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Marilynn Kay Cooper, 72, of Decatur, Illinois, passed away January 6, 2023, at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Marilynn was born in Decatur on October 30, 1950, the daughter of Willis and Burnis (Fogerson) Strocher. Until retirement, she worked at Akorn Pharmaceutical. She spent her free time enjoying many activities, including traveling, shopping, birdwatching, feeding the neighborhood squirrels and chipmunks, watching Hallmark movies, playing with her cat Babycakes, and especially spending time with her beloved grandchildren.

Marilynn is survived by her children: Ryan Cooper of Las Vegas, Nevada and Erin Cooper-Basil of Decatur; sisters Helen (Bob) Ragsdale, Sue (Jim) Barton, and Teri Hopkins; grandchildren Joseph (Carly) Basil, Lindsay Basil, and Megan (Gavin) Stanzione; former son-in-law Thomas Basil; a host of nieces and nephews; and many treasured friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson Andrew Blickensderfer, and an infant grandchild.

Memorial services to celebrate Marilyn's life will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 1:00pm, and a funeral service will follow at 2:00pm. Memorials may be directed to the Humane Society of Decatur and Macon County. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Events

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Memorial Visitation

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 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT


 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



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Aissa And Hank Norris shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I always enjoyed the chats or should I say "listens" with Marilynn when the family was together at the farm for something or at a party. We usually shared our health struggles but the conversation usually came around to the kids (and grandkids). She talked about what talents Ryan had and what he was up to lately. She felt he was an amazing artist and I too had to agree. Then the conversations went on to Erin and her busy life with the day care children. She recognized Erin's passion for kids early on and was glad she followed her heart with all the babies. I know that she appreciated having Erin so close and she liked having time with her no matter what they were up to. I think her kids meant everything to her and she didn't mind sharing about them to everyone. But then came the grandkids! She seemed to always know the scoop on what was happening with each of them. The girls were the loves of her life and I think she liked to talk about their outfits or Megan hair changes. Both she would talk about their accomplishments in school and the once out of school it was about their jobs and future plans. She was so proud of Gavin's choice to serve but couldn't wait for Megan and he to be back home from the military and be close to home. I think she really missed Meg's attention and visits. She loved hearing Lindsay sing and her now being a choir director made her so happy. She knew she was following her passion. Her also being away from home was tough but she was always looking forward to have a trip for a visit once she felt better. Then there was Joey. She counted on him to be the voice of reason or should I say to hold down the fort. I honestly believe that although she wanted to make her own decisions she listened to Joe. She thought Joey and Carly were perfect for each other and I of course agreed. We were both looking forward to all the kids eventually having children and watching these "kids" become parents. This past year, the couple times I got to see her and visit, I knew she felt poorly but she was still stubborn about doing what she wanted and being on her own. It was what she knew and she liked it that way. I will miss her and our talks (my listens) but I know she is resting peacefully with no more pain and will be waiting for family when they too transition to the new neighborhood. God Bless you all with peace and very happy memories. With Sympathy Aissa and Hank Norris

January 10 at 4:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cooper family.



January 10 at 9:53 AM



Marilynn Olson posted:

I met Marilynn when I visited Decatur with Ryan. She was friendly, and beautiful and loved her family so much. Sending warm hugs and much love, Marilynn Olson

January 9 at 1:19 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cooper family.



January 9 at 1:15 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Cooper family.



January 9 at 12:20 PM



Jane Phillips-Tullis posted:

I will miss you, my sweet neighbor.

January 8 at 6:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cooper family.



January 7 at 8:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Cooper family.



January 7 at 7:19 AM



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Deanna Chilton posted:

There are so many great memories. Marilyn was the fun aunt from my childhood and was always there for me. Sometimes like a second mom. She was loving and caring and she will be greatly missed. I love you Aunt Marilyn, Rest In Peace.

January 6 at 5:34 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marilyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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