



Janice Kociba

January 13, 1947 - September 2, 2023

Janice Kociba, age 76, of Bad Axe passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at her home under hospice care surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on January 13, 1947, in Kinde, daughter of the late George and Theresa (Peyok) Rice. She married Harold Kociba on February 5, 1966, at St. Mary's Church, Dwight.

Janice was a devoted wife, mother, family member, friend, and known to many in the community. She will be remembered for her strength of spirit and dedication, working alongside her loving husband, Harold, for decades on the family farm and winery business. Janice could often be found behind the scenes keeping things in order as a bookkeeper of the business. She has closed the books and gone home to her heavenly reward.

Janice enjoyed going to wine-tasting events and visiting with family and friends at the family farm.

Janice is survived by her husband, Harold Kociba, of Bad Axe; two sons, Kenneth (Radi) Kociba of Thailand and Robert (Kathy) Kociba of Ubly; three sisters, Cynthia Heffner of Mt. Clemens, Geraldine (James) Knoblock of Kinde, and Michalene (William) Parish of Bad Axe; two brothers-in-law, Gordon (Diane) Kociba of Bad Axe and Gerald (Rosemary) Kociba of Bad

Axe; one sister-in-law, Cindy Kociba of Frankenmuth; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Barbara A. Rice; three brothers-in-law, Eugene Kociba, Albert Heffner, and John Learman; and two sisters-in-law, Ilene Learman and Jean Kociba.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 10 a.m. at St. Hubert Parish – Sacred Heart Catholic Church – in Bad Axe. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 2-8 p.m. at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe, or Monday at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of service. A scripture service will be offered on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

If you wish to offer your condolences to the Kociba family, please go to www.kaufmanfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to be used at the family's discretion.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Bad Axe, MI 48413

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Scripture Service at 7:30 PM

Visitation

SEP **11**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church
311 Whitelam St
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-772

Funeral Mass

SEP 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Kociba.

September 08, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Janice Kociba.



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“ I was lucky to become family with Janice and Harold when my sister, Kathy, married their son, Bob. We spent many gatherings and holidays together. Early on, Janice brought potato salad to a get-together. It was the best I'd ever tasted!! After that, I joked that I wouldn't come home for the holidays unless Janice made potato salad (Yes, even for Thanksgiving and Christmas!). She would make sure there was an extra bowl for me to take home, and I would ration it out to make it last as long as possible. Enjoy your heavenly reward, Janice. You will be missed greatly!

Nancy Maurer - September 07, 2023 at 07:37 PM

EW

“ Dear Harold.
I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your wife, Janice. While I didn't know her personally, it is always heartbreaking to hear of the passing of a loved one. May she Rest In Peace in the arms of the angels.
Elaine Hearsch Wiatr

Elaine Wiatr - September 06, 2023 at 06:13 PM

DC

“ Sending Deepest Sympathy during this sad time. Janice was a super sweet person. Take Care!



Dave & Karen Case - September 06, 2023 at 04:38 PM

AS

“ Condolence to the Kociba family!
Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!



Amy Sageman - September 05, 2023 at 07:24 PM

DS

“ so very sorry for your loss, harold and family and michalene and bill parish, she was a great lady , your in our thoughts and prayers, helen storckle and family, and doris and don boyce



donna storckle - September 05, 2023 at 07:18 PM

NL

“ Aunt Janice was a wonderful hostess and cook! My favorite memories of her involve her hosting a party and the food she prepared. She know I loved her lemon pie and would make it every time she knew I was going to visit. Rest in peace aunt Janice. You will be missed.

Nancy Learman - September 05, 2023 at 10:32 AM

LC

“ Harold and Sons sorry to hear of your wife and mother passing. She is at peace now. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family.

Len @ Sue Czewski

Len @ Sue Czewski - September 04, 2023 at 08:45 PM

MS

“ Mick And Marge Schott lit a candle in memory of Janice Kociba



Mick and Marge Schott - September 04, 2023 at 05:31 PM

TL

“ Paul, Tina, Jada and Isabel ~ sending prayers



Tina Learman - September 04, 2023 at 02:57 PM