



Marilyn "Merle" E. Schwartz

October 3, 1940 - April 30, 2026

Marilyn "Merle" E. Schwartz, 85, of Fond du Lac, died on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at her residence with her family by her side.

She was born on October 3, 1940, in Freeport, Ohio, the daughter of Frank and Daisy Willis Roop. On August 10, 1957, she married Richard Schwartz in Kingston, Georgia. They moved to Fond du Lac later that year and together had five children. They later divorced, and Merle worked as a waitress at Diamond Drive Inn and Elk's Lodge 57. She loved to work on crossword puzzles, go for walks in the park, and was an avid sports follower.

She is survived by her children: Richard Schwartz Jr., Tammy (David) Loewer and Tony Schwartz; seven grandchildren and several great grandchildren, her siblings: Irene Nietman, Geneva Holton and Margie Bellamy; special nieces: Lorie (Jim) Gregor and Jackie (David) Ballwanz, and other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two sons: Robin Schwartz and infant son Terry; three sisters: Mildred Zwicky, Donna Simmons and Leona Forster; her brother Arnold Howard, and her long-time partner Donald Abraham.

VISITATION: Family will greet friends and relatives from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory. Entombment to follow at Shrine of Rest Mausoleum in Ledgeview Memorial Park.

Special thanks to the Aurora Hospice Team, specifically Erin and Jessica, for their care and compassion shown to Marilyn and her family.

Cemetery Details

Shrine of Rest Mausoleum

N6250 County Road K
Fond du Lac, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Funeral Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I worked with Merle at several restaurants over the years and you couldn't find a sweeter person! I haven't seen her in years since she worked at the Elks club! Fly high with the angels my friend!*

Cheryl F Amacher - May 05 at 12:27 AM

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“ *My sympathies at this time of your loss. Lisa Abraham*

Lisa - May 02 at 08:47 AM

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Oh my gosh, everyone who loves Marilyn. I've just learned of her passing. I'm so sorry to all. I loved her dearly! She was my rock and my other mom. If there's anyone that can respond to this post and let me know where I can contribute to her funeral, I would be deeply grateful. Love to all, Franci.

Franci - May 21 at 10:18 PM