



Kay (Layne) Lirely

November 4, 1937 - March 7, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Kay (Layne) Lirely

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Kay (Layne) Lirely, age 87, of Murphysboro, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Manor Court in Carbondale.

She was born on November 4, 1937 to Fred and Jenny (Baker) Layne in Murphysboro, Illinois. On June 3, 1956, she married Ivan B. Lirely and together they spent over 44 years together until his passing in 2001.

She worked as a teaching assistant with Tri-County Special Education, a job she loved very much. Kay was a member of the United Methodist Church of Murphysboro and was an avid supporter of the Murphysboro Apple Festival and Pageant. Up until her illness, she was involved in all but one pageant. Kay was also a supporter and judge of the Barbeque Circuit. Needless to say, but she loved to volunteer and to support her community and she loved to sew.

Survivors include her children, Tamara Kay (Tony) Weller and their children and grandchildren, Whitney (Brady) Martin, Maxton and Garrett, Christian (Sarah) Weller, Juniper and Munroe, Gabriel (Taylor) Weller, Abigail Weller (Ryan Fitzgerald), Eleni; Traci Rene Lirely and her children and grandchildren, Tieraney (Josh) Craig, Brecken and Falynn, Tiffany (Brian) Eaton, Kensen and Rinsley, Torie (Devin) Cassens, Beau and Grizz; Todd Layne (Vanessa) Lirely and their children and grandchildren, Tabitha (David) Mack, Archer and Eleanor, Tassie (Nick) Doellman, Grayson and Brocton; Trisha Lynn (Bob) Carlisle and their children and grandchildren, Nicholaus Lirely, Kaden and Georgia, London (Pat) Gladson, Ryker; brother, Richard Layne; two sisters, Debi (Ken) Robinson and Pam (Steve) Baskin; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Along with her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by her brother, Fred Baker Layne; two sisters, Mary Jane Crombar and Karen Emerson; and great-grandson, Knox Cassens.

The family would like to thank Amanda and her other caregivers at Manor Court.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Crain Pleasant Grove- Murdale Funeral Home with Rev. Michelle Parker Clark officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the service at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Teen Challenge and/or the United Methodist Church of Murphysboro.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

MAR 10. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

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Interment

MAR 10. 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

BA

“ David and I offer our sincere condolences to Todd and all of Kay’s family. She was such a beautiful person and I know that she gave so much love and joy to your family. She will always be remembered.

David and Barbara Arbeiter

Barbara Arbeiter - March 10, 2025 at 11:33 AM

MA

“ Kay was such a beautiful and constant presence in my life. She will be missed by many of us. Rest in peace, Dear One, along side Ivan, Aunt Jenny and Uncle Fred, Mary Jane and of course my First and Always Friend Karen.

Marydot - March 09, 2025 at 10:48 PM

JM

“ It’s been many years since I’ve seen Kay, but she will always be remembered for her kindness and sweetness. My condolences to al her family.

j. Christopher Moore - March 09, 2025 at 04:03 PM

RL

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Kay. She was such a sweet lady. Praying for all the family, may God provide you with love, comfort and peace during this time. Rebecca Lipe

Rebecca Lipe - March 09, 2025 at 03:22 PM

WC

“ To all the Lirely, Layne families. So sorry to see the loss of Kay. She was a terrific person & had a wonderful long life. You all have my sympathy.

Wehmeyer Carol - March 09, 2025 at 02:26 PM

SN

“ Debi, Pam, and family, My deepest condolences for your loss. Kay was always so friendly and sweet. She will be missed by many. Prayers for you all.

Suzie Naegele - March 08, 2025 at 11:04 PM

YV

Gonna miss seeing her. She was a regular customer and always a pleasant young lady

Yolanda Vinson - March 10, 2025 at 04:38 AM