



Janice Conti

November 23, 1952 - May 21, 2023

Janice Merry Conti, affectionately known as Jan, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2023 at the age of 70 with her husband of 48 years, Allen J. Conti, by her side after having a full day surrounded by her cherished loved ones.

Jan was born November 23, 1952, in Orange, NJ to Milton H. Merry and Sally Rose Merry. Raised in Summit, NJ, she graduated from Summit High School and continued her studies at Bucknell University, graduating with a degree in Elementary Education. It was at Bucknell where she met the love of her life, Al, and sparked a courtship and marriage that would take them to Philadelphia, PA, Augusta, ME, Rutland, VT, and finally Hudson, NH, where they ultimately settled down on Robinson Pond and raised two wonderful sons, Jim and Michael.

Even though she focused on Elementary Education in college, her nature as a consummate relationship builder led her to a career in Human Resources with multiple companies, starting at Carris Reels in Rutland, VT as Personnel Manager. After moving to Hudson, NH, she joined Balzer's Process Systems (later BPS) as a Human Resources Director. After many years with BPS as well as a few stints with other local companies, Jan eventually became Human Resources Director for Pfeiffer Vacuum in Nashua, NH. As HR Director, Jan traveled extensively through the Western United States as well as Europe, where she famously delivered a speech in German, to the delight

of her senior leadership team, as a way to bridge the gap between the US and German operations. Not surprisingly, Jan was very well respected in her field, with many employees she supported remembering her as energetic, fair, and always having their best interests as her primary concern.

After retirement, Jan continued her passion for helping others by volunteering for the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program of New Hampshire providing a voice for children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect.

Outside of work or volunteering, Jan enjoyed reading, gardening, traveling internationally, being with her Swim and Zumba crew at Work Out Club in Londonderry, hanging out with her “posse”, and spending quality time with her family. Anyone lucky enough to know Jan can attest that her smile could light up a room and she could make anyone feel special and seen within a few minutes of her time. She will be remembered as kind, sweet, fair, and thoughtful. She was a fierce advocate and biggest cheerleader for her family and friends, a wonderful cook, and truly knew how to throw a great party.

Jan is survived by her beloved husband Allen J. Conti, VMD, her cherished sons, James (“Jim”) Conti (partners, Patrick Kelly and David Berberich) of Chicago, and Michael (“Chip”) Conti (wife, Antoinette Patrimonio) of South Boston, along with her 11-week-old grandson Theodore Conti, and three beautiful grand dogs, Evie, Sophie, and Hombre.

She will be cremated following an intimate service with immediate family. A celebration of life will follow sometime in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation (monetary or time) to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) at www.pancan.org or Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of New Hampshire at www.casanh.org in Jan’s

honor.

Tribute Wall



“ *Al, I am so sorry for your loss. Jan was always a smiling face at Bucknell, and a treasured sorority sister. Sounds like she kept that smile, and did much good in life.*

Claudia Cooper - November 28, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Saw this sad note in the Bucknell World. So sorry for Al and his family. Amy and I just had wondered if Janice would be coming to Bucknell for her 50th College reunion. We both have always thought fondly of both Janice and Al. It was nice to see such an impressive obituary.*

Edward McDevitt MD - November 27, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ *Janice Conti*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Janice Conti*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *So sorry for the Conti family. I just found out and my first thought was Jan's beautiful spirit would shine through with each interaction I had with Her. Her spirit I am sure, is shining in heaven 🙏*



Ellen Lee - July 06, 2023 at 02:48 PM

BD

“ My name is Brad Duft. Reaching back from the past, I was Janice’s first boyfriend (pretty sure, anyway). We met at Summit High when I was 15 and she was 17, when we sat next to each other on a school ski trip bus. She was the first girl I dated, the first girl I kissed, and the first girl to whom I said, “I love you.” We spent a lot of time together, and Janice invited me to her Cotillion at what used to be the Suburban Hotel (now the Grand Summit Hotel, I believe), a memorable night of dinner and dancing. At Christmas, giddy young romantic that I was, I bought Janice a silver platter with the words to Chicago’s “Colour My World” engraved on it (yes, true story).

I was inconsolable when Janice left to go to Bucknell, but obviously that turned out to be the best for her (and for AI)! By the way, I later found out that the boys in my class were extremely jealous because, at 17, Janice had a drivers license and used to drive us around in Summit in her Cougar.

I wanted to reach out with a few memories and to let you know what I was overwhelmed with sadness to hear that Janice has left us. I know that everyone who knew her, and especially her family, must be heartbroken. My condolences to you all, and particularly to Janice’s beautiful family. I will continue to remember Janice and all of you in my prayers. (I am in San Diego at 858-344-0755 if anyone would like to talk.)

