



Joyce I. Williams

March 5, 1943 - June 20, 2025

Joyce Irene Williams, 82, of Springfield, Illinois, formerly of Kilbourne, passed away at 10:10 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. She was born on March 5, 1943 in Springfield to Marshall and Lola Clark. She married Dean Williams on March 1, 1997.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Dean Williams of Springfield; children, Craig (Cindy) Schaeffer of Astoria, Suzanne (Kevin) King of Rochester, and LeaAnn (Rod) Johnson of Auburn; step-sons, Duane and Dana Williams of Springfield; grandchildren, Kelsea Schaeffer, Brandy (Keith) Lane, Abbey (Brent) Thorman, Courtney King, Jacob King, Alex Johnson, and Ben Johnson; step-grandchildren, Ricky Williams, Dana Williams, Presley Williams, and Luke Williams; great-grandchildren, Peter Lane, and Dakota, Reagan, Cameron, and Andersen Thorman; and two step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Eleanor (Bud) Mead and Marilyn (Bill) McCracken; and step-son, Rick Williams.

Joyce was a member of Kilbourne Baptist Church. Faith was an important part of her life and shaped who she was. Nothing meant more to her than her kids and grandkids, they were truly her pride and joy. She loved keeping family traditions going and was always proud of the family she built. She also loved to travel and make memories together. One of her favorite trips was in 2004, when she took the whole family on a Disney cruise for Christmas, a special time they all remembered fondly.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at Noon at Hurley

Funeral Home in Havana, with a visitation two hours prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Rev. Mike Hopps will officiate. Burial will follow the service at Kilbourne Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from noon until 5:00 p.m. at VFW Post #10302 at 2349 Stockyard Road in Springfield.

Online condolences can be left for Joyce's family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Kilbourne Cemetery

Kilbourne, IL 62655

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral Service

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Celebration of Life

JUL **26**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

VFW Post #10302
2349 Stockyard Road
Springfield, IL

Tribute Wall

ED

“ Dean,
Deepest condolences on the loss of your dear Joyce. She was always, kind ,caring and efficient as our secretary and was a pleasure to work with. May she rest in the arms of our Lord. Most sincerely, Ed and Hope Dwyer

Ed Dwyer - July 25, 2025 at 10:05 AM

RD

“ Dean,

So sorry for your loss. Heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. She was so great to work with at the ISP Academy. She will be surely missed by all.

Retired Trooper Stephen Danay - July 02, 2025 at 01:05 PM

JZ

“ Jan Zeeck lit a candle in memory of Joyce Williams



Jan Zeeck - July 01, 2025 at 09:48 PM

JM

I am so sorry that I was unaware Joyce had passed in June until I was notified about her husband Dean. Joyce was a wonderful woman and share many memories through the photography world. My condolences to the entire family. And may she be reunited with Dean Williams.

Jeneanne Mueller - January 05 at 10:57 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joyce I. Williams.*



July 01, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce I. Williams.

July 01, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I work with Joyce at the ISP Academy. She was always fun to be around and always had a smile on her face. Heaven has gained an angel. Bonnie Heinking*

Bonnie Heinking - June 29, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce I. Williams.*



June 27, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce I. Williams.

June 27, 2025 at 04:44 PM

RG

“ Robert Griffin lit a candle in memory of Joyce Williams



Robert Griffin - June 27, 2025 at 12:01 AM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ❤️🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - June 26, 2025 at 02:33 PM

JL

“ Jon and Susan Lacey lit a candle in memory of Joyce Williams



Jon and Susan Lacey - June 26, 2025 at 09:14 AM

RS

“ So so sorry for the loss of a very special lady who always treated me as one of hers. There is no real word that really expresses the way this lady show her love to everyone. There were no strangers with her. Sending love and prayers to the family.

Rodney Shults - June 26, 2025 at 09:07 AM

TD

“ *Tim Daniel lit a candle in memory of Joyce Williams*



Tim Daniel - June 26, 2025 at 08:10 AM

LH

“ *Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Williams*



Larry and Mary Hundt - June 26, 2025 at 08:08 AM

CK

“ *Prayers to the family. So sorry for your loss*

Carol Fisk Kolves - June 25, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce I. Williams.*



June 25, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce I. Williams.*

June 25, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce I. Williams.*



June 25, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ *Bob Lynn lit a candle in memory of Joyce Williams*



Bob Lynn - June 25, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *Cheryl Hahn lit a candle in memory of Joyce Williams*



Cheryl Hahn - June 25, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ *Bob & I are so very sorry for the loss of your mother. I remember Joyce when I was a child. She was a very very nice lady. I'm sure my sister Lorene would have said the same thing. Again our deepest condolences to the family*

Bob & Lynne McDaniel - June 25, 2025 at 02:37 PM

DJ

“Joyce was a lovely person. I attended Kilbourne Baptist Church as a child/teen. During the summer months, Bible study was often held at various church members homes. Joyce always welcomed everyone and we all had great fellowship. My brother David Hill shared the same birthdate with Joyce and she never failed to send him a birthday greeting on Facebook. Our entire family adored her. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. Joyce’s family has our deepest sympathy.



Denise Hill Johnson

Denise Johnson - June 25, 2025 at 12:10 PM

EE

I have great memories of Joyce when we were younger in school and as young adults raising children. She was always special. I regret I've not seen her since our high school reunion in 2011. I've thought her often and would send notes etc. I'm really sorry for your loss, Dean. You were good for her and gave her what she needed. Thanks for all the beautiful memories you gave her. I love you, Joyce. I'll see you in Heaven. I remember the times we've attended church, and Sunday School together. She will be missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Erla Nall (Knuppel) Ebken

Erla Ebken - June 25, 2025 at 01:27 PM

DH

I worked with Joyce at the Illinois State Police. She always had a smile on her face and everyone loved her. She will be deeply missed by her family who she adores and thought the world of. Dean I'm sorry for your loss. You held each other up in difficult times and treasured the fun times and adventures. RIP my friend.

Deb Lawson Hahn - June 26, 2025 at 05:52 AM

LH

*I was saddened to hear of Joyce's passing. She was a wonderful person who always had a beaming smile. I got to know Joyce over the years we both worked for Bob Prater. If you knew Joyce you couldn't help but like her. I am sure she's on everyone's favorite person list and will be missed by everyone who knew her
My deepest sympathy and condolences go out to her entire family.
Larry Horn`*

Larry Horn - June 26, 2025 at 01:17 PM

DB

“ *Dawn Hardy Burch lit a candle in memory of
Joyce Williams*



Dawn Hardy Burch - June 25, 2025 at 10:27 AM