



## Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait

December 2, 1958 - June 17, 2014

Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait, 55 of Spencerville, and a longtime resident of Bluffton, passed away at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at her residence in Spencerville.

Janeil was born on December 2, 1958 in Wells County, Indiana to Richard Wayne & Joyce Ilene (Gentis) Byrd. She was a 1977 graduate of Bluffton High School. She worked from 1975 to 2011 in the business office of the Caylor-Nickel Clinic and Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She was currently employed in the business office at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Janeil was a long time member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Yoder, IN.

On September 8, 1989 she married Keith L. Malfait. He survives in rural Spencerville along with a brother Greg (wife Kathy) Byrd of Yoder, IN. Other survivors include; her mother in law, Joann Malfait of Woodburn, IN, along with brothers -in-laws; Joseph A. (wife Janeen) Malfait of Woodburn, IN, Mark (wife Carolyn) Malfait of Woodburn, IN, sister-in-laws; Karen (husband Lynn) Cress of Decatur, Kathy (husband Jerome) Baumle of Payne, OH, Mona Byrd of Markle, IN, along with several nieces and nephews.

Janeil is preceded in death by her parents, a brother Daniel W. Byrd and a sister Diane Byrd and her father-in-law, Joseph Malfait.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Friday, June 20, 2014 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, IN with a rosary service being held at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Yoder. Msgr. Bernard Galic will officiate. Burial will follow at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Payne, Ohio. Memorials may be made in Janeil's memory to masses or to the Friends of the Wells County Animal Shelter in care of the Wells County Foundation or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery

4674 Ohio 500  
Payne, OH 45880

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Service

JUN 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church  
14623 Bluffton Road  
Yoder, IN 46798  
(260) 622-4491

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - June 20, 2014 at 01:05 PM



“ *Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Having worked at CN for many years, I remember Janeil as a congenial and cooperative coworker. But even moreso, I recall her and her family as patients of Dr Gene Jackson iin one of the long running research projects. She was willing to help others by lending herself to our studies. Giving of oneself in this manner, demonstrated her concern for her fellow man and I admired her for that. And, she never failed to inquire about my son who was also a graduate of BHS '77. Mothers like that. May she rest in peace. Marilyn Todd Creason. South Bend IN*

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**Marilyn Todd Creason** - July 04, 2014 at 01:36 PM

TB

“ Janeil and I were buddies in early grade school. We were both nuts about cats. She gave me a little tiger calico kitten that she had named Abby Jo.

*Lisa E., Sheila C., and I attended a sleepover at Janeil's house one night. I remember that we had to take baths before we went to bed and that her dad gave each of us a can of Reddi-Wip topping from the refrigerated truck he drove. That was such a treat!*

*I remember we always pronounced her name "Janelle," and her neighbor Donna (I think that was her name) would correct us, saying it was "Ja-NEEL." Janeil never seemed to mind. Most times we called her "Byrdie."*

*Janeil and I had a falling out in 6th grade. I never did know why. Another girl told me that one of the kids had told Janeil a story about me and Janeil believed it, but that's all I ever knew.*

*I remember that December 2 was Janeil's birthday . . . and through the years have sometimes thought about her on her birthday . . . thinking maybe I should try to write her . . . .*

*Rest in peace, Byrdie.*

*Terri B.*

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**Terri B.** - July 03, 2014 at 10:36 AM

TY

“ Trudy Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait



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**Trudy Young** - June 21, 2014 at 01:28 PM

GP

“ *Glenna Plummer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait*

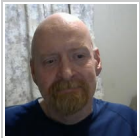


Glenna Plummer - June 21, 2014 at 06:47 AM

GP

“ *My prayers are with you all, in this time of sorrow. Janeil was such a dear, funny, sweet friend, she will be missed by many.*

Glenna Plummer - June 21, 2014 at 06:45 AM



“ *Truly sorry for your loss. She was a great lady and friend.*

Melvin Bice - June 20, 2014 at 08:47 PM

JH

“ *Janis Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait*



Janis Holmes - June 20, 2014 at 06:39 PM

GB

“ *I enjoyed working with Janeil for many years at Caylor-Nickel and Bluffton Regional. My sympathy to her family.*

George K. Babcock - June 20, 2014 at 04:51 PM

 Sherri Smiley

“ I am so saddened to hear of Janeil's passing. We had so many good times together over many years. She will always hold a special place in my heart. My deepest sympathies to Keith and Greg and their families.



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**Sherri Smiley** - June 19, 2014 at 11:24 PM

JM

“ Jean (Grupy) Millner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait



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**Jean (Grupy) Millner** - June 19, 2014 at 08:40 PM

BG

“ What great memories you have left us with; floating in the pond, many trips to LasVegas, driving up to the top of Lemom Mt. Just to find no restrooms, and the many road trips we have taken.....we love you! Ted and Barb Gerber

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**barb gerber** - June 19, 2014 at 07:20 PM

BK

“ Bernie (Gentis) Kleinknight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait



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**Bernie (Gentis) Kleinknight** - June 19, 2014 at 06:06 PM

BK

*RIP my dear sweet cousin! You will suffer no more! Love you.*

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**Bernie (Gentis) Kleinknight** - June 19, 2014 at 06:07 PM

J(

“ *I remember Janeil, my beautiful little cousin, from when we were both children. I am very saddened by her passing at such a young age, and my deepest sympathy go to her family and friends.*

*Jackie Byrd  
Bloomington, IN*

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**Jackie Byrd (Cousin)** - June 19, 2014 at 03:21 PM

LN

“ *Lori Nero lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait*



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**Lori Nero** - June 19, 2014 at 10:02 AM

LN

*I will always remember my soft hearted sweet friend and the giggles and fun times shared at slumber parties.*

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**Lori Nero** - June 19, 2014 at 10:06 AM

DS

“ *My Prayer's go out to Janeil's Family. I didn't know her very long, however, the time I did spend with her she was a very kind, giving, funny and a honest person. Rest in peace.*

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**Deborah Sims** - June 19, 2014 at 08:24 AM

CH

“ Candice Gavin Haffner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait



Candice Gavin Haffner - June 19, 2014 at 06:40 AM

JM

“ Keith, Greg, Kathy and your families, I was very sad to read of Janeil's death. I have wonderful memories of all of you from my days at Markle Medical Center. You will all be in my prayers. Dr. John Wilson

John Wilson, MD - June 18, 2014 at 08:11 PM



“ Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait.



June 18, 2014 at 03:35 PM

CM

“ Carol Myers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait



Carol Myers - June 18, 2014 at 12:33 PM

PW

“ *Paula Wolf lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait*



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**Paula Wolf** - June 18, 2014 at 10:39 AM

PW

“ *Prayers for strength and comfort during this time of loss. She will be missed.*



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**Paula Wolf** - June 18, 2014 at 10:03 AM

LH

“ *Lisa Hultz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait*



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**Lisa Hultz** - June 18, 2014 at 10:02 AM

LM

“ *Louise Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait*



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**Louise Miller** - June 18, 2014 at 09:58 AM

LM

*Our dearest of friends whose sense of humor and joy will be greatly missed. However, the magic of her spirit and all the times shared will live on in our hearts forever. Love to Keith & Greg's families. Louise & Ken*

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**Louise Miller** - June 18, 2014 at 10:02 AM

KG

“ *Kerry Gentis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janeil E. (Byrd) Malfait*



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**Kerry Gentis** - June 18, 2014 at 08:29 AM