



Marilyn Jane McMillan

November 23, 1932 - August 2, 2025

Marilyn McMillan, a lifelong resident of Centralia, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the age of 92 at Depaul Hospital in Bridgeton, MO surrounded by her loving family. Born on November 23, 1932, in her beloved hometown, she was a cherished mother, Grams, friend, and community member. She is the daughter of Eugene Gorman and Velda (Brumfield) Gorman.

On May 13, 1956, she married the love of her life, Ellis "Bud" McMillan and they shared 58 wonderful years together before he passed away on December 22, 2014.

Marilyn dedicated over 31 years of her professional life as an Administrative Assistant at Centralia High School, where she was a valued colleague and made a lasting impact on countless students and staff.

In her personal life, Marilyn was known for her warmth, generosity, and community spirit. She loved entertaining her wide circle of friends on Friday and Saturday nights and was a proud member of a Bridge Club in her younger years. Her passion for sports was evident in her unwavering support for the St. Louis Cardinals and the Centralia Orphans, and many joyous hours were spent watching golf and baseball. Above all, she cherished her role as "Grams" and was happiest when surrounded by her family.

A large part of Marilyn's life was spring, summer, and fall weekends at Lake Centralia with family and friends. Her greatest joy was watching her grandkids and great-grandchildren enjoy swimming, paddle boarding, skiing, tubing...

and boat rides.

Marilyn was a devoted 83 year member of the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia where she served as an elder and formed many dear friendships. Her church community was a source of great joy and support throughout her life.

Marilyn is survived by her children: Lisa Pennock and husband George Triefenbach of Belleville; Jami Elmore and husband Gary of Walnut Hill; Bud McMillan of Centralia; and Mike McMillan and wife Kim of Centralia. Also left to honor her memory are her grandchildren: Thomas Swartwout and wife Arielle of Lexington, KY; Hailey Swartwout of Atlanta, GA; Whitney Middendorf and husband Todd of Nashville; Mitch Elmore and wife Manju of St. Paul, MN; Taylor Scism and his fiance' Jennifer of Morrison, CO; Elliot McMillan of Atlanta, GA; Madison McMillan of Fort Collins, CO; Megan Marcum and husband Lance of Centralia; and Andrea Walton and husband Andrew of Centralia. Additionally, she leaves behind a loving niece, Nancy Stedelin-Todd and husband Sam Todd of Eddyville, KY, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Velda Gorman, her beloved husband, Ellis "Bud" McMillan, her mother-in-law and father-in-law Iva and Ellis McMillan, her sister-in-law and brother-in-law Joan and Tom Stedelin, and her nephew Tom Stedelin II.

Funeral Services for Marilyn McMillan will be held Friday, August 8, 2025 at 12:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia with Pastor Ed Evans officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, August 8, 2025 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the church. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia. In memory of Marilyn, memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the McMillan family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

The First Presbyterian Church
102 S. Hickory Street
Centralia, Illinois 62801

Funeral Service

AUG 8. 12:00 PM.

First Presbyterian Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Jane McMillan*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - August 07, 2025 at 04:18 PM

MM

“ *Marilyn is such a fond memory of high school for me! We went to her office just because we loved her. ❤️ May she rest in peace and condolences to her family.*

Missy (Meador) Meyer - August 09, 2025 at 12:17 AM

CR

“ *Sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. As a student at CHS I have so many memories of her. She was my rock and one I confided in on many occasions. She was a friend to many and I'm sorry I didn't visit sooner. ☐*



Cris - August 08, 2025 at 09:48 AM

JS

“ Joel, Laura, Joshua and Ella Shute purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn Jane McMillan.



Joel, Laura, Joshua and Ella Shute - August 07, 2025 at 01:32 PM

LH

“ I am so saddened by the passing of a wonderful lady and one time friend. Marilyn and Bud were amazing people and welcomed us to the city back in the 1990's. Rest in peace with your love, Bud. Deepest condolences to the family.
Lois Hartwick

Lois Hartwick - August 07, 2025 at 12:16 PM

GZ

“ I love this picture of Marilyn ❤️ Her smile is as big as her heart. Her friendship was truly a blessing.
Geni Z

geni zibby - August 07, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilyn Jane McMillan.

August 06, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Jane McMillan.



August 06, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ Mace and Andi Carpenter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Jane McMillan.



Mace and Andi Carpenter - August 06, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ Mace and Andi Carpenter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Jane McMillan.

Mace and Andi Carpenter - August 06, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ I remember Marilyn and "Bud" and their children and grandchildren when I lived and attended the Presbyterian Church in Centralia. She was so pretty and positively glowed with warmth and personality. Her daughter, Jami, is so very much like her.

Margaret Dianne Schwarz - August 06, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Will miss Marilyn. She was such a sweet lady.

Brenda White - August 05, 2025 at 11:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilyn Jane McMillan.

August 05, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Jane McMillan.



August 05, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marilyn Jane McMillan.



August 05, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilyn Jane McMillan.

August 05, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ Marilyn was a sweet woman. Prayers to all

Noland Atchison - August 05, 2025 at 09:29 AM

CK

“Marilyn, I had the blessing of being one of your students at CHS, then a CNA at Heritage, we shared great memories throughout. I will miss you dearly as I felt like you were family. Love you sweetheart till we meet again in paradise! To the family, thank you so much for sharing her with us at Heritage Woods, it was a great privilege to care for Marilyn, she will be missed by us all!



Cassandra Kinney - August 04, 2025 at 10:17 PM

NJ

Rest in peace beautiful lady and I send prayers of comfort to your loving family.

Nancy Jones - August 06, 2025 at 12:29 PM

CF

“I am sorry for your loss! I have loved Marilyn since I was a child! I grew up with the kids. The family are in my prayers!

Cheryle A Ferguson - August 04, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“Susan Kleinedler lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Jane McMillan



Susan Kleinedler - August 04, 2025 at 07:17 PM



The Salisbury family has always thought well of the McMillians. I went all thru school with Mike. My sincere condolences.

Susan Kleinedler - August 04, 2025 at 07:19 PM

PB

“ Peggy and Geno Bardelli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn McMillan.

Peggy and Geno Bardelli - August 04, 2025 at 07:14 PM

PB

“ Peggy and Geno Bardelli purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn Jane McMillan.



Peggy and Geno Bardelli - August 04, 2025 at 07:14 PM

PB

“ I've known Marilyn most of my life. Growing up in the Presbyterian Church with all the McMillan family. She will be missed. What a great life she had with her loving family. Prayers to all!! 🙏💔😊

Peggy Myers Beal - August 04, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JB

“ Jo and Steve Brewer purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marilyn Jane McMillan.



Jo and Steve Brewer - August 04, 2025 at 12:50 PM