss and Lavilla Lache. She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen; parents Bernetta (Reindl) and Jacob Bruessel; parents-in-law Mildred (Sabish) and Clarence Thill; sister Doris Bonlender, brother Jake; brothers-in-law Robert Bonlender, Peter Lache and Anthony Schlaefter; and sisters-in-law Marjorie Schlaefter and Audrey Siers. Janice is further survived by her beloved Reindl cousins and many nieces and nephews.

The family is forever grateful for the loving and faithful care Janice received from her friend and caregiver, Cheryl Steffes, as well as the tender and devoted care she received at Serenity Villa Campbellsport.

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Remember Me

Don't remember me with sadness;
don't remember me with tears.
Remember all the laughter
we've shared throughout the years.

Now I am contented
that my life it was worthwhile.
Knowing that as I passed along the way,
I made somebody smile.

When you are walking down the street,
and you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps
only half a step behind.

So please don't be unhappy
just because I'm out of sight.
Remember that I'm with you
each morning, noon and night.

*Thanks to Cheryl Steffes for recognizing the importance of
this verse to Janice and getting a photo of the newspaper clipping.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Janice C. Thill

**BORN TO
LIFE**
October 2, 1936
Kewaskum, WI



**BORN TO ETERNAL
LIFE**
August 18, 2026
Campbellsport, WI

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, August 28, 2026
12:00 Noon

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Kewaskum, Wisconsin
Father Patrick Magnon

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery
Kewaskum, Wisconsin