



## Frances Czinsky

October 27, 1921 - September 4, 2022

Frances R. Czinsky, age 100, formerly of Berlin, died Sunday September 4, 2022 at Appleton Retirement Community in Appleton, WI.

Fran was born October 27, 1921, at home in Berlin to Peter and Mary Resop. She attended St. Stanislaus Parochial school and Berlin High School.

Fran met her future husband John Czinsky, in high school and, following John's service in World War II, she and John made a life together in Berlin following their marriage in 1945. They were married for 56 years before John passed away in 2001. They owned O'Connell's clothing store before retiring in 1986.

In addition to being active in the management of the store, she also volunteered at Berlin Memorial Hospital, for many years, both at the old and new hospitals. She also delivered meals on wheels to the home bound. She did her spiritual volunteering at both St. Stan's and at All Saints parishes. She took communion to the folks at Juliette Manor and the home bound. She also served on multiple committees, funeral circle and Ladies Sodality. She helped for multiple events at the church like church suppers, rummage sales, church picnics and the like. Fran was a wonderful cook and baker. She also was a talented crafts person knitting multiple sweaters, needle work and quilting. She hosted many a dinner at their home for both family and friends. She was

a woman who loved helping out and caring for others. Fran also liked playing bridge and golfing and she had many friends. Everyone loved Fran.

Fran is survived by two children, Michael (Jody) of Naperville, IL, Jann (Bob) of Appleton; WI, four grandchildren, Jennifer Czinsky West (Eric) from Winston Salem, NC, Kristi Strenn (Matthew) from Reedsville, WI, Melissa Czinsky Hertz (Ryan) from Glen Ellyn, IL, Kelly Verhagen (Casey) from Little Chute, WI; 6 great-grandchildren

A special thanks goes to the personnel at Appleton Retirement Community and Moments Hospice for their loving care of Fran.

In lieu of flowers we ask that you make any memorials, in her name, to All Saints Parish of Berlin or to organizations that provide legacy gifts for blindness research such as the University of WI-Madison McPherson Eye Research Institute. [vision.wisc.edu](http://vision.wisc.edu) or Fighting Blindness Foundation/Milwaukee chapter, [fightingblindness.org/chapters/Milwaukee-chapter](http://fightingblindness.org/chapters/Milwaukee-chapter).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery

N. Wisconsin St  
Berlin, WI 54923

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home  
116 S Adams Ave  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-2050

## Funeral Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Parish  
N8566 WI-49  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-5252

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ I just talked to Aunt Franny by phone a few months ago. She was as sharp as ever. I told her my daughter continues to use the knitting needles she passed on when her eyesight started to go. I have many pictures of Aunt Franny and my mom when they were young ladies. I will her.

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**Patti Curran** - September 13, 2022 at 09:34 PM



Thank you for your lovely message. I do remember the knitting needles. I'm very happy to hear that they live on.

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**Jann Dreier** - October 16, 2022 at 11:04 AM

GB

“ Aunt Franny was always like a mother to me. I loved her very much. Especially her Christmas cookies!  
Greg Bartol

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**Greg Bartol** - September 13, 2022 at 09:29 PM



Thanks Greg. Thanks for sharing this lovely memory or my mom. I think she might have even gotten that recipe from your mom!! Good memories. Thanks again.

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**Jann Dreier** - October 16, 2022 at 11:05 AM

JP

“ *Myself and siblings (Tom, Jim, Betsy, Marie, Billy) have very fond memories of our visits to Berlin. Our parents, Bill and Jean Polakowski, liked to stop and visit and we usually ended up at Johnny and Franny's house. There was usually plenty of food and game playing. That is what we liked the best. We also heard some of the back story about our father. My favorite is that he said he would never marry anyone who did not know how make chocolate cream cake. Of course, when he took Jean to Berlin the first time, everyone asked her if she could make chocolate cream cake. She answered, what's that! Us kids roared every time we heard that story. Aunt Franny will be missed,*

*Jim Polakowski, Minneapolis, MN*

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**Jim Polakowski** - September 08, 2022 at 03:30 PM



*I apologize for not responding sooner. I completely forgot to look at these tributes on her obituary wall until today. This is such a sweet memory of our families. It sure was fun. So funny that story about your mom. Sounds like your dad to say something like that! Thanks again for sharing your precious memories and thoughts. I really do miss her.*

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**Jann Dreier** - October 16, 2022 at 11:08 AM

BP

“ *The Polakowski families send our love and prayers. Aunt Franny and Uncle Johnny were role models of love and hospitality, welcoming so many of us through the years to the ancestral home. I have fond memories of them and wish the best to Jann and Mike and families.*

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**Betsy Polakowski** - September 08, 2022 at 11:16 AM

MM

“ So very sorry for your loss of your mom and grandma, also our Aunt, she was always giving help to me and such good cooling and baked goods too, many fond memories of her and Uncle Johnny, we will all miss her, yet I know she is happy now! Prayers and Hugs to all, Mikey

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**Michal Mendleski** - September 06, 2022 at 03:20 PM