

Janet L. (Babe) Johns (nee Partridge) (Lorain High School Class of 1961B)

Passed away in the early morning hours of Sunday, 4/14/2024 at Mill Manor Care Center in Vermilion OH after a two-month battle with a very rare, aggressive form of Lymphoma. She was 80 years old. Janet was born on 6/3/1943 in Uniontown PA to Joseph Partridge Sr. and Mary Partridge (nee Matty). Janet is survived by her daughter, Jacqueline (Jackie) Johns; her Manx cat Sherman; and a few nieces, nephews, distant cousins, and in-laws. She is also survived by her three closest friends, Loryane Tyree, Barbara Scalli, and Rosie Dotson. She absolutely loved these three ladies dearly and would do anything for them. Janet's nickname was "Babe", many people that were acquainted with her only knew her by the name "Babe", some never knew her real first name was Janet.

Janet and her family moved from Uniontown PA to Lorain OH when she was eleven years old. She was truly a "coalminer's daughter." The coal mine shuttered where her father was employed and the family moved to Lorain, OH seeking a better life and steady employment. She was a 1961B graduate of Lorain High School. Her proudest moment was working two jobs, at Ann's Grocery Store in Lorain OH and Central Bank in Sheffield Lake OH to support her brand new 1962 Chevy II Convertible (of course, it was White with Red Interior). She always said that the car was her pride and joy.

She was married on 6/4/1966 at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church in Lorain OH to Richard S. Johns from Elyria OH. Janet and Richard dated for six years prior to their marriage. They had one child together, a daughter, Jacqueline Ann Johns born on 3/27/1967, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lorain OH. Jacqueline's arrival into the world surprised them, as she was born over two weeks early. Once Janet became a mother, she officially retired from formal employment and became a full-time homemaker. She truly enjoyed caring for her home and family. She loved all things pertaining to the care and maintenance of her yard and flowerbeds. She always said that mowing the lawn & doing landscaping was her time to "Relax and Think." One of her favorite past-times was boating and yellow perch/walleye fishing on Lake Erie in Vermilion OH. She also enjoyed relaxing in her backyard swimming pool and maintaining her bronze suntan.

Janet had a love for music and dancing that was remarkable. You could always find her on the dancefloor at local private clubs or church picnics dancing her heart out. Her love of music spanned generations and genres, from The Big Band Era, to Elvis Presley, to Modern Popular Music. She was thrilled to have attended 12 Rod Stewart concerts in both Cleveland and Columbus OH over the years. She also loved Steven Tyler/Aerosmith and was totally surprised when her daughter obtained third row seats to their concert in Cleveland OH. She attended many concerts in her lifetime; among her favorites were Prince, Janet Jackson, Cher, Tina Turner, Whitney Houston, Luther Vandross, and Mariah Carey.

Janet was an avid sports fan all her life. She loved the Cleveland Cavaliers and all things LeBron James. Her favorite NHL Hockey teams were the Buffalo Sabres and Pittsburgh Penguins. She attended many Pittsburgh Penguins hockey games at Pittsburgh Civic Arena with her daughter and got the chance to meet Mario Lemieux, at an after-game party with the team. She cheered on both the Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns equally. She enjoyed watching the New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians/Guardians. In recent years, she became a fan of the PGA Tour, with Rory McIlroy and Rickie Fowler being her favorite professional golfers.

In their later years together, Janet and Richard rescued 17 cats in a span of 24 years. They both took pride in caring for the abandoned and abused cats they took in and nursed back to health. Janet's favorite six cats were individually cremated when they each passed away. The ashes from those six cats were co-mingled with Janet's ashes and buried in her urn along with her. She would be so pleased.

Janet was a very kind and compassionate person all her life. She was always there for her friends and family in whatever capacity they may need. She never turned a blind eye to anyone. If she could help, she would. She spent countless hours volunteering at Nativity BVM School in Lorain OH where her daughter attended grade school. She loved being homeroom mother, making perogies, and lending a hand to any school fundraiser.

A very tragically sad moment in Janet's life, was the death of her first cousin, SP4 Joseph George "Butch" Ambrosio, a Medical Corpsman in the US Army. He was 18 and a groomsman in her wedding on 6/4/1966. He was sent to Vietnam on 3/8/1968 and was killed in action on 9/27/1968. Butch's last communication with his parents (Louis & Betty Ambrosio) was a birthday card for his mother. He was killed on his mother's birthday. The following year, Janet's Aunt Betty Ambrosio (Butch's mother) was struck and killed by a car while crossing a street on 10/13/1969 at 43 years old, leaving behind her husband Louis, a son Martin, and a daughter Linda. This chain of events affected Janet and her entire family.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Partridge Sr. (March 1997), Mary Partridge (nee Matty) (June 1996); her in-laws, Robert S. Johns (April 1985), Ruth E. Johns (nee Richards) (May 2018); her husband Richard S. Johns (May 2023); her brother Joseph Partridge Jr (June 2020); her sister Sarah (Sally) Gembka (December 2023); her brother-in law, Myron (Stan) Gembka (May 2018); and many aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, friends, and beloved pets.



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Janet L Partridge & Her 1962 Chevy II Convertible



Janet L Partridge Marries Richard S Johns (June 4, 1966)

Standing from Left to Right: Larry Braleski (Groomsman); Sarah (Sally) Gembka (nee Partridge) (Matron of Honor); Janet L Johns (nee Partridge) (Bride); Richard S (Dick) Johns (Groom); Myron (Stan) Gembka (Best Man); Joseph George "Butch" Ambrosio (Groomsman).

Seated from Left to Right: Cesira (Ginger) Silvestri (Bridesmaid); Mary Lou Petroskey (Bridesmaid).

Child Standing: Tracy Partridge (Flower Girl).



Janet – 14 Months



Janet – Age 4



Janet – Age 8



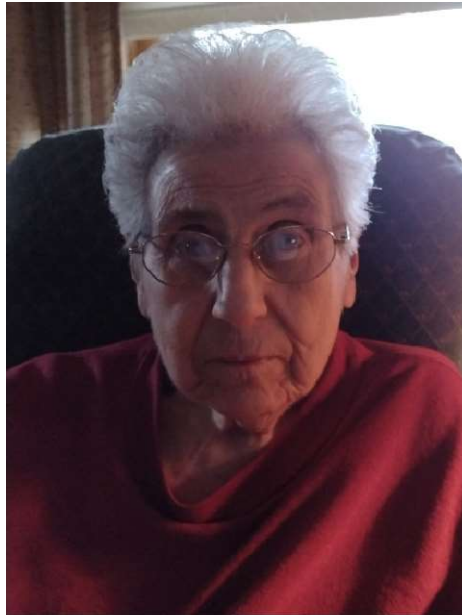
Janet – The 1970's



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Janet L Johns (nee Partridge) (October 2023)