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Susan (Sue) Yankowski passed away peacefully with her children by her side - after a hard-fought battle with metastatic breast cancer.

She was a 1949 graduate of Hopewell High School (VA) where she was valedictorian, senior class president, and editor-in-chief of the school newspaper. She was also a three-time varsity athletic letter winner as a starter on the basketball team. She completed both her undergrad and master's degrees at Smith College. After graduating she then went on to teach at Penn State. While taking more graduate classes Sue met Ed Yankowski at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. They married in 1957 and resided in Berlin, WI the rest of their lives. They purchased Eskimo Comfort, which became the cornerstone business on the main street in the block to the west of the bridge. They grew it into a very successful retail business with loyal clientele and clerks.

Her priorities were clear - family, community, Packers/Badgers (in that order, but the Packers were right up there as her share of Packers stock was proudly displayed behind glass, hanging in the dining room.). Sue was exceptionally passionate about community. She did so many great things for Berlin

Wisconsin, which will benefit generations to come. As an 18-year member of the school board she facilitated the addition to the old high school as well as the building of the new high school. In addition she took great pride in the work she did establishing and supporting the Berlin Community Scholarship Corporation.

As a key member of the Recreation Commission she was instrumental in getting the ball diamonds lit, the old public pool heated, the youth center established, and instigated the construction of the foot-bridge over the river at the public pool.

As the chair on the 1976 Berlin Bicentennial Committee she led the way to electrifying the clock tower and was very involved in the Berlin Bicentennial float that participated in many area-parades.

For ten years she was a member of the Berlin Performing Arts Committee that coordinated the concert series. She also served for many years on the Chamber of Commerce, American Association of University Women, and was a Cub Scout Den Mother.

Her abilities in knitting, crocheting, needlework and sewing always impressed the recipient of her handiwork. The pieces were of the highest of quality and clearly made with love.

She was preceded in death by Ed Yankowski. She is survived by her three children Fred (Debra Rose) of Elgin, IL, Tom of Berlin, WI, and Margie of Madison, WI; her two grandsons, Chaz Yankowski of Palatine, IL and James Yankowski of Batavia, IL; one sister-in-law Bette Janik of Cedar Rapids, IA, and many nieces and nephews.

An open-house visitation will take place on Saturday, January 29th at Eskimo

Comfort 199 Broadway, Berlin, WI from 10am-2pm.

The family would like to thank Sue's doctors and all the staff at ThedaCare Medical Center-Berlin for their assistance guiding Sue through this battle with dignity. Fred and Margie would particularly like to thank their brother Tom for all the care and comfort he has provided to their mother during his many years of care giving.

In lieu of flowers donations will be distributed to the Berlin Scholarship fund as well as the Berlin Park and Recreation department, per Sue's request. If you like, you may send donation to: Yankowski, 201 Broadway, Berlin, WI 54923.

Tribute Wall



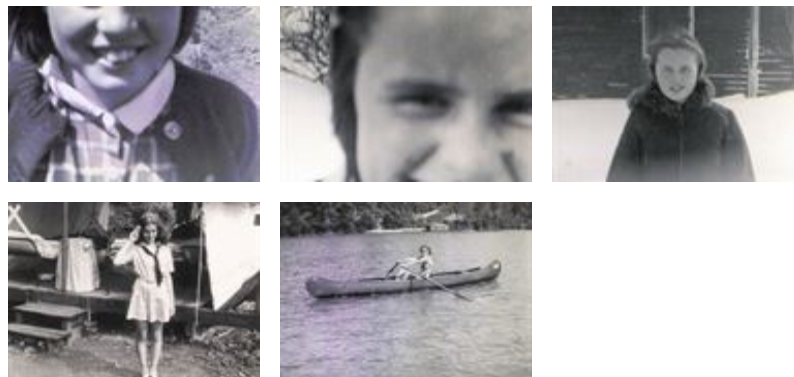
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“ My sincere sympathies go out to Fred, Margie and Tom. Sue was just the best friend anyone could ask for and she would always share events about her kids, happenings at Berlin High School with the alumni, the Packers etc. Her and Tom were a great team and there hasn't been a time when I visited Sue that she was not optimistic, even through her cancer diagnosis. She always was in the moment when talking to her and I so appreciated every visit and looked forward to the next time I would see her. You had a special Mom and she was a precious friend. I will miss her dearly. Love, Hugs, and Prayers

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“ i worked for ed and sue back in the 60s. it was an honor to work such great people. stopped in to see sue many times since and will always remember her and ed as two of the neateast people i know.

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