



## C. Johanna "Joanne" Poziwilko

March 20, 1931 - February 12, 2024

C. Johanna, "Joanne" Poziwilko, 93, of Sodus Township died Monday, February 12, 2024 at the Hanson Hospice Center in Lincoln Township.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, February 17, at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church with Rev. Mikki Collins officiating. Friends and relatives may begin calling at 10 AM on Saturday at the Church. Burial of the ashes will be held later in the springtime and cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society, the Berrien County Dog Pound, or the Church. Please share words of caring or memories at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Joanne was born on March 20, 1931 in Benton Harbor to Arnold and Althea Beezley. She married her husband, Don Poziwilko, in August of 1950 and he preceded her in death in September of 2017. Together they celebrated 68 years of marriage. Joanne was a homemaker and loved her kids and family. She liked doing Arts and Crafts, and enjoyed painting pictures. Joanne loved living on Pipestone creek and all the wildlife that came with it. She was also an avid bird watcher and animal lover.

Her family includes her children: Rodney (Deb) Poziwilko of Berrien Center, James (Polly) Poziwilko of Stevensville, Lorilie (Fred) Summerfelt of St.

Joseph, Debra (Jeff) Burm of Stevensville and Gina (Craig) Steinke of Benton Harbor; her 11 grandchildren, her 9 great grandchildren and her 2 great great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her great grandson, Thomas, her 4 brothers and her 2 sisters.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel Hill UMC  
4071 Naomi Rd  
Sodus, MI 49126  
chumcsodus@comcast.net  
<http://www.gbkm-umc.org/chapelhillsodus/greeting.html>

## Celebration of life

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel Hill UMC  
4071 Naomi Rd  
Sodus, MI 49126  
chumcsodus@comcast.net  
<http://www.gbkm-umc.org/chapelhillsodus/greeting.html>

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I really loved visiting Aunt Jo and Uncle Don, I was able to visit more often when they had Grandma's mobile home there, I have a funny but cherish memory on one of my visits, Aunt Jo was making some sort of chip dip with Parmesan cheese, I didn't say anything until she offered me some of the chip dip, I said "I didn't want to say anything about the smell in here but I thought someone had a very bad stinky foot problem. Aunt Jo started laughing so hard she was nearly crying.

*Missing you, Jay Beezley*

---

**Jay Beezley** - June 07, 2024 at 11:07 PM

DB

“ My favorite Aunt. I remember when she, living at the farm house, and my mom, living at the lake house, talked on the phone almost everyday. Trouble was the calls were long distance so they'd try to keep the calls short. Of course that didn't work. One day an operator (was it really THAT long ago?) told them of a plan they could use (you could have a couple long distance numbers that would be charged at a lower rate). That worked!

*Talk on sisters!*

*We made a donation in her name to Berrien Co. Animal Control.*

*Al & Dede Blinkman*

---

**Dianne Blinkman** - February 20, 2024 at 11:27 AM

C(

“ Many of the younger Berg girls, including sandy, sue, tammy and myself were great friends to Deb and Gina. And when visiting their home we were always treated like one of the family. I remember one of my first snowmobile rides was with the family. She will be greatly missed. prayers to the family.

---

**Cindy hildebrandt (berg)** - February 16, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ I was a close childhood friend of Joanne's daughter Gina. I remember Mrs. Poziwilko was always welcoming and made me feel comfortable in their home. I want to let all the bothers and sisters know that I am sorry for their loss. Will be praying for your comfort and peace. Sandy Berg (Hutchinson)

Sandy Hutchinson (Berg) - February 16, 2024 at 12:38 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of C. Johanna "Joanne" Poziwilko.



February 15, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ Marcia Brown and Family, planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of C. Johanna "Joanne" Poziwilko.

Marcia Brown and Family, - February 15, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of C. Johanna "Joanne" Poziwilko.



February 15, 2024 at 01:47 PM

SJ

“ Steve, Kathy, Norma Jean. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of C. Johanna "Joanne" Poziwilko.



---

Steve, Kathy, Norma Jean. - February 14, 2024 at 06:59 PM

SJ

“ Steve, Kathy, Norma Jean. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of C. Johanna "Joanne" Poziwilko.

---

Steve, Kathy, Norma Jean. - February 14, 2024 at 06:59 PM

SK

“ My second family down the way. Josie as we all called her was indeed my other Mom. I loved her dearly I think I spent more time in their yard than in mine. Josie always took care of me and my siblings like one of her own. Don was always fixing something and would always help my Dad out. Their children were like an extended family to us as well. God rest her soul and my deepest condolences to the family.

---

Steve Krieger - February 14, 2024 at 06:53 PM

PP

“ You have been the core of this family. Feels like there has been a shift in our world since your passing. Always treated me as one of your kids. I learned so many things from you from gardening to painting a room to wallpapering. But most of all you gave me the best husband a girl could ask for...love you and I'll see you on the other side

*Polly*

---

**Polly Poziwilko** - February 14, 2024 at 01:52 PM