



Marilyn L. Curless

January 23, 1951 - December 15, 2025

Marilyn Louise Curless, 74, of Jacksonville, formerly of Havana, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Monday, December 15, 2025 at her home. She was born on January 23, 1951 in Havana to Oliver and Judith (Cooper) Matthews. She married Donal Dean Curless on April 15, 1972 in Havana, and he preceded her in death on August 23, 2016.

Marilyn is survived by her sons, Ryan (Anne) Curless of Chatham, Matthew Curless of Jacksonville, and Nicholas (Ronny) Curless of Jacksonville; grandchildren, Liam and Finnegan Curless, Erin Curless, and Jera and Theo Waters; and siblings, Linda Green of East Peoria and Bob (Laura) Matthews of Brighton, Michigan. She was preceded her husband; parents; and sisters, Betty Matthews and Barbara McBride.

Marilyn was a devoted wife, mother, and proud grandmother who found great joy in her family, especially time spent with her grandchildren. She was an active member of First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school for more than 50 years. Marilyn worked for AT&T for over 30 years before retiring. An avid reader, she was deeply devoted to her church and family and was always happiest when her grandchildren were close by.

Funeral services will be on Friday, December 19, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana, with a visitation prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Rev. Jay Zaremba will officiate. Burial will follow the service at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana.

Memorial donations may be made in Marilyn's name to the First Baptist

Church. Online condolences can be left for her family at www.hurleyfh.com.
Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:30 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

DEC 19. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Becky Morgan lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Curless*



Becky Morgan - December 19, 2025 at 09:41 AM

NE

“ *Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Curless*



Nancy Elliott - December 18, 2025 at 12:03 PM

PS

“ *Patti Specketer lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Curless*



Patti Specketer - December 18, 2025 at 11:17 AM

PG

“ *Patricia Gilbreath lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Curless*



Patricia Gilbreath - December 18, 2025 at 08:58 AM

LH

“ *Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Marilyn Curless*



Larry and Mary Hundt - December 18, 2025 at 08:15 AM

JC

“ *Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Curless*



Julitta Carpenter - December 17, 2025 at 10:17 PM

LB

“ *To the family of Marilyn Curless, I worked with Marilyn many years at AT&T and Illinois Bell. she was a beautiful spirit to work with. RIP in Marilyn meet you husband on the other side and we know God will take care of you both. Your co-worker for years*

LaVerne Butler - December 17, 2025 at 05:15 PM