



## Janice Boulton Mateka

January 25, 1943 - March 3, 2018

Janice L Boulton Mateka, 75, of North Belle Vernon, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 3, 2018 in Allegheny General Hospital. Her unexpected and sudden passing make the pain even more difficult to bear for the loved ones she left behind. A daughter of the late Edward H. and Ruth Strenske Braithwood, she was born in North Belle Vernon on January 25, 1943. Janice was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon and the Eastern Star. Jan lived her life loving, honoring, and worshiping Christ. A lifelong resident of North Belle Vernon, she graduated from Bellmar High School in 1960, and from California University in 1963 with a degree in elementary education. Janice started her career teaching 6th grade at Monessen, and she then taught 4th grade at Rostraver Elementary where she retired in 2008 after 44 years of teaching. Jan had a special way of touching the hearts of everyone she met and was a favorite teacher of the students fortunate enough to be in her classroom. Jan was a kind, loving, generous, compassionate, and selfless sophisticated lady. She enjoyed volunteering with her church, travelling with friends, going to the Benedum and living life to the fullest. Survivors include her soul mate and beloved husband John 'J.T.' Mateka, with whom she celebrated 6 years of marriage on February 18, 2018. Jan often said it took her 52 years to find him but he was worth the wait. She is also survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Michele Soltysiak of Virginia, Danielle Dragan of South Fayette Twp. and Lynette and Neil Murray of Mt. Lebanon, three grandchildren, Zachary Dragan, Trinity Dragan and

Jarek Soltysiak, an uncle and aunt, Harold and Rose Mary Strenske, cousins: Karen Strenske and Joe Burnsworth, Bill and Amy Strenske, and Sherry Strenske all of Belle Vernon, Kay and John Conger of Donora, and Cathy and Steve Reale of Ligonier, and her best buddy and furry companion, Mr. Buttons. In addition to her loving family she will be greatly missed and forever remembered by her extended family, John Popelas, Jeannine Mullen, and Tami, David and Brian Brazon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, William A. 'Bill' Boulton in 2007 and a beloved, and precious beautiful daughter, Leigh Ann Boulton on May 30, 1988. Friends will be received Monday from 7 to 9 P.M. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300 [www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com) Funeral services will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, 500 Fayette Avenue, Belle Vernon, Wednesday at 11 A.M. with Rev. Suzanne Currie officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The officers and members of the First Presbyterian Church will meet in the funeral home to hold services at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday.

# Cemetery Details

## Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
700 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
(724) 929-5300

## Visitation

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

MAR 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
501 Fayette Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

# Tribute Wall



“ *She was a kind and wonderful person, I'll miss you. Thanks for being one of the best teachers.* ”

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**John Vrabel** - March 07, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ *Jan, you were like an adopted mother to me. I loved being able to student teach with you. I watched how a person can truly shape the lives of young people. Each of your students knew they were loved daily. You showed God's love daily to everyone you met. I was blessed to spend 3 years at Cal U and get really close to you. We went through some highs and lows and I still remember the day you got buttons. I was so happy when you married JT and got to live in love. My heart is truly broken that you are gone. Today while I see each pediatric patient I smile a little bigger in memory of you. Noah and Naomi and I love you and will miss your sweet words. Each phone call we had made me realize what an amazing woman you are. Your legacy is beautiful and its touching to see all the comments and lives you changed. Rest well with your beautiful daughter, until I get to see you again...* ”

*Love always  
Zachary Schellhase*

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**Zachary Michael** - March 07, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ *She was a wonderful teacher and friend, and will be greatly missed.* ”

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**Laura Renee** - March 06, 2018 at 07:23 PM

MB

“ Our deepest sympathy Melanie and Don Bryner, Belleview, Fl. We are sending warm, healing thoughts to lift your spirits and help you get through your time of sorrow.

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**Melanie Bryner** - March 05, 2018 at 06:55 PM

AS

“ My sympathies. Janice was a wonderful lady. I carpoled to Rostraver Elem. with Janice and Mildred Hutchison for several years. We had a lot of great talks and laughs. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,  
Anne Sweany

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**ANNE SWEANY** - March 05, 2018 at 04:30 PM

RC

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Janice. Our sincere sympathy and prayers to all the family. Ray and Jeff Ciferno

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**Ray Ciferno** - March 05, 2018 at 10:11 AM

DS

“ Jan was truly the expression of God's love here on earth. She poured out that love on so many - hundreds of children and so many more where she lived. Jan inspired me in my walk with Christ through her selflessness and sacrificial love. I'm deeply grateful to God for the gift she was. Praying for peace for J.T. and all her family, and celebrating her new best life in heaven.

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**Dana Caruso Slagle** - March 05, 2018 at 09:21 AM

DS

“ *Dana Caruso Slagle purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Janice Boulton Mateka.*



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**Dana Caruso Slagle** - March 05, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Boulton Mateka.*



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March 05, 2018 at 08:54 AM

RS

“ *Rostraver Elementary Faculty and Staff purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Janice Boulton Mateka.*



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**Rostraver Elementary Faculty and Staff** - March 05, 2018 at 08:48 AM

BH

“ *My dear friend, you always had a smile on your face, your cup was always full of gratitude and kindness that spilled over to everyone. I will miss our monthly get together and giggling over the stories and antics of our other card players. You will be so missed by everyone you touch. God Bless You.*

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**Bonnie Halinka** - March 04, 2018 at 07:45 PM

RB

*I didn't realize Mrs Boulton had passed. I had her in 4 the grade and she was so good to me and when I graduated high school I received a beautiful gift and roses with a phone call and I was so touched by that. I told her I was going to YSU in Ohio and I Am a nurse now. From all my teachers she stands out. What a wonderful woman of God who was part of the kingdom of God on Earth and now I'm heaven.*

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**Rowena Mason RN BSN** - April 18, 2020 at 05:47 PM