



Marilyn Jean Heafner

September 30, 1933 - January 12, 2020

Dateline: Godfrey

Marilyn Jean Heafner, 86, passed away at 4:24 p.m. Sunday, January 12, 2020 at OSF St. Anthony's Health Center. Born September 30, 1933 in Alton, she was the daughter of Raymond J. Borman and Virginia Mae (Bauser) Leonberger, and the adopted daughter of Maxie W. Leonberger. On May 29, 1953 she married William E. Heafner in Alton. She spent the majority of her life as a dedicated mother, homemaker, and grandmother. Mrs. Heafner was a member of Faith Baptist Church and worked as a school secretary for Mississippi Valley Christian School for 18 years. She had many hobbies including painting, gardening, and was an avid antique collector and dealer. She is survived by her husband, William E. Heafner, and three children, Linda (Heafner) Johnsonbaugh and her husband Richard, William M. Heafner and his wife Sheryl, and Michael E. Heafner and his wife Sally; nine grandchildren, DeWayne Johnsonbaugh and wife Victoria, Wiley Heafner and wife Rebecca, Marcie (Johnsonbaugh) Jordan and husband Matthew, William Tyrel Heafner and wife Rachel, Renee (Johnsonbaugh) Owens and husband, Nathan, Sarai (Heafner) Hughes and husband Joseph, Thomas Heafner and wife Kara, Ryan Johnsonbaugh, and Spencer Heafner and wife Jamie; 17 great grandchildren, Brayden Heafner, Dagen and Easton Heafner (twins), Aaron and Ethan Hughes (twins), Virginia Jordan, Evelyn Hughes, Wesley Jordan, William Johnsonbaugh, Gwendolyn Heafner, Clark Jordan, Daphne

Johnsonbaugh, Andrew and Adelyn Heafner (twins), Liam Heafner, Henry Johnsonbaugh and Rosalie Heafner; and two sisters-in-law, Carolyn (Heafner) Smith and Katherine (Heafner) Lutz and husband Stanley. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2020. Reverend Alan Waddell and Reverend Tom Olney will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mississippi Valley Christian School, Alton, IL. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
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Funeral

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Jean Heafner*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Marilyn Jean Heafner*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of the loss of Mrs. Heafner. I will always remember her from Melville Congregational Church. She always very involved with the kids and was a mentor to a few. I can still see her singing in the choir. To her family: you were always such a lovely family and have so many memories of the youth activities in which we participated. You have my deepest sympathy. I pray the Lord will comfort you and give you peace as only He can. Love to all of you.*

Debbie Hauversburk - May 08, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *There are so many memories my family and I have of time spent with Marilyn. Marilyn was a fun lady. Her bright eyes and smile were a welcome sight. Her spontaneity always brought a laugh, especially when she was trying to get a confession on a secret kept from her. Heaven seems very real as I think of those she is reunited with. I look forward to the day we can stroll over Heaven together. To her family--my thoughts, love and prayers are with you.*

Dawn Weber - January 16, 2020 at 08:23 AM

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“ Mrs. Heafner put up with this young administrator who made many mistakes without being judgmental. She was a treasure in the MVCS office. I will always remember that her sneezes came seven-fold - always. Loved counting to seven each time. Heaven is more complete with her! Dwight Vanderboegh

Dwight Vanderboegh - January 15, 2020 at 08:03 PM

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“ I appreciated Marilyn's smiles and chuckles in the school office for many years. Her gifts and service were a blessing to all whether at church or MVCS.

Gail Gerdt - January 15, 2020 at 05:55 PM