



Phyllis J. Warford

October 9, 1945 - July 17, 2025

Phyllis Jean Warford, age 79 of Marine, IL, died Thursday, July 17, 2025, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, IL.

She was born on Tuesday, October 9, 1945, in Granite City, IL, the daughter of Edward and Helen (nee Utzinger) Gieselmann.

Phyllis was born in Granite City, Illinois and grew up there. She graduated Granite City High School and then attended beautician school. She worked as a beautician for a while before becoming a stay-at-home mom. Phyllis also was a bank teller for American Heritage Bank in Granite City. When her children were raised, she became an over-the-road semi-truck driver for about 8 years and absolutely loved it. She moved to Highland in 2005 and worked at Safe-n-Secure storage for 13 years. Phyllis retired in 2012. In her retirement, she loved to craft, including diamond paintings and painting. She enjoyed reading and loved Celtic Thunder, a singing group. She collected memorabilia from the TV show "Firefly". Phyllis was fascinated by chess, but never played, though she loved collecting chess boards.

Survivors include:

Son - Scott M. (Michelle) Warford, Marine, IL

Daughter - Dawn Warford, Marine, IL

Grandchild - Ryan S. (Corey) Warford, West Plains, MO

Great Grandchild - Gabi Warford
Great Grandchild - Briggs T. Warford
Sister - Janet Goeller, Granite City, IL

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Edward L. Gieszelmann, died 10/11/2005

Mother - Helen M. Gieszelmann (nee Utzinger), died 1/7/2014

Brother - James B. Gieszelmann, died 6/2/2016

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marine, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marine, IL, with Fr. John P. Beveridge, Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church
120 N Windmill St
Marine, IL 62061

Funeral Mass

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Stacked and Styled planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J. Warford.*

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“ *Stacked and Styled purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Phyllis J. Warford.*



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“ *I remember you when we were at Sacred Heart school, and recently talked with you . You are in higher place now. Thinking of you.*

Norma Bruner - August 01, 2025 at 08:49 AM

KM

“ *Phyllis was my very first friend when we were in kindergarten at Sacred Heart School in Granite City. We remained Best Friends throughout our years there. Even though we drifted apart later, as we went different directions, we found ourselves roommates when we delivered our first babies, both girls. Phyllis has always been in my thoughts and prayers and happy memories through the years. Rest in the Peace of Christ dear friend.*

Karen (Zikovich) Mueller - July 28, 2025 at 03:42 PM