



Janet F. "Gig" (Gallo) Naughton

September 7, 1936 - May 8, 2025

Janet F. "Gig" (Gallo) Naughton, age 88, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2025 in Daytona Beach, Florida. She was born on September 7, 1936 in North Braddock, and lived a life filled with rhythm, grace, and unwavering dedication to her craft and community.

A lifelong lover of dance, Janet was the proud owner of Janet's Dance Studio in Irwin, for over 40 years. Through her studio she not only taught generations of dancers but also created a space where creativity flourished and confidence was nurtured. Her passion for movement and music left an undeniable mark on countless students who continue to carry her lessons far beyond the stage.

Janet's legacy continues through her loving family, which she adored. She is survived by her devoted daughter and friend, Leisa Maghery; cherished grandchildren, Kaitlyn Maghery (Zach) and Tyler Maghery (Riley); beloved great-grandsons Levi, Liam, and Zaydan; a great grandson, due later this month, whom she was excited to meet; and a cherished Goddaughter, Lori Burdell. Each family member carries forward a part of Janet's spirit, strength, warmth, and enduring love.

She was preceded in death by her parents Della (Winsheimer) Gallo and Nicholas James Gallo; her beloved husband Jack Naughton; son-in-law

Daniel Maghery; and sister Donna Farro.

Janet's life was a testament to perseverance, artistry, and the joy of sharing one's gifts with others. To know Janet was to love Janet. May her memory bring joy to those who knew her and continue to inspire those who were touched by her presence.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main St., Irwin. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 15, in St. Agnes Church, 11400 St. Agnes Lane, North Huntingdon. Those attending the funeral please go directly to the church. Private interment will follow in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Misty Copeland Foundation in Janet's name to help a dancer in need be able to experience the joy of dance!

For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

431 Bridge Street
Irwin, PA 15642

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

MAY 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
11400 St. Agnes Lane
North Huntingdon, PA

Tribute Wall

MZ

“ The memories of our times at Janet’s will live in our hearts forever. When Carrie started dancing there at age 2, who knew how close we would be to Janet and her family. We were there practically Carrie’s whole life because after college (and dancing as her minor), she came back to teach on Oak Street - and she is still there! We miss Janet’s Dance Studio! Carrie made the “A” Dance Team at IUP the first year she tried out. Janet taught her everything and it has been a huge part of her life! Lifelong Best friends were made, not only by the students, but also the moms, so you see what an impact Janet had on so many lives! Rest in Peace, but keep on tapping in Heaven! We miss you and our hearts are broken! 💔🌹😭😭👉❤️

Mary Lou Zeravica

Mary Lou Zeravica - May 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM

KD

“ My deepest condolences to Leisa and your family. When Janet would come into the office, it would always make my day. She always had a big smile on her face and her energy was astounding. She was always so very kind and that is a memory I will always hold dear.

Kelly Danscak - May 14, 2025 at 08:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janet F. "Gig" (Gallo) Naughton.

May 13, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Janet F. "Gig" (Gallo) Naughton.*



May 13, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ *Condolences to Leisa, Kaitlyn, and Tyler...*

*My very deepest sympathy,
Ryan Yarosik*



Ryan Yarosik - May 12, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ *Each life is a miracle that changes the world and leaves it a better place than it was before. Janet certainly did this in our world. Most dance with their feet , but Janet danced with her heart. She showed our girls and grand daughter way more than just how to dance. Honoring the life of someone very special who will always be remembered with love. God bless the beautiful Naughton family.
With love, The Siniawski family*

Sherry Siniawski - May 12, 2025 at 08:03 AM

LP

“ They say it takes a village well Janet was part of my village. As a single mother, Janet took us into her studio and made us family. My daughter is a great human being and Janet is one reason why. One of my favorite memories was when we were at a competition in WV. It was early May and we were having dinner with Janet. The Kentucky Derby was on the tv and we all sang Old Kentucky Home together. Thank you Janet for who you were.
Lisa Perri-Lang

Lisa Perri-Lang - May 11, 2025 at 08:44 PM

MH

“ Miss Janet will always be in our hearts! purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Janet F. "Gig" (Gallo) Naughton.



Miss Janet will always be in our hearts! - May 11, 2025 at 07:43 PM

DL

“ Miss Janet, Thank you for all the memories!!! Your love of dance carried over to Jillienne and I. Your 40 year dance to It's Good To Be Alive is one of my best memories! I know you'll be tapping in heaven ☐☐☐ Love you Dani, Jillienne and family

Dani Lingis - May 11, 2025 at 03:16 PM

LA

She was so very beautiful inside and out, and my mother loved her dearly!!

lisa allen - May 12, 2025 at 09:33 AM

LI

I had the esteemed honor of having Miss J as my neighbor. She was such a special gift and was nothing but sunshine n sassy. The love she had for her family, and my boyfriend LOL, ran deep. He sends his deepest condolences to the family. We will always carry her in our hearts!

Linda - May 13, 2025 at 07:44 AM

MT

Sending hugs and prayers to the family! we spent many years In a dark auditorium as I came to love Janet ! She always wanted me to tap with her in the Charleston lobby Lots of laughs, discussion about fashion which always led to me to telling her how beautiful she was inside and out. She's tapping on the streets of gold this morning!!

Marcy Tuttle - May 13, 2025 at 10:59 AM

MZ

We have lots of memories with you, Marcy, and Janet at Star Systems! That seemed to be Janet's favorite competition. We went to many of them.

Mary Lou Zeravica - May 14, 2025 at 10:42 AM