



## Lila "Marie" Hudspeth

August 11, 1939 - February 1, 2026

Lila "Marie" Hudspeth, age 86, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Regency Care in Springfield, Illinois. She was born on August 11, 1939, to Hilda Conway in Rome, Georgia. She married John Hudspeth on June 3, 1957. He preceded her in death on May 20, 2003.

Marie worked for IDEAL Industries in Petersburg, first working on the assembly line and later managing the tool crib in her working years. She was a member of the Petersburg United Methodist Church in Petersburg, Illinois. She was an avid reader, enjoyed bird watching, working in her garden and genealogy. She also enjoyed drinking coffee (black only, please) and spending time with her family and friends. She took great joy in writing letters and was considered by her family to be one of the last great letter writers.

Marie is survived by her children, John (Kimberly) Hudspeth, Michael (Noreen) Hudspeth, Scott Hudspeth, Shelly (James) Burkett, Mark (Lisa) Hudspeth and Elaine Gentry; her grandchildren, Timothy (Jessica) Hudspeth, Blake (Madelyn) Hudspeth, Allegra (Trevor) Elliott, Mikaela Hudspeth, Randal Hudspeth, Peyton (Macy) Hudspeth, Michael Gentry, Jonathon Gentry, Jefferson (Samantha) Hayes, Tiffany Gentry, Devyn (Sidney) Gallaway, Ellanah (Corbin) Gentry and Matthew Gentry; and several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, John; her mother; a daughter-in-law, Phyllis Hudspeth; and two grandsons, Zachary Hudspeth and Brandon Gentry.

A visitation will be held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at the Petersburg United Methodist Church from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The memorial service will begin at 11:00 am at the church with Pastor Rick Pierce officiating. Burial will immediately follow the service at New Concord Cemetery in Petersburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Murphy Harpst Children's Center, 740 Fletcher St, Cedartown, Georgia 30125.

# Cemetery Details

## Concord Cemetery

Petersburg, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Petersburg United Methodist Church  
221 W. Jackson  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-7689

## Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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221 W. Jackson  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
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## Burial

FEB 9 (CT)

Concord Cemetery  
Petersburg, IL



# Tribute Wall

MM

“ John, Our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your mother.

*Mike and Lori Mounce*

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**Michael Mounce** - February 08 at 04:14 PM

RW

“ sorry for your loss new John Marie many years ago.

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**ronald wesley** - February 07 at 09:22 AM

KP

“ To the family of Marie,  
I am so sorry to hear of Marie's passing. I met her when I delivered the mail down to the house. She was such a wonderful person; we had many interesting and fun conversations. After I retired she kept me informed about so many things - including the family she lived so very much. I will always remember her. Sending you my thoughts and prayers.

*Karen Pope*

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**Karen Pope** - February 04 at 08:50 PM

MJ

“ Mrs. Hudspeth was a fierce mother- she loved her children unconditionally. I remember her coming to visit our elementary school class- her son John and I were classmates. She was so proud of him!

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**Melanie (Onion) Jensen** - February 03 at 08:15 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lila "Marie" Hudspeth.*



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February 03 at 04:37 PM



“ *Gene and Bonnie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lila "Marie" Hudspeth.*



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**Gene and Bonnie** - February 03 at 04:02 PM