



Marilyn Futrell

May 4, 1934 - March 19, 2025

Marilyn Lois Futrell, 90, of New Castle, passed away early Wednesday morning, March 19, 2025 at The Waters of Middletown.

She was born on May 4, 1934 in New Castle, Indiana, a daughter of the late Luther "Duke" and Lois (Cooper) Whiteman.

Marilyn was a mother who loved her family. She spent a lot of time with family, such as her mother, Lois, and father, Luther. She and her three kids, Mike, Susie, and Rob, lived on the farm with Lois and Luther for several years when the kids were young. It was there that many memories were made. Part of her life was being in an environment of cows, pigs, chickens, and planting gardens. It also included tractors, hayfields, corn crops and memories of an apple orchard across the road where family members would pick apples. Marilyn worked hard to raise her children. She and the kids moved to a house across from Sugar Grove Methodist Church, then two different locations on 11th street in New Castle. She later moved to Hosier Drive with her daughter, Susan.

Marilyn worked at Dana Corporation for over 30 years. She was an avid racing fan and attended the Indianapolis 500 each year. She loved dogs and had several over the years. Marilyn attended Methodist churches and the Baptist Church through the years, and joined Sugar Grove United Methodist

where she was baptized.

She worked as a candy striper at the hospital, as a waitress at Welliver's Restaurant in Hagerstown, and did other jobs to provide for her family. She loved her kids, and her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was willing to help her friends and family when she could.

Those left to cherish Marilyn's memory include her son, Rob (Cindy) Upchurch of New Castle, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, David (Sandy) Whiteman of Holeman, WI; a sister, Judy Bailey of Colorado Springs, CO; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Upchurch, and her daughter, Susan Upchurch.

A memorial service to celebrate Marilyn's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Friends may call from 12:00 pm until the time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Miracle League, P.O. Box 465, Spiceland, IN 47385 or Salem United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 122, Lewisville, IN 47352

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Marilyn Lois Futrell.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Marilyn Futrell and Susan Upchurch Memorial Service*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - May 03, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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“ I grew up with Marilyn and our brother, David, our parents, many dogs & cats along with the farm animals we had. It was a great childhood that we shared on the farm with our parents. Many friends lived within bicycling distance, paternal grandparents were just up the road. Marilyn was a good big sister, a wonderful mother to her three children, a very caring woman of others. She helped anyone who needed a helping hand, was there for our parents, grandparents even as she raised her children and worked full time. I cherish many good memories of my older sister and will miss the phone calls and visits over the years. May she now Rest in Peace.



Judy Bailey - March 27, 2025 at 10:14 PM

 Tanya Lawson

“ Tanya Lawson lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Futrell



Tanya Lawson - March 26, 2025 at 08:56 PM

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“ Such a nice woman, Rob. I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom and sister. God bless you and comfort you.

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