



## Marilyn Jean Ernst

September 14, 1934 - May 23, 2023

Marilyn Jean Ernst, daughter of the late Lars Haakon Thoreson and Marmion Ida (Hewitt) Thoreson, was born September 14, 1934 in Ruthven, Iowa. She entered into the presence of Jesus on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 having attained the age of 88 years.

As a young girl, Marilyn grew up in rural Ruthven and Emmetsburg, Iowa and graduated from Emmetsburg High School. She continued her education at Iowa State and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education.

Marilyn taught home economics until she retired in 1994. During the first part of her teaching career, she taught in Ruthven and Laurens, Iowa and while there a fellow teacher introduced her to a young man by the name of Richard "Dick" Philip Ernst. They began dating and were united in marriage on August 4, 1952 in Ruthven, Iowa. Marilyn and Dick were blessed with three sons: Randy, Scott, and David.

In 1976, the family moved to the Waynesville, Missouri area and Marilyn began teaching in the Waynesville R-VI School District. During her time with the district, she taught at Waynesville Junior High School, Wood Junior High School, and Waynesville High School. Even while still teaching, Marilyn worked with the family business, Skyline Cycles.

In her spare time, Marilyn enjoyed quilting and was a member of the Richland Pieceful Quilters. She was also a member of the Hansen Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for many years.

Marilyn will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory, her son and daughter-in-law: David and Sherry Ernst of Waynesville, MO; four grandchildren: Karl Ernst and his wife, Leah, Lorelei Foe, Kirsche Miller all of St. Louis, MO, and Dallas Ernst and his wife, Sarah of Jefferson City, MO; five great grandchildren: Skylar, Anakin, Hunter, Julia and Anderson; one brother: Roger Thorson of Graettinger, IA; two sisters: Idelle Boomgarden and her husband, Harold of Kansas City, MO and Betty Penn and her husband, Dave of Des Moines, IA; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband: Richard Ernst; two sons: Randy and Scott Ernst; three brothers: James, Norman, and Ronald Thoreson.

Even though she is gone from our sight, Marilyn's hardworking spirit will live on in our hearts.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert with Pastor Mark Tallant officiating. Marilyn's grandson, Dallas Ernst, played the song "Because He Lives" on his violin and "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" recorded by the Gaither Vocal Band was played. Private burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Marilyn Ernst and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.



# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 26.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Jean Ernst*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - July 06, 2023 at 02:06 PM



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - May 26, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *Mary Haas sent a virtual gift in memory of Marilyn Ernst*



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**Mary Haas** - May 31, 2023 at 03:15 PM

VB

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother and grandmother. Mrs. Ernst was my home ec teacher at Laurens, over fifty years ago, and I learned so much from her!! She was a fabulous teacher. I learned to sew, how to refinish furniture, and STILL TODAY use recipes that she shared with her students in the kitchen during home ec classes. I have thought of her fondly over the years because she was so patient with us giggly girls in Jr. high and High school when she should have been ringing our necks!! She will always be fondly remembered for all that she taught me!!

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**VICKIE FRANKER BUETTNER** - May 30, 2023 at 04:28 PM

CD

“ So sorry to read this. Marilyn was my roommate at Iowa State College in 1954-1955 and part of 1956 until my husband returned from service in Okinawa. We enjoyed each other -- she was in home economics and I was a math major.

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**Carolyn Dillenburg** - May 29, 2023 at 07:55 PM

BL

“ Lifting Marilyn's family in prayer. Mrs. Ernst was one of my favorite teachers. She was very kind & was strong advocate for her students.

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**Berry Long** - May 26, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - May 25, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Ernst*



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**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - May 25, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *Jerry Morgan sent a virtual gift in memory of Marilyn Ernst*



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**Jerry Morgan** - May 24, 2023 at 07:35 PM

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“ *Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Ernst*



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**Cornelia & Robert Dodds** - May 24, 2023 at 05:02 PM

MB

“ *Prayers for your family*

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**Marie Brown** - May 24, 2023 at 01:23 PM

GS

“ *We are very sorry for your loss ❤️ We are praying for your Family*



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**Glenn and Marita Simpkins** - May 24, 2023 at 10:51 AM

JT

“ *Dave and Sherry sorry for the loss of your mother.*



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**Janis Thompson** - May 24, 2023 at 10:37 AM

JF

“ Mrs. Ernst was my Home Economics teacher in 7th grade Waynesville Jr. High. To the Ernst family, my condolences and prayers go to you all. Mrs. Ernst was an excellent teacher when I had her in school.

Jack Fincher - May 24, 2023 at 02:09 AM

LC

“ Linda cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Marilyn Ernst



Linda cole-schonbok - May 23, 2023 at 11:12 PM

RH

“ Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Ernst



Robin Hobbs - May 23, 2023 at 06:55 PM

PW

I will fondly remember spending time with Marilyn in Springfield, IL when Sarah and Dallas got married.

Patricia Weber - May 24, 2023 at 09:41 AM