



## Mrs. Janet E. Oswain

May 22, 1930 - August 20, 2014

Mrs. Janet Elizabeth (Loewen) Oswain, 84, a longtime resident of Pittsfield, died Wednesday afternoon, August 20, 2014, at Trinity Health Center in Woonsocket, RI.

She was born in Bronx, NY on May 22, 1930, a daughter of the late Frederick and Ella (Newman) Loewen. She graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas School, and then from Walton High School in 1948. She earned both her Bachelor and Master of Arts Degrees from Hunter College. She had been a resident of Pittsfield since 1968.

Mrs. Oswain was an elementary school teacher in the Pittsfield Public Schools from 1970 until retiring in 1990. Earlier, she had spent two years working for the US Department of Defense as a teacher in Spain.

She had been a communicant of St. Charles Church in Pittsfield.

She enjoyed teaching and reading, and had a deep love for gardening, and for animals and her pets. She liked to travel around the world to experience other cultures, and was fluent in both German and Spanish. Her family meant everything to her, and her greatest love was spending much time with her family.

Her husband, Harold T. Oswain, whom she married on November 9, 1957, died on April 7, 2013.

She is survived by her son, John F. Oswain and his wife, Sheila, of Cheshire; her daughter, Karen Oswain, and her husband, Thomas Cabana, of Cumberland, RI;

a brother, Fred Loewen of Wisconsin; 2 sisters, Hilda "Ronnie" Coords of New York, and Elizabeth Corrado of Pennsylvania;

7 grandchildren, Meghan and Sean Oswain; Keeley Murphy and William Murphy III; and Nathan, Joseph and Crystal Cabana;

2 great grandchildren, Lola and Jax; as well as several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, August 27th, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial celebrated at 10:30 AM in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 775 Main St. Poughkeepsie, NY.

Burial will follow in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

Calling hours in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, MA will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 PM.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Knee District School, Attn: Principal Alice Phelps, PO Box 350, Manderson, S.D. 57756.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to [www.paciorekfuneral.com](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear John, Sheila and Family We are so sorry for your loss. Love Carol, Chris, Heidi and Cierra.

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**Carol Andrews** - June 07, 2018 at 12:15 PM

KL

“ We will always remember Aunt Janet's big, loving heart. How much she loved sharing her memories and knowledge. We will never forget when she took our family on a tour of New York in 2000 when we were visiting. She had more energy than all of us and opened our eyes to everything we saw! Love and sympathy to all, Karl & Laurie & family

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**Karl & Laurie Loewen** - June 07, 2018 at 12:15 PM

SW

“ so sorry for your loss, Mrs Oswain was my 4th grade teacher at Redfield school In 1980 she was a great teacher/person.

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**scott winslow** - June 07, 2018 at 12:15 PM

DM

“ Karen and family, I was so saddened to read of Mrs. Oswain's passing. I remember her so well from my days at Crane School and Girl Scouts - always smiling that big smile. She will be deeply missed and I pray that you all have plenty of wonderful, fond memories to keep her alive in your hearts forever.

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**Denise Shampang Messana** - June 07, 2018 at 12:15 PM

FL

“ All our love and sympathy thoughts are with the family. We will remember Janet's smile, her laugh, her zest for life. She was always full of fun, energy and she couldn't wait to see her family at the reunions. Please know we are thinking about you all.  
Fred, Judy, Frederick and Erik Loewen

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**Frederick and Judy Loewen** - June 07, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ John, Sheila and family, may God bless your family at this time of sorrow. Love, Sally and Ray

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“ John, Sheila and family, May God bless you at this time of sorrow. love, Sally and Ray.

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“ John and Karen, So sorry for your loss. She and Harry are together, now. The Taginski's

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KM

“ Mrs. Oswain became my fourth grade teacher at Redfield School in the early '70's after the first teacher left the area. I remember her fondly as a strong, no-nonsense but compassionate teacher. I am sorry for your loss.

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**Karen McHugh** - June 07, 2018 at 12:15 PM

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“ *Karen and family,  
Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Christopher P. Aitken and family*

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**Christopher Aitken** - June 07, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ *Ms. Oswain was my teacher in 4th grade at Redfield elementary school. I remember her with great fondness. Vanessa Machado*

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