



Joyce Farr

November 16, 1935 - March 27, 2025

Joyce Farr, 89, of Pana, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois. A devoted wife, loving mother, cherished grandmother, and member of the Pana community, Joyce's warmth and kindness touched the lives of many.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pana, Illinois, with Pastor Terrence O'Brien officiating. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the church until the time of service. She will be laid to rest beside her husband in Linwood Cemetery, Pana Township, Illinois. Memorial contributions in Joyce's honor may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or the Carnegie-Schuyler Library of Pana, Illinois.

Joyce was born on November 16, 1935, in Charleston, Illinois, the daughter of Dwight and Maxine (White) Childress. She grew up in Charleston, attending school there before graduating from Charleston High School. On June 3, 1955, she married William S. Farr, in Neoga, Illinois. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and adventure. They enjoyed traveling, dining out with friends every weekend, and making lasting memories with their family.

A talented cook and baker, Joyce took great joy in preparing meals for those she loved. She was happiest in the kitchen, hosting family dinners and

ensuring everyone felt welcome at her table. Her home was always filled with the comforting aromas of freshly baked desserts, and warm conversation.

A lifelong and active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Joyce was dedicated to her faith and sang in the church choir for many years. She belonged to the Ladies' Guild and was an active participant in the Pana Business and Professional Women, Pana Women's Group, and the Red Hat Society. Social and outgoing, she made friends wherever she went.

Joyce's greatest joy was her family. She was a devoted mother to William Farr of Pana and Cynthia Schmitz (Joseph) of Pana. She was a proud grandmother to Jillian Sloan (Derek) of Boise, Idaho, and Matthew Schmitz (Mallory) of Rochester, Illinois. She adored her great-grandchildren, Eleanor and Harrison Sloan, and Logan and Laurel Schmitz, all of whom will carry on her legacy of love and kindness. She is also survived by her brother, Gerald Childress of Palm Harbor, Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband, William.

Joyce's warmth, generosity, and love for her family and friends will never be forgotten. She will be deeply missed.

Cemetery Details

Linwood

Sixth Street Road
Pana, IL 62557

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
208 West Fourth Street
Pana, IL 62557

Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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208 West Fourth Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lori Miller Ambrose lit a candle in memory of Joyce Farr*



Lori Miller Ambrose - May 09, 2025 at 06:12 PM



*Thoughts and prayers!
Ron, Lori, Andrew and Derrek Ambrose*

Lori Miller Ambrose - May 09, 2025 at 06:13 PM

PS

“ *Pete & Diane Scherzer lit a candle in memory of Joyce Farr*



Pete & Diane Scherzer - April 15, 2025 at 10:43 AM

DD

“ *My heartfelt condolences for the Farr family.*

Dana Darnell - April 03, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Farr.*



April 01, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss 🙏*



Rusty & Connie Rosenberger - March 31, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ *Kay Estes lit a candle in memory of Joyce Farr*



Kay Estes - March 30, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ *My sympathy to all who loved Joyce. I so enjoyed being with her at all the Red hat outings we had.*

Dena Adden - March 30, 2025 at 08:49 AM

BS

“ *Brsd And Teresa Scroggins lit a candle in memory of Joyce Farr*



Brsd and Teresa Scroggins - March 29, 2025 at 10:14 PM

CS

“ *Joyce was a blessing to all who knew her. I had the privilege of singing in our church choir with Joyce for many years. May Our Loving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bring comfort to each of her family and friends*

Carol Schramm - March 29, 2025 at 08:21 PM

KA

“ *Kerstin And Randy Allen lit a candle in memory of Joyce Farr*



Kerstin and Randy Allen - March 29, 2025 at 08:17 PM

EB

“ *Joyce was a very funny and kind lady. She was so loved and will be missed so much!*



Emma Banning - March 29, 2025 at 07:58 PM

MS

“ *Mary Schneider lit a candle in memory of Joyce Farr*



Mary Schneider - March 29, 2025 at 06:37 PM

AC

“ *Joyce, was always full of smiles.*



Amanda (Temmen) Cunningham - March 29, 2025 at 04:58 PM

BM

“ *Bill & Georgette Merrifield lit a candle in memory of Joyce Farr*



Bill & Georgette Merrifield - March 29, 2025 at 04:54 PM

GE

Joyce was a lovely lady & will be missed. Enjoy all the times we interacted.

Georgette - March 29, 2025 at 04:56 PM

PE

“ *What a very sweet lady. My deepest sympathy*



Phyllis Elmore - March 29, 2025 at 04:34 PM

IW

“ *Joyce was a sweet and lovely person. Always with a smile on her face. She will be missed and especially missed by her church family. My sympathy to the Farr family.*

Irma Waddington

Irma Waddington - March 29, 2025 at 04:24 PM

WB

“ *A FINE LADY, VERY SAD!*

Walter E Bingaman - March 29, 2025 at 03:11 PM

TA

“ *Joyce was the most loving and kind lady I have ever known. She always carried herself in a classy and put together way that showed her to be a true lady. I will forever love and miss her and am privileged to have had her in my life. I love you Joyce ❤️*

Tammy - March 29, 2025 at 02:53 PM

MH

“ Sorry for your loss of this very nice lady..God Bless..



Marsha Hrabak - March 29, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JH

“ Joyce was what I call a true lady. Loved everyone she met and always had a smile. She will be missed. Have such wonderful memories of her. May we all strive to live as Joyce did

Janet Hicks - March 29, 2025 at 12:20 PM