



## Marion R. Panozzo

February 8, 1946 - July 16, 2020

Marion R. Panozzo, age 74, of Chebanse, passed away Thursday, July 16, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

She was born February 8, 1946 in Oak Park, the daughter of Donald & Doris Cahan Diefenbach.

Marion married Myron Panozzo on December 18, 1966 at the Grand Prairie United Methodist Church in Bonfield.

Marion helped her husband with the farm.

She was an active 4-H leader, taught Sunday school for many years in Chebanse and Kankakee. Marion directed Young Peoples Theatre (YPT) plays. She was a talented musician, singing and playing the organ/keyboard for church. She was also involved in the music booster club for Clifton Central. She was a large supporter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). She loved to care for her family and friends and share her cooking.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Myron Panozzo of Chebanse; one son, Michael Panozzo & Anne Pace of Chebanse; one daughter, Michele & Scott Hanson of Chebanse; one sister, Joyce & Richard Cochran of Bonfield; three brothers, James & Donna Diefenbach of Bonfield, Ed & Cherie Diefenbach of Lebanon, TN, and Richard & Susan Diefenbach of Tucson, AZ; six grandchildren, Laura Hanson, Nikolaus Hanson, Reagan Panozzo, Giacomo Panozzo, Gianni Panozzo, and Giona Panozzo; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2020, also at the funeral home. Rev. Valerie Mezger Wangstrom will officiate the service.

Interment will follow at Grand Prairie Cemetery in Bonfield.

Memorials may be made to Otto Township Fire Protection or Trinity United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Prairie Cemetery

Bonfield, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *I just learned this sad news. I am so sorry.  
Myron, I know you don't remember me, but I certainly remember  
Marion and the entire  
Diefenbach family. As a cousin I have such fun memories of our  
annual Cahan Family reunions at the Limestone Elementary School.  
As kids we would entertain the adults with our infamous impromptu  
concerts... piano, clarinet, flute... singing, acting...so much fun!  
Marion and Joyce were the two we looked up to for direction and  
choreography. Somewhere there are old 8mm home movies of our  
antics...treasured memories.*

*Please know that you are all in my thoughts & prayers.  
Sending you all my love,  
Alice Cahan Beutien  
East Palatka, FL*

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**Alice Cahan Beutien** - July 22, 2020 at 06:18 PM

JH

“ I first meet Marion through KVT -- my daughter was trying out for a part in a play.. How to sum up how my daughter and I felt about Marion - she was a great lady -- kind to all whether old or young -- supportive to her family and always "rooting" them on in whatever endeavors they were involved in. She made both my daughter and I welcome at her home -- she was such a wonderful person -- and I know she will be greatly missed by Myron, her son and family and Michelle's family too! I am sure she has left many people feeling a loss. Please know I will keep Myron and Michelle and Michael and their families in my thoughts and prayers. Take comfort in knowing she thought you were all the greatest and never failed to let people know that! I will miss her too.

*Janet Hanson*

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**Janet Hanson** - July 22, 2020 at 12:55 PM

DP

“ My deepest condolences to you Myron. You are truly a great guy.

*Duane Paraday*

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**Duane Paraday** - July 22, 2020 at 05:52 AM

MP

“ Marion was a wonderful lady. The times I have visits with her she would always talk about her family & extended family and how she was supportive to all.  
Marion lived a wonderful life and found happiness and security with her Husband Myron watching over her, he did a wonderful job.  
Wishing the family peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead & loving memories to share with family & friends  
Rest in peace.

*Mary Pace*

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**Mary Pace** - July 21, 2020 at 04:02 PM

MH

“ Marion was a cheerful "theatre mom" all of the years she helped with the children's theatre shows as director and supporter. Her smiles and encouragement meant a great deal to those involved, and to her son, Michael. Her positive attitude was infectious. May the Lord bless her family and many friends, and may they cherish her memory, and her smile.  
Marsha Hill

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**Marsha Hill** - July 21, 2020 at 09:39 AM

TS

“ So sorry. I was Marion's therapist at Harvestview. I really loved getting to know her. She was always interested in what was going on with me and we had some wonderful conversations and some laughs while we exercised.

