



## Leah Janet (Gaetzke) Pawlisch

June 25, 1925 - October 10, 2013

Leah Janet Pawlisch, age 88, of Brodhead, passed away on Thursday, October 10, 2013, at the Monroe Clinic Hospital, Monroe, WI. She was born on June 25, 1925 in North Freedom, WI, the daughter of John and Agnes (Seils) Gaetzke. Leah graduated from the North Freedom High School in 1943. She was enrolled as a student in the first class of the U.S. Cadet Nurse program in 1944 at the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Madison, WI during World War II, graduating as an RN in 1947. On June 22, 1951 she married Ronaldean ♦Dean♦ Pawlisch in North Freedom, WI. They resided in St. Paul, MN for 3 years where she pursued her career in nursing while Dean completed his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. In 1954 they moved to Brodhead, WI where she resided for the remainder of her life. She assisted Dean with the office business and volunteered extensively in the community and school. She served as a Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout leader and 4-H leader. Being an American Red Cross Nurse, she co-chaired the Brodhead Blood Mobile for 20 years. Leah was a member of the Juda Baptist Church in Juda, WI from 1955 until its closing in 1990. She taught Sunday School there for 30 years plus served in various offices within the Women♦s Missionary Society, both local and district, along with local church offices. At the time of her death, Leah had been a member of the Brodhead United Methodist Church, since 1990, serving as an officer and on many committees in various capacities. She enjoyed Green County Homemakers and was a contributing member for 59 years. As a member of the American Legion Auxiliary - Post

197, she served as President. Leah had taught wild game cooking classes and enjoyed cake decorating. She loved her family and being a caregiver to help others. Children were especially precious to her. She is survived by her husband, Ronaldean ♦Dean♦; two sons, Ray (Carol) Pawlisch, Brodhead, Kim Pawlisch, Madison, WI; a daughter, Debra (Paul) Chotlos, Madison, WI; five grandchildren, Benjamin (Andrea) and Dean (Joanna) Pawlisch, Anna, Nathaniel, and Matthew Chotlos; and a great-granddaughter, Audrey Leah Pawlisch. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Rita Faivre, two brothers, Robert ♦Bud♦ and Erwin Gaetzke, and a foster sister, Freda Stombaugh. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at the United Methodist Church, Brodhead, WI. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., Monday, at the D.L. NEWCOMER FUNERAL HOME, BRODHEAD, WI. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead, WI. ♦

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Leah, she was a great woman. Prayers to you all.

Randy & Brenda Fowler - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

CG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Leah will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with you all. Leah was blessed to have such a caring family.

Carla garrett - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear of Leah's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Deb Fitzgerald - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

MA

“ My condolences on your loss. I have fond memories of your family and the fellowship we shared at Juda Baptist Church many years ago. I know your faith helps at this time. Peace.

Michael Affolter - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

TN

“ So sorry for your loss. Leah was a big part of my early journey to my faith. You will be truly missed!

Tim Newman - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

EC

“ We are deeply saddened over Leah's death, but will remember her with love.

Elaine, Rance and Charlotte - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

RL

“ So sorry to hear of Leah's passing. She was a great lady. May God's blessing be with you all.

Roger & Phyllis Lentz - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

BW

“ Dean I am so very sorry you lost the love of your live. I feel for you. Love, Betty

Betty Wright - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

DA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.  
Ken and Diane Anderson

Diane Anderson - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

TJ

“ To the Pawlisch family,  
Tim and I know Dr. Pawlisch and your wife/Mom/grandmother because of the Albany American Legion. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. And she will be missed, she was a kind and caring woman.  
Tim and Vickie Jones

Tim and Vickie Jones - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

RW

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Pawlisch Family. I am very grateful for the help that Leah, Dean, her mother Agnes, sister Rita and brother Erwin gave in working on the Gaetzke and Pawlisch Family Trees. Her Earthly Journey Ends, but her memory will continue. Thinking of you.*  
*Ross Gaetzke Walker - Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

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**Ross Gaetzke Walker** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

WR

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Leah was a wonderful woman. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you the strength you need during this time.*

*Wendy & Bill Roth and Family*

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**Wendy Roth** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

HV

“ *We are saddened to learn of Leah's passing. She was a gracious, wonderful, and caring lady, who along with Dean raised a beautiful family. Her church and community also benefited her service. Our deepest sympathy to Dean and her family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Hubert and Rita Vickers** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

KB

“ *So sorry to learn of Leah's death. I fondly remember all the times our families got together, going way back to Minnesota, and then on to our "new" homes in Wisconsin. And Leah's housekeeping tips and ideas were always so helpful. She will be missed.*

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**Kirby (Otteson) Bouthilet** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

LB

“ To the Pawlisch Family, Our condolences to your family at this difficult time. I knew Leah and Ronaldean and family from 4-H and I'm Joe Boyle's daughter, Nick Boyle's sister Patty. Our deepest sympathy, Lois, Gar and Patty

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**Lois M Gibson, Garland G. Gibson, and Patty Boyle** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

CS

“ Dear Dean & Family I am so sorry to hear of Leah's Passing. You know my thoughts and Now & always.

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**Clifford Sorenson** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

TM

“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of Leah. I have many fond memories of her when you would come to visit your grandparents in North Freedom. My prayers and thoughts go with you.

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**Terri (Vertein) Mueller** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

PP

“ Dean,

*We were very sorry to learn of Leah's passing. We trust that the memories of your years together and the love and support of your family will help comfort you at this difficult time.*

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**Peter & Juanita Pawlisch** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

LS

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Leah's passing. She was such a beautiful and caring woman. I feel blessed to have called her my friend, and will miss her very much. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

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**La Verne Scofield** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

GG

“ We were so sorry to hear that Leah passed away. She was a wonderful woman and such a blessing to so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

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**Gary and Paula Gritzmaker** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

VE

“ May you find God's grace and comfort in this time. My sister, Kimberly, and I have fond memories of visiting you with our Dad, John Engstrom. I remember the small ottoman full of all sorts of toys and the warm feeling of your home.

Vernon Engstrom

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**Vernon Engstrom** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

TJ

“ I am so sorry to here of your loss. Leah was our sunday school teacher in Juda and she will be missed by our whole family.

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**Thomas Judd** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

CH

“ Our thoughts are with you at this very sensitive time. We received word of Leah's passing while at the hunting cabin in Saskatchewan. Leah was a very caring and wonderful person and I'm glad that we got a chance to spend some time with her while we were in Wisconsin a few years ago. Carol and Ed Henderson  
Duncan, BC Canada

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**Carol and Ed Henderson** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

RJ

“ Mr Pawlisch and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Mrs Pawlisch. She and all of your family were a big part of ours while we were growing up. She was kind and always full of laughter and good wisdom. We will all miss her very much. Take care, you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Ramona

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**Ramona Judd** - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM