



Viola F. Howe

October 14, 1930 - July 8, 2024

Viola Florene Howe, 93, of Havana, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 8, 2024, at Springfield Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family. She was born on October 14, 1930, in St. Mary's Township, Plymouth, Illinois to Roy E. and Adelia Esther (Wier) Sellars, and was the fifth of six children. She married Lyle Howe on September 6, 1959, in Macomb, Illinois. He preceded her in death on January 20, 2023.

Viola is survived by her sister, Irene Sellars of Plymouth, Illinois; her children, Larry Howe of Havana, Jan (Jack) O'Bryant of Canton, Missouri, Joyce (Randy) Fairrow of Easton, Illinois, Janie (Jason) Jones of Table Grove, Illinois, and son-in-law, Steve Marshall of Havana; grandchildren, Christopher Boggs, Jill (Kyle) Cookingham, Clint (Johanna) O'Bryant, Sydney Marshall, Jett Jones, Jada Jones, and Zachary Marshall; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle; her daughter, Joan Marshall and infant son, Garry Howe; her parents; one brother, Glen Sellars; and three sisters, Lucille Howe, Lola Shoup, and Hazel Sellars.

As the matriarch of her large family, Viola delighted in visits with her daughters and their families, and always welcomed any opportunity to watch her grandchildren and impart the importance of her faith and strong morals. She was the biggest supporter of her son, Larry. Her hobbies – gardening, sewing, board games, and playing the piano – reflected a life of intention and joy. She spent nearly 50 years cultivating her home and looked forward to hosting

large family gatherings during the holidays. Her grace, intellect, and kindness will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In keeping with her wishes, private family graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024 at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Senior Advantage program at Mason District Hospital in care of Viola Howe. Online memorials 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

Graveside Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LT

“ So sorry for your family's loss! Sincerely, Lisa Ulrich Thompson



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - July 15, 2024 at 03:23 PM

MS

“ Michelle Miller and Courtney Session purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Viola F. Howe.



Michelle Miller and Courtney Session - July 15, 2024 at 11:57 AM

MS

“ Michelle Miller and Courtney Session planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Viola F. Howe.

Michelle Miller and Courtney Session - July 15, 2024 at 11:57 AM

MC

“ Prayers for the family

Marcia Ann Chaney - July 13, 2024 at 10:18 AM

MC

“ *Marcia Ann Chaney lit a candle in memory of Viola F. Howe*



Marcia Ann Chaney - July 13, 2024 at 10:16 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Viola F. Howe*



Larry and Mary Hundt - July 11, 2024 at 07:40 PM

RQ

“ *RON AND BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Viola Howe*



RON AND BARB QUINONES - July 11, 2024 at 01:10 PM

DW

“ *Dan and Chris Wilson lit a candle in memory of Viola Howe*



Dan and Chris Wilson - July 11, 2024 at 11:02 AM

DW

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



Dan and Chris Wilson - July 10, 2024 at 06:24 PM

JS

“ *Jody Smith lit a candle in memory of Viola Howe*



Jody Smith - July 10, 2024 at 05:23 PM

NE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family*



Nancy Elliott - July 10, 2024 at 04:55 PM

LS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Viola's family. Everyone is in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless Everyone. Alvin & Lorenda Spilker.*



Lorenda and Alvin Spilker - July 10, 2024 at 04:18 PM

ML

“ *Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of Viola Howe*



Melody Lynn - July 10, 2024 at 03:38 PM