

# Remembering the Victims

September–October 1982, Chicago, Illinois



## MARY KELLERMAN

1970 - 1982

Mary Ann was a seventh grader at Addams Junior High School in Schaumburg and living in Chicago's northwest suburbs. She was quite active in babysitting for neighborhood children and horseback riding.

Mary had stayed home from school the day before with a cold, was given Tylenol capsules by her father for the lingering symptoms. Minutes later, he heard her fall. She was dead before paramedics could get her to the hospital.

She left behind her parents Dennis and Jeanna M. Kellerman. Mary Kellerman was laid to rest in the Saint Michael The Archangel Catholic Cemetery.



## ADAM JANUS

1955 - 1982

Adam Janus was the father of two young children, and living in Arlington Heights at the time of his death.

The day of his death, Adam thought he was coming down with a cold. He stayed home from work that day. He took two Tylenols after lunch. A couple of minutes later, he came staggering into the kitchen and collapsed.

Adam was survived by parents Tadeusz and Alojza Janus, niece Monica Janus, brother Joseph Janus, and a host of other bereaved family members. He was laid to rest at Maryhill Catholic Cemetery & Mausoleum in Niles, Cook County, Illinois.



## STANLEY & THERESA JANUS

1957 - 1982

1962 - 1982

Stanley, Adam Janus' younger brother, was at Adam's house planning the funeral and mourning together with his and Adam's family. He asked his wife to get him some Tylenol for his chronic back pain. Both of them took Tylenol and collapsed together.

The Januses were survived by parents Tadeusz "Ted" and Alojza Janus, niece Monica Janus, brother Joseph Janus, Theresa's brother Robert Tarasewicz, her mother Helena Tarasewicz, and a host of other bereaved family members and friends.

Stanley and Theresa Janus were laid to rest at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois.



## PAULA PRINCE

1946 - 1982

Paula Jean Prince, 35, was a flight attendant who worked for United Airlines. On the day of her death, she flew from Las Vegas to O'Hare International Airport. She purchased Tylenol from a Walgreens on her way home. She was found dead in her apartment, and an open bottle of Tylenol was found on her bathroom counter.

Paula's funeral was held in Omaha at the same time as the Janus family victims, on October 5, 1982. She was laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. She was survived by her father Lloyd Prince, mother Margaret Prince, and siblings Carol Lisle, Margaret Conway and Robert Prince.



## MARY MACFARLAND

1951 - 1982

Thirty-year-old Mary McFarland was working at her job at the Illinois Bell in Lombard, when she felt a bad headache coming on. Mary took Tylenol in the back room of her workplace, walked back into the office and, to the horror of her coworkers, dropped to the floor.

She was a single mother, working and raising two young sons at the time of her death. Her two boys Ryan and Bradley McFarland, now grown, survive Mary McFarland. She was also survived by parents John and Jane Eliason, siblings Jack (Nancy), Thomas (Beth), Stephen, and Diane Eliason. A granddaughter she never had the chance to meet was given Mary as a middle name in her honor.



## MARY REINER

1955 - 1982

Mary Reiner was happily married to her husband Ed, and the couple had just welcomed their fourth child into the world. She used Tylenol to relieve her post-birth discomfort.

"Mary Magdalene Reiner grew up in Villa Park and was "100 percent Irish." Rosen remembers her being a good cook and preparing corned beef and egg noodles for the family. She also loved playing softball, the drums, and bowling."  
— James Sotonoff, Daily Herald

Her death left husband Ed Reiner to mourn, and four children, including an infant son to grow up without a mother.

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