



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.

Cemetery Details

Shrine of Rest Mausoleum

N6250 County Road K
Fond du Lac, WI

Upcoming 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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