PINEAPPLE POKE CAKE

Yield: 12

Prep time: 20 minutes; Cook time: 30 minutes; Total time: 50 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

• 1 (3.4 oz) box Jell-O instant vanilla pudding mix

- Milk for the pudding
- 2 (8 oz) cans pineapple slices
- 12 Maraschino cherries
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 box yellow cake mix (plus ingredients on back of box)
- Cool whip, for topping

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 2. Mix the Jell-O instant pudding mix with milk. Follow instructions on the box. Store in the refrigerator.
- 3. Spray a 9 x 13 pan with nonstick spray. Line the bottom with pineapple slices. Add a Maraschino cherry into the center of each pineapple ring. Sprinkle it with the brown sugar.
- 4. Follow the instructions on the back of the yellow cake mix box. Use pineapple juice in place of the water.
- 5. Pour the cake batter on top of the pineapple slices. Spread evenly.
- 6. Place in the oven. Follow the time that is on the back of the box.
- 7. Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely.
- 8. Once cooled, poke holes into the cake. Evenly spread the pudding across the cake. Be sure to gently press the pudding into the holes. Refrigerate for at least an hour. The longer it sits, the better it gets.
- 9. Serve with some Cool Whip topping. Enjoy!

NOTES:

- I used flax egg in place of egg for the cake mix.
- Make this a day ahead of time to allow the flavors to blend.