



Joan Malatestinic

February 21, 1937 - May 28, 2024

Joan Malatestinic, a beloved wife, mother, sister, and cherished member of the community, passed away on May 28, 2024. Her life was a symphony of love, and unwavering commitment to family and music.

Born in East Chicago, Indiana on February 21, 1937, attended Saint Stanislaus grade school and graduated from Bishop Noll in 1955. She attended Alverno College for two years, then she embarked on her most important role: raising her five children. Joan's nurturing spirit and boundless love shaped the lives of William, Wendy, Mike, the late Paul, and David. She instilled in them the values of kindness, perseverance, and the joy of learning. She was an active member of the Junior Women's club and held various offices. She was also a member of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) for women. Joan was also an integral part of the success and growth of T&M Equipment Company over many years.

Joan's thirst for knowledge led her back to college, and she graduated from Valparaiso University once her children had all completed their own educational journeys. Her commitment to learning extended beyond textbooks; she became the Director of Children's Education at the Northwest Indiana Symphony, where she inspired countless young minds to appreciate the magic of music.

She was an accomplished pianist, sharing her talent with her family and students alike. Christmas carols played on her piano became a cherished tradition, with her grandchildren singing along joyfully during the holiday

season.

She leaves behind her devoted husband, William Malatestinic, and her children: William Jr (Liz), Wendy Svenstrup (Mike), Mike (Rhonda), the late Paul (Lynn) and David (Karen). Her legacy continues through her 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, who will forever carry her love and wisdom in their hearts.

In addition to her immediate family, Joan is survived by her sister Rosanne Stachon (Jerry), as well as her sister Diane Stempkowski (Larry) and brother-in-law Bob (Jackie) Meinzer. She fondly remembers her late sister Sue Meinzer and brother Stanley (Louise), whose spirits dance alongside her in eternity.

Joan Malatestinic's life was a beautiful composition—a melody of love, laughter, and shared moments. As we say goodbye, let us remember her as the conductor of our hearts, leading us toward harmony and grace. The visitation will take place on Monday, June 3, 2024 from 4 – 7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 E. 109th Ave, Crown Point, IN. Rev. Ian Williams officiating. Interment Chapel Lawn Cemetery.

Options to donate are: 1. Make checks payable to Bishop Noll Institute and mail to Malatestinic Scholarship Fund, c/o BNI, 1519 Hoffman Street, Hammond, IN 46327. 2. Contribute online at bishopnoll.org ([http://.bishopnoll.org/.](http://bishopnoll.org/)) under the Support/Donate Now tab, specifying in the comments section that the gift is restricted for the Malatestinic Scholarship Fund.

Rest in peace, dear Joan. Your music will echo through generations, and your love will forever resonate in our souls.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens

8178 Cline Ave
Schererville, IN 46375

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family
Tom & Tina Sims



Tina Sims - June 03, 2024 at 09:50 PM

SR

“ Stephanie R. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Malatestinic.

Stephanie R. - June 03, 2024 at 04:00 PM

WF

“ With Sympathy, Your Splenda Work Family
purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of
Joan Malatestinic.



With Sympathy, Your Splenda Work Family - June 03, 2024 at
09:52 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Joan Malatestinic.



June 03, 2024 at 09:22 AM

BD

“ Ben, Susan, Izzie and Will Dennett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Malatestinic.

Ben, Susan, Izzie and Will Dennett - June 03, 2024 at 08:28 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



June 03, 2024 at 08:28 AM

CF

“ Carrie, Stan and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Malatestinic.

Carrie, Stan and Families - June 01, 2024 at 08:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



June 01, 2024 at 08:32 PM

HR

“ H.A. Smolen Company-Dolores, Chris & Ron purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



H.A. Smolen Company-Dolores, Chris & Ron - June 01, 2024
at 06:24 PM

HR

“ H.A. Smolen Company-Dolores, Chris & Ron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Malatestinic.

H.A. Smolen Company-Dolores, Chris & Ron - June 01, 2024 at 06:24 PM

TF

“ The Scanlon family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Malatestinic.

The Scanlon family - June 01, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



June 01, 2024 at 12:35 PM

JB

“ I met Joan through the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony . She was a tireless worker and her strong leadership skills, 2 terms as President, resulted in many successful projects to support the Symphony and our Children's concerts. Joan became a dear friend , my fellow Polish "sister". We baked packzis together and celebrated our birthdays. Her love of Will and her wonderful family were always foremost in her life. I will miss her greatly and am thankful for the friendship we shared. I picture her being reunited with her beloved son Paul. God bless you dear Joan.

Jeanne Baird - May 31, 2024 at 04:14 PM

BL

“ We were so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. Our family connections span three generations. Willie was a close high school friend at Bishop Noll and our birthdays were one day apart! Our families remained close as we all lived in Highland and our kids attended OLG. Joan was the pianist at Tammy & Toms wedding and we celebrated at each of our children's weddings. Joan was a frequent customer at Louise's Hallmark. Our kids careers crossed paths as Tammy and Bill worked together at Eli Lilly and Company and both Lynn's taught at the same elementary school. Anna and Lauren became acquainted while attending IU. Later in life we enjoyed lots of fun dinners in Marco Island. Joan was a great baker and always had a treat for my sweet tooth! Feel so blessed this winter we celebrated both Willie and my 90 th birthdays in Marco! Joan will be missed and we treasure all the wonderful times together!

Bob Lauer & Family

Bob Lauer - May 31, 2024 at 03:52 PM

TG

“ TGG purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



TGG - May 30, 2024 at 05:23 PM

TF

“ The Bonenberger Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Malatestinic.

The Bonenberger Family - May 30, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



May 30, 2024 at 03:07 PM

PR

“ Pat Roye planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Malatestinic.

Pat Roye - May 30, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



May 30, 2024 at 02:43 PM

LR

“ Love, the Hansens, Muschis & Rickman purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



Love, the Hansens, Muschis & Rickman - May 30, 2024 at 10:58 AM

TO

“ T&M Equipment Company(Indy office) purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



T&M Equipment Company(Indy office) - May 30, 2024 at 10:26 AM

DF

“ Denise and the entire Stratford family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



Denise and the entire Stratford family - May 30, 2024 at 10:08 AM

JM

“ Jack and Jean Miller purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



Jack and Jean Miller - May 30, 2024 at 08:02 AM

AK

“ Ana & Panh Khauv planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Malatestinic.

Ana & Panh Khauv - May 29, 2024 at 09:20 PM

AK

“ Ana & Panh Khauv purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



Ana & Panh Khauv - May 29, 2024 at 09:20 PM

LC

“ Love, Tim and Marissa Crnkovich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Malatestinic.

Love, Tim and Marissa Crnkovich - May 29, 2024 at 09:10 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Malatestinic.



May 29, 2024 at 09:10 PM

EL

“ *Eddie and Lisa (Hubbard) Limon purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan Malatestinic.*



Eddie and Lisa (Hubbard) Limon - May 29, 2024 at 08:44 PM

NM

“ *Noelle Malatestinic purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joan Malatestinic.*



Noelle Malatestinic - May 29, 2024 at 04:29 PM