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**Tammi Stone** - July 21, 2020 at 08:59 AM

WB

“ Our daughter grew up with Mike, and I became a room mother/band/choir supporter with Marion. From the moment I met her, she made me feel at ease. I never met a kinder, more thoughtful person than Marion. I am glad I got to know her.

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**Wayne Benson** - July 21, 2020 at 08:52 AM

CS

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Marion's family. My memories go back to the Grand Prairie church. We were in all the youth activities. Sunday School, Vacation Bible school in the summer. Our parents were neighbors in Bonfield, after they all moved from the farms. God Bless you and forever keep you in His arms.

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**Charlene Dahn Skeldon** - July 20, 2020 at 11:14 PM

CW

“ So many wonderful memories going back to Bonfield Grade Days. How many people know that it was Marian who helped the movement to get the Bonfield Bees to Bonfield Jets. She was so creative (had to come from her mother) and so friendly. She will be missed but her memory will live on.



Carol Weedon - July 20, 2020 at 07:48 PM

BD

“ Marion was a sweet wonderful woman, knew her well in my youth. Send the Panozzo family my deepest condolences.



Brent Davis - July 20, 2020 at 07:47 PM

EA

“ She was one of the sweetest ladies I know and thought of her often. She was one of my patients that touched me heart. Hugs and love to the family. May you remember all the good times! Ericka Wesemann Alexander, LPN @ Miller 😭



ericka alexander - July 20, 2020 at 07:44 AM

LP

“ *Myron and family,*

*I have so many fond memories of family gatherings with Marion and all the cousins. It was always a treat when she and her sisters would gather around at her mom's house to sing while she played the piano too. I loved going out to the farm when I was a kid. I hadn't fed a pig before and haven't since! She was such a gracious host to any and all of us. I remember her contagious laugh and big smile. She was so loved and will always be loved.*

*Thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Hugs and prayers.*

*Love,*

*Lynn and Jay*

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**Lynn M Plaschko** - July 19, 2020 at 09:59 PM

JP

“ *Dear Myron and family,*

*Marion had a kind heart and the ability to make people laugh and smile. I always enjoyed visiting with her at your kitchen table. I wish I could have seen her every day.*

*Jodi Papineau*

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**Jodi Papineau** - July 19, 2020 at 03:02 PM

LR

“ *I have many fond memories of Marion during my childhood, and always enjoyed her posts on Facebook. She was loved by many and will be missed. My deepest sympathy to family.*

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**Linda Rink** - July 19, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ Starbucks Coffee Condolences was purchased for the family of Marion R. Panozzo.



July 19, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ I'm so glad I knew Marion. She will be missed. My thoughts are with you Myron. -Georgia Papineau

Georgia Papineau - July 19, 2020 at 05:34 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy to you. Prayers for your family during this difficult time 🙏🙏

Jim and Sandy Rohr - July 18, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ This makes me sad! What a lovely and hard-working lady. I know you will miss her. Prayers and sympathy to you all.

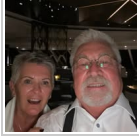
Maxine and Bob Dunn

Maxine Dunn - July 18, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ in our thoughts and prayers to all the families  
The Papineau families  
John P. Papineau

John P. Papineau - July 18, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *I remember counseling at Evangelical United Brothern Youth Summer Camp Seeger in Naperville with Marion. I think we had a lot more fun than the campers. She was a special lady who will be missed by many!!*

*Ronny Walter Ziebart*

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**Ronny Ziebart** - July 18, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with her family. We grew up together singing and worshipping at Grand Prairie Church. I remember all the times our families sang for different things at church. She had such a beautiful voice. Her laugh and smile were infectious, and could always put a smile on your face. So many good memories of our families. She will be missed by all, but is at peace in her heavenly home.*

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**Lynn Hartman** - July 18, 2020 at 11:58 AM