



Chyrlan M. Staffey

December 19, 1942 - January 11, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Chyrlan M. Staffey

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Chyrlan Marie Staffey, age 83, of Murphysboro, passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa surrounded by her immediate family.

She was born on December 19, 1942, to Alvie Eugene and Yula Mae (Doetch) Ripley in Murphysboro, Illinois. She was the youngest of five children raised on the Ripley family farm in rural Murphysboro. Although money was not plentiful, her family life was filled with an abundance of love and special memories with her immediate and extended family.

Chyrlan worked for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS office – an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture) in Jackson County for 35 years. Following her retirement from the ASCS office,

she devoted her life to sharing every day with her beloved grandsons, adult children, family, and lifelong friends. Chyrlan was the heart of our family. She loved her family and friends dearly and was an amazingly kind and giving person who always put others first. Regardless of the circumstance, she had an infectious smile and always saw the best in everyone and every situation. She was a loving mother, grandmother “grammy,” daughter, and sister who is loved tremendously and will be deeply missed forever.

Chyrlan enjoyed gardening, beautiful flowers, sitting in the bright sunshine, listening to music, and visiting with family and friends. She enjoyed all Southern Illinois had to offer including the annual Apple Festival, St Andrew’s fish fries, and frequenting local orchards for fresh strawberries and peaches. She loved all animals especially her dogs and grand dogs.

She is survived by her children, Dr. Kimberly S. Staffey, MD (Dr. Kimberly Delcour, DO) of Iowa City, IA and Samuel R. (Leslie) Staffey of Pinckneyville, IL; grandchildren, Samuel K. Staffey of Murphysboro, IL and Branden L. Staffey of Carterville, IL; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her siblings, Betty (Bill) Hicks of Vergennes, IL, Delmar (Linda) Ripley of Oreana, IL, Phyllis (Lloyd “Bud”) Tripp of Murphysboro, IL, and Frances (Donald) Opp of Tamaroa, IL.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 11:30 AM with Rev. Charlie Allen officiating at Crain Funeral Home Downtown Murphysboro. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 16th from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM and again on the day of the service from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM both at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the service at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Donations in tribute to her lifelong love of animals can be made to the Wright Way Animal Rescue Shelter or St. Francis Care Animal Shelter both in Murphysboro, Illinois

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Downtown Murphysboro
1421 Walnut St
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-2131

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

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Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

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Interment

JAN 17. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (cst)

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ *Kimberly Staffey lit a candle in memory of Chyrlan Staffey*



Kimberly Staffey - May 04 at 01:34 AM

KS

“ *I miss you so very much mom. You are truly the world's greatest mom. I love you so very much and miss you more than anything. Love Kim*

Kimberly Staffey - May 04 at 01:33 AM

KS

“ *I miss you so very much mom. Love you so so very much.*

Kimberly Staffey - February 05 at 12:32 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Chyrlan M. Staffey.*



January 16 at 01:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Chyrlan M. Staffey.*



January 16 at 09:52 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Chyrlan M. Staffey.*



January 14 at 09:14 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chyrlan M. Staffey.*



January 14 at 07:42 PM



“ *Isabella purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Chyrlan M. Staffey.*



Isabella - January 14 at 06:55 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chyrlan M. Staffey.*



January 14 at 05:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Chyrlan M. Staffey.*



January 14 at 02:06 PM



“ *Trish Kirk lit a candle in memory of Chyrlan Staffey*



Trish Kirk - January 14 at 09:45 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chyrlan M. Staffey.*



January 14 at 09:39 AM