



Marcellene Joan Hultstedt Howland

October 20, 1929 - July 27, 2020

Marcellene Joan Hulstedt Howland of Galesburg passed on to join Raymond, the love of her life, on Monday July 27, 2020 at the Knox County Nursing Home in Knoxville, IL., surrounded by family.

Marcy was born at home on the family farm near Woodhull, IL on October 20, 1929 to Manfred and Margery Hulstedt. She was their only child and the only grandchild on her mother's side of the family. She attended Maple Ridge School, a one room schoolhouse near her home, and graduated from Woodhull High School in 1947 as Valedictorian. She then enrolled in the School of Nursing at Moline Public Hospital where she made many lifelong friends before graduating as a Registered Nurse.

While attending school, she met Raymond Marshall Howland of Galesburg who was in the U.S. Navy at the time, at the "Rooftop Garden" in Galesburg. They married on October 7, 1950, and lived in Galesburg while Ray finished his tour with the Navy and Marcy worked as an RN at Galesburg Cottage Hospital. Together, they had 4 children, Sherry Ellene (deceased), David Loren Howland, John Manfred Howland, and Charles Duane Howland. Ray worked for the CB&Q Railroad and they farmed together with her father for many years. Ray retired as a carman from the BN in 1991.

Marcy was a lifelong member of the JOH club, and enjoyed cooking, canasta, bunko, fishing, traveling, gardening and volunteering at Trinity Lutheran Church. The family had many travel adventures over the years, and she and Ray continued to travel seeing the country and visiting the kids throughout their lives together. She especially enjoyed their trip to Hawaii.

She is preceded in death by her parents Manfred and Margery Hulstedt, her husband Raymond, daughter Sherry (and Perry Kirkpatrick), as well as her brothers-in-law John Richard Howland, Alfred Hayden, and sisters-in-law Kathy (Howland) Percy and Betty (Hoxworth) Howland, and her step mother Hazel Hulstedt Erlandson.

She is survived by her Sister-in-law Alpha Gay Hayden of Galesburg, their children David and Christine Howland of East Galesburg, John and Marilla Howland of Colville, WA., and Charles and Laura Howland of Galesburg, as well as 13 Grandchildren William Kirkpatrick of St Louis, MO, Carrie Nava of Galesburg, Nick (and Mimi) Vuong-Howland of Garden Grove, CA., Josh (and Elizabeth) Howland of Stanwood, IA., Jennifer Howland (and

Shawn Demick) of Iowa City, IA., Sarah (and Andre) Anderson of Juneau, AK., Rachel (and Michael) Huggins of Cleveland, OH., Brandon Garris of Colville, WA. John Dustin (and Lindsay) Howland of Galesburg, Rachel Howland, of Daytona Beach, FL., Jason Howland of Daytona Beach, FL., Zack (and Brandy) Gabbert of Auburn IN., and Samantha Gabbert of Galesburg. She is also survived by 20 Great grandchildren. By her request, she will be cremated, and due to the covid restrictions, there will be no funeral at this time, however, the family will hold a celebration of life to be announced at a later time.

Comments



“ Dave, Chris, and family;
We were so sorry to hear about your Mom. I'm glad you got to move back here when you did so you could spend more time with her these last few years. Please call us if there is anything we can do to help and that know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
With sincere sympathy,
Kit and Pam

Kit + Pam Wilcox - July 31 at 09:57 AM



“ I greatly enjoyed Marcy when she and Ray were active at Trinity. It was my privilege to visit her at the nursing home bringing communion to her. She was so cheerful and kind with a delightful sense of humor. I will miss her.

Marilyn Gehring - July 30 at 08:18 PM



“ We miss you at Bunco.

Marilyn A'Hearn

Marilyn A'Hearn - July 30 at 07:26 PM



“ Dave (Chris), John and Chuck
So sorry to hear about your mom. Please know our thoughts are with you and all of the family in the days and weeks ahead.

Bill and Susan Mast
Delaware, OH

Bill and Susan Mast - July 30 at 07:41 AM



“ Rachel, so very sorry to hear this sad news! Sending our very most heartfelt condolences & lots of hugs. Love, Darlene & Dave



Darlene A. Kraus-Rudolph - July 30 at 06:03 AM



“ Grandma Howland had the most infectious giggle and a twinkle in her eye. I'm going to miss her so! It didn't matter whether you were related by blood or by marriage, you were accepted as family. So many fond memories.

Sarah Anderson - July 29 at 12:40 PM



“ Marci was the perfect loving grandma to all her grandkids. Never showing a favorite. I am sure they all feel equally loved. To Chuck, Dave & Jack, you had the best of the best! She is remembered fondly! Our sympathy to all your family!!!!

Marilyn Mahaffey - July 29 at 12:07 PM