



Marilee Jane Wright

September 25, 1946 - May 6, 2026

Marilee Jane Wright, age 79, of La Plata, Maryland, passed away peacefully on May 6, 2026, at the Hospice of the Chesapeake. She was born in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on September 25, 1946, to James (Jay) and Dolores Mathews. She grew up in Farmersburg, Iowa where her parents owned a local implement. She married Harlan Wright on December 7, 1968, and together they lived in National, IA then Springville, IA where they had two children, Matthew and Carrie.

In 1982, work brought the Wrights to the east coast where they settled in Indian Head, Maryland. Marilee spent the next few years as a home maker, watching children in her home. Marilee was always active in her local Lutheran church, often as a part of Ladies' Guild, altar attendants, choir and the Sunday School. She worked for Charles County Public Schools as a permanent substitute teacher, instructional assistant and Chapter One Aid. She went on to manage the Star of the Sea Daycare Center in Bryans Road for several years, then worked at several daycare centers in Waldorf and La Plata until her retirement in 2011. After retiring, she spent her days with her five grandchildren and visited with friends and former co-workers, often having lunches with the ladies from Indian Head Elementary School. She was an avid reader and enjoyed Scrabble and puzzles. She had a special place in her heart for animals, particularly all the dogs in her life over the years.

Marilee is survived by her husband of 57 years, Harlan; and her children Matthew (Laura) Wright and Carrie (Richard) Holt; her five grandchildren: Mara, Elle, Matthew, Evelyn and James. She also survived by her brothers, James (Deborah) Mathews of Chicago, IL, Fred (Lisa) Mathews of Lansing, IA and brother-in-law Allan (Judy) Wright of National, IA. She had several nieces and nephews.

Marilee was preceded in death by her parents, Jay and Dolores Mathews and her twin sister Marilou June Mathews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646 on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm with prayers at 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Charles County Humane Society or Hospice of the Chesapeake in her honor.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service
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Prayers

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Tribute Wall



“ With heartfelt sympathy for Carrie, Matt, Harland and the entire family at the loss of amazing Marilee. Thinking of all the love she served at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Bryan’s Road makes me feel the loss of this wonderful woman of God. May God’s peace be with you knowing she’s surrounded by his glory in heaven. God Bless, Wanda Nelson Welch

Wanda Welch - May 30 at 08:01 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Marilee Jane Wright.



May 28 at 05:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilee Jane Wright.



May 27 at 10:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilee Jane Wright.

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“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Marilee Jane Wright.



May 25 at 07:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilee Jane Wright.

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“ Our Sympathy to you Harland and Matt & Carrie and family! A memorial has been given in Marilee's Memory to St. John Lutheran Church lift fund!

Don/Cheryl Bossard - May 23 at 12:11 PM



“ Marilee played a huge part in my teen years as our next door neighbor. She was a second mom/big sister to me during those tough "growing" years. I enjoyed her wisdom and friendship. I loved her tenacity, kindness, and warm heart. She, Harlan, and the kids were wonderful friends of our family. Lifting the entire Wright family in my prayers.

Sandy Binley Crow - May 19 at 01:08 PM

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“ Jimmy & Nili purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marilee Jane Wright.



Jimmy & Nili - May 09 at 11:33 AM

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“ We had so many good times with the John Deere group at the tractor shows and the cruises and just getting together for dinners. Such a good friend and my heart breaks for her family who she loved so much. Sylvia

Sylvia Mudd - May 06 at 08:00 PM