



Merrie Lou Wilton

December 30, 1954 - July 27, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Merrie Lou Wilton

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Merrie Lou Wilton, 70, of Ava, passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2025 at her home.

She was born on December 30, 1954 to Marion and Jane (Beasley) Russell. On April 5, 1975, she married Jeffrey Wilton and together spent over 40 years until his passing in June 2025.

Merrie had worked at the Grand Tower Power Plant for several years. She loved working on her farm and she loved animals. She volunteered often at St. Francis Animal Rescue.

Survivors include her two nieces, Apryl (Daniel) Stark and Cheryl (Kirk) Massie; one nephew, Matt (Tina) Russell; sister, Marilyn (LeRoy) Henderson;

and brother, Bill (Susan) Russell.

Along with her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by her brother, Ricky Russell.

No services will be held at this time.

The cremation of Merrie Lou Wilton will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral home.

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