



## Jacqueline L Willett

January 19, 1949 - January 8, 2025

Jacqueline L. Willett, 75, of Morton, formerly of Manito, passed away at 9:38 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at the Apostolic Christian Timber Ridge Home in Morton, Illinois. She was born on January 19, 1949 in Peoria, Illinois to Hal and Elsie (DeSutter) Willett.

Jacqueline is survived by her brother, John Willett of Culpeper, Virginia; sister, Christa Robinson of Clearwater, Florida; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Dan Willett.

One of the most beautiful aspects of Jackie's life was her ability to see the world in a different, often more beautiful light. She had a way of noticing the small things that many of us overlook – the sharing of a cup of ice cream with her mom, loving her pet cat “Queenie” with her sister, just being ornery with her 2 brothers, going on day trips with friends at the home, the joy of a song or the comfort of a familiar routine.

Jackie's journey was not without its challenges. But through each obstacle, she showed us what true resilience looks like. She approached every day with a bravery and a strength that belied her vulnerabilities. Jackie's life story is not one defined by special needs, but rather by special abilities – the ability to love unconditionally, to overcome adversity, and to impact the lives of others in the most profound ways. Her legacy is one of resilience, joy, and an unspoken

reminder of the inherent value and potential in each of us.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025 at Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito at 11:00 a.m., with a visitation one hour prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00a.m. Rev. Steve Oaks from the Manito United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will follow the service at Meadow Lawn Cemetery in Manito.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jacqueline's name to Apostolic Christian Timber Ridge. Online condolences can be left for her family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Meadow Lawn Cemetery

801 E. Meadow Lawn St.  
Manito, IL 61546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maas Hurley Funeral Home - Manito  
301 S. Washington St.  
P.O. Box #442  
Manito, IL 61546  
(309) 968-6157  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jacqueline L Willett



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**Hurley Funeral Home** - January 13, 2025 at 07:28 PM

SK

“ My sweet JaquelynnVillet as I used to affectionately call her. Where do I even begin? This incredible force of life chose to trust me to be a caretaker. Her little giggle as I told her to go sneak around would turn any bad day into good. Before her naps I'd burst through the door and ask if there was room for me in her bed too, and she'd always sign "yes". I'd spend too much time sharing all the gossip and rumors i'd heard with her and her roommate, and she'd always listen. I was blessed enough to be there when she met Jesus, and I'm so thankful she's at peace now. Jackie, I'll miss you forever and ever, I hope you sneak into my thoughts often. Thank you for everything you taught me about me, and for all the warm smiles and hand holds while we walked familiar halls time and time again. Fly high sweet girl. ❤️

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**Sara Klemm** - January 17, 2025 at 08:49 PM

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“ May Jackie rest in peace. Knowing she will be together with here eternal family brings peace to my soul. May the Lord bless her and keep her in his heavenly kingdom.  
Love you Jackie. ❤️



Deborah Isenburg - January 15, 2025 at 09:42 PM

SS

“ Steve and Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Willett



Steve and Kim Singley - January 12, 2025 at 07:31 PM

TF

“ The Blount Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jacqueline L Willett.



The Blount Family - January 12, 2025 at 05:00 PM

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“ The Blount Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacqueline L Willett.

The Blount Family - January 12, 2025 at 05:00 PM

JS

“ Jackie Schier sent a virtual gift in memory of Jacqueline Willett



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**Jackie Schier** - January 11, 2025 at 12:37 AM

CC

“ Cheryl Emmons Cockerham lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Willett



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**Cheryl Emmons Cockerham** - January 10, 2025 at 05:30 PM