



Julie Ann Swope

June 23, 1953 - April 26, 2025

Julie Ann "Mamma Jamma" (Wilson) Swope, 71, of Gridley, IL passed peacefully at 4:05pm, Saturday April 26th, surrounded by her loving children and close friends.

Julie was born on June 23rd, 1953 at BroMenn Hospital to Carthol Boyd and Ruth Ann (Herrington) Wilson. She married James H. Swope of Gridley, IL on January 15th, 1972. As her former spouse and friend, he survives.

Julie enjoyed doing anything related to art, being creative, cooking, Basset Hounds, or being outdoors. She could always be seen at her favorite camping spot #125 with her kids and all their friends at Comlara Park in her younger years or down at Fork Lake running the bait shop for one of the local RV and Campgrounds in her older years. Julie also had a huge passion for flowers, mainly Orchids. At one point she had over 500 plants, flowers, and/or orchids in her home. Aside from her 3 children, her other loves were her handsome bassets, Beauford, Winslow, and Chief. Julie had many nicknames through the years but her children called her Mamma Jamma and others knew her as Mom #2, Lady J, J-Bird, or Ms. Julie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carthol Boyd and Ruth Ann (Herrington) Wilson; Brother, Bruce Alan Wilson; Grandparents, Roscoe and Zona Elizabeth Wade Wilson, Wilson and Blanche Kryder Herrington; son-in-

law John David "Big Pappa" Kroell; pets, Winslow and Beauford.

Surviving are her amazing children; Barbara A. Swope of Dunlap, Jonathan J. (Jennifer) Swope of Mackinaw, Summer L. Kroell of Forest City/Gridley, her grandchildren; Noah Peterlin, Maniyah Swope, Devon Swope, Colin Swope, and Brody Swope, her siblings: Laurie (Scott) Herlickman, Brian Wilson, Megan (Paul) Thimmig, Steve (Diane) Wilson; her Australian sister, Cathy (David) Boyce, 2 Nephews and 1 Niece; Russell Wilson, Stephen Wilson, and Ashley (Wilson) Loehr, pets; Chief (beefy chiefy) and several other family members and friends.

The family will be holding a Celebration of Life, a Camping Trip, and a private ceremony at a later date. In lieu of flowers, condolences or monetary funds can be sent to the address below:

Summer L. Kroell
C/O Julie A. Swope
18 Edgewood Terrace
Forest City, IL 61532

The family will use the funds (make funds out to Summer L Kroell) for her arrangements and Celebration of Life. Any funds left over will be donated to a Bassett Rescue that was near and dear to Julie's heart, AaRoooo!! Basset Rescue.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Julie Ann Swope.*



May 19, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ *Julie and I lived in Navy Housing in San Diego in the 1980's. We soon became fast friends and had many fun, crazy adventures. She was an amazing woman , so talented in many areas, and always ready to step up when needed. Those were some great times for sure.*

We kept in touch over the years, saw each other a couple times and shared many laughs over our time together in San Diego.

She will be greatly missed by many, and I will keep her & my memories of us in my heart forever! Rest well my dear friend .

Lynne Williams - May 13, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ *Maniyah Swope lit a candle in memory of Julie Swope*



Maniyah Swope - May 11, 2025 at 02:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julie Ann Swope.

April 30, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Julie Swope



Larry and Mary Hundt - April 30, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ Love, katie ross purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Julie Ann Swope.



Love, katie ross - April 29, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ Love, katie ross planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Ann Swope.

Love, katie ross - April 29, 2025 at 07:00 PM