



Marilyn Downing

July 10, 1933 - November 12, 2025

Marilyn Marcene Downing, 92, of rural Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on November 12, 2025 at her home. She was born on July 10, 1933 in Davis County, Iowa to Kenneth Harold and Melva Irene Dooley McClure. She graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1950. On October 11, 1953 she married Harvey LaVerne Downing at the Bethlehem Church in Davis County. The couple spent many wonderful years together raising three children and working on their dairy farm. Harvey passed away on November 24, 1993.

Marilyn was a longtime active member of the Bethlehem Church. She was the piano player for 65 years, taught Sunday school, and was involved in Ladies' Aide volunteering her time for many church functions. She was an avid quilter and a 4H leader for over 20 years. Marilyn had recently been attending the Floris Baptist Church. She worked at Tri-County Shopper in Bloomfield for over 20 years. Her family and friends will miss her greatly.

She is survived by three sons, Kenneth (Betty) Downing of Brimfield, Illinois, Phil Downing (Penny) of Bloomfield, Jeff (Renee) Downing of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; foreign exchange son, Dr. Luis "Luichi" (Amalia) Lopez of Asunción, Paraguay; six grandchildren, Leslie (Derick) Uhler, Carrie (Jeff) Innis, Isaac (Rachel) Downing, Caleb (Sara) Downing, Kendra (David) Sutton, Katie (Natasha) Downing; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-granddaughters; brother, Dennis McClure of Bloomfield; sister, Eunice Hill of Bloomfield; two

sisters-in-law, Sue Zylstra of Des Moines, Iowa, Bonnie McClure of Largo, Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; great-grandchild, Logan Innis; brother, Robert McClure; grandson-in-law, Chad Patroff; and a brother-in-law, Ivan Hill.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 17, 2025 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastors Jesse Hill and Mel Kendall officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday with the family present to greet friends from 4-6:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to the Floris Baptist Church, Samaritan's Purse, and Good Samaritan Society Hospice in Ottumwa.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation with Family Present

NOV 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

NOV 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NB

“ I have fond memories of our family gatherings of great food and our parents playing games. Marilyn was such a kind lady and her and Harvey always welcomed us to their home. Very sorry.

Nancy Becker - November 16, 2025 at 03:18 AM

JF

“ Jim & Sarah and family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Marilyn Downing.



Jim & Sarah and family - November 15, 2025 at 05:08 PM

TT

“ Tom & Tyrone purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Marilyn Downing.



Tom & Tyrone - November 15, 2025 at 03:11 PM

TT

“ Tom & Tyrone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Downing.

Tom & Tyrone - November 15, 2025 at 03:11 PM

DS

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



dotty stewart - November 15, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marilyn Downing.



November 15, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Downing.



November 14, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DS

“ Dotty Stewart purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Downing.



Dotty Stewart - November 14, 2025 at 04:22 PM

DS

“ Dotty Stewart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Downing.

Dotty Stewart - November 14, 2025 at 04:22 PM

AH

“ 5 files added to the album Marilyn pics with his brother Rob



Andrea Harms - November 14, 2025 at 02:27 PM

TC

“ Tina Comer Chidester lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Downing



Tina Comer Chidester - November 14, 2025 at 10:18 AM

KH

“ *Kevin & Lisa Hastings lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Downing*



Kevin & Lisa Hastings - November 14, 2025 at 07:20 AM

DS

“ *I will always love you Marilyn. Always! I am grateful you will now be with your Harvey for eternity. Dotty stewart*

dotty stewart - November 13, 2025 at 10:09 PM