Bradford Duft - June 05, 2023 at 05:43 PM

ST

“ So beautifully written. She would be blushing, I am sure.

Steven - May 27, 2023 at 04:51 AM

TQ

“ *The Queue Crew has made a donation in Janice's name to the Casa of New Hampshire and send their love!*

The Q-Berts - May 24, 2023 at 08:28 PM

LB

“ *Dear Alan we so sorry for your loss. Jan and I had been taking classes together for a few years and then found out that our husbands had been working out at the same gym we had a good laugh . You will be missed rest in peace. Our prayers are with you Alan and your family. Lona & Bill Barnes*

Lona Barnes - May 24, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *To the Conti Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Colleen J

Colleen Jefferson - May 24, 2023 at 08:03 AM

TB

“ *I met Jan just once and the impression I have of this kind, pleasant, funny, and much much more will be with me forever. I will miss our texting and chatting. Jan always put a positive spin on her health. (I felt). She was just a wonderful person and I feel very blessed to have met Jan. My prayers and support to the entire family. Trisha and Michael Berberich*

Trisha Berberich - May 23, 2023 at 06:54 PM

KC

“ Lunch with her pals, always a smile.



Kerry Halloran Collis - May 23, 2023 at 08:58 AM

MR

“ We have all lost a lovely lady who showed many of us at the Workout Club how to be brave, strong, and graceful under the most difficult of circumstances. Perhaps most importantly, Jan, you taught us that each new day is a gift. I will miss your smile and seeing you dance sideways in Zumba class. I will miss you, my friend.

Marianne Rork - May 22, 2023 at 10:16 PM

KC

“ Jan had a gift, actually she had many. When you were with her you felt better about yourself, you felt better about life. You stood straighter and smiled brighter. Jan was compassionate, had a generous spirit and looked on the bright side. Even during some of her darkest days she cared deeply about other people. At Christmas a friend of mine holds an event, to brighten the holidays for those who have no one. When Jan heard about it, she asked to be involved and was. The next year Jan asked if she could be part of the event again. She was going thru treatments so I offered to take care of it for her. But Jan wanted to handle it herself, I just delivered it. Actually, Janice was the gift to all who knew her, I for one feel like a better person for having known her. I will miss her, our messages, our shared sunrises by video. I will miss everything about Jan.

Kerry Halloran Collis - May 22, 2023 at 10:06 PM

MT

“ *Mary Truran lit a candle in memory of Janice Conti*



Mary Truran - May 22, 2023 at 09:03 PM

DB

“ *She was an inspiration to all of us at the workout club. She never gave up and enjoyed life as long as she could. She will be very missed. I just hope she knew how much she meant to anyone lucky enough to be in her presence.*

Diane Brophy - May 22, 2023 at 07:28 PM

LS

“ *My family was fortunate to meet Jan through the boys soccer games when they were just little guys. She was always the champion cheerleader for each and every one of them, always spreading her positivity on the field. We became great friends with her and Al and shared many fun adventures with them, the last one being our amazing trip to Alaska. We will never forget Jan, her upbeat personality was an inspiration to all of us and her spirit lives on forever in our hearts*



Laurie Sutton - May 22, 2023 at 07:06 PM

MF

“ Jan had a brilliant light about her. She really did light up every room she walked into. I had the pleasure of meeting her at the workout club. With her gorgeous smile, she stole all of our hearts. She will be greatly missed.

Marybeth Francoeur - May 22, 2023 at 06:32 PM

DM

“ Jan always always had a smile on her . When she enter the pool for water aerobics she lite up the whole area even though she was going through rough rough times fighting for her life . I will miss her very very much . She thanked me numerous times for pushing her to do 10 more kicks or Ab rolls . She always called me her drill Sargent . I'll treasure all our memories forever 🥺

Dinna Maurice - May 22, 2023 at 06:15 PM

LE

“ I met Jan through water aerobics. She was always positive willing to talk to others about pancreatic cancer. She touched my heart along with many people in water aerobics. She is missed. We are all very lucky to have had her in our lives no matter how long. I do believe she is an angel in heaven

Leslie - May 22, 2023 at 06:03 PM

MB

“ *Janice was such a wonderful person. She approached life with such a positive attitude even when she was struggling. I will always remember her smile. wonderful attitude and her dignity throughout this challenge. She is truly an inspiration to us all. In will always remember her.*



Margaret Berg - May 22, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ *Jan had the most amazing, positive spirit and outlook on life. She loved her family, her friends, and her home. She loved being in the swimming pool with her pool pals or in a Zumba class with her friends. She will be missed for a long time, but her spirit will remain with us. Lynne*

Lynne Ober - May 22, 2023 at 05:38 PM