



## Marilyn Mae Howard Hess

March 31, 1930 - July 15, 2021

Marilyn (Mae Howard) Hess passed away peacefully at home while surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at the age of 91. She was a native of Franklin Grove, Illinois, having also lived in Iowa City, Iowa; Royal Oak, Michigan; New Orleans, Louisiana and Mount Clemens, Michigan prior to her current residence in Hammond, Louisiana. Marilyn graduated from Franklin Grove High School and the University of Iowa with a Nursing degree. She worked as a Registered Nurse for over 35 years including jobs at West Jefferson Hospital in New Orleans; St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan; Chrysler Financial in Troy, Michigan and Blue Cross Blue Shield in Detroit, Michigan. All the while, she was a devoted mother raising six children with her husband. In spite of her full-time job and demanding schedule, Marilyn always found time for her kids and to help others. She was extremely creative and assisted her children through numerous award-winning school projects. She personally won the 1973 Fleur de Lis Garden Club Tri-Color Award. After retirement, Marilyn managed the office of Dr. James C. Hess, OB-GYN, her son, in Hammond. She was an exceptionally wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was a true matriarch of the entire Hess family. Everyone enjoyed her cooking especially around the holidays. She had a special way of putting her own twist on foods creating some memorable family favorites like fettuccini, tomato pie, potato soup, Russian pancakes and "Grammy" eggs. Marilyn was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Clement John Hess,

of 57 years.

She is survived by her children: Janna Rode, James Hess (Mary), Suzanne Howe (Bob), Matthew Hess (Patti), John Hess (Linda), and William Hess. She leaves behind one sister, Doris Wasson. Marilyn is also survived by her grandchildren: Erin Rode-Fiorello (Jesse), Megan Rode, Jimmy Hess, Matthew Hess (Zhaoxia), Christopher Hess, Rebecca (Benjamin), Samantha Sawyer (Robert), Sara Hess, Ryan Hess, Andrea Hess, Maggie Hess; as well as her great-grandchildren: Sawyer & Parker Fiorello; Ethan Hess; Cecelia, Luke & Isaac. Daughter of the late Charles & Margery Howard, she is also preceded in death by her granddaughter, Lindsey, brother, John "Bud" Howard and sister, Janet Raschiella.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation held in the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home on Highway 190, west of Hammond on Monday, July 19, 2021, beginning at 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. The interment will follow at Parklawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in memory of Marilyn Hess to the Tangi Humane Society ([www.tangihumanesociety.org](http://www.tangihumanesociety.org)) or the Richard Murphy Hospice House ([www.richardmurphyhospice.com](http://www.richardmurphyhospice.com)).

# Cemetery Details

## Parklawn Memorial Gardens

41372 Thompson Dr.  
Hammond, LA 70403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

## Funeral Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Burial

JUL 19 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Mae Howard Hess*



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**Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home** - July 18, 2021 at 12:38 PM

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“ *Joyce Jackson lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Mae Howard Hess*



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**joyce jackson** - July 20, 2021 at 09:08 AM

VC

“ *When I was pregnant with both of my children, I enjoyed always seeing Mrs. Hess when I would come in to see Dr. Hess. She was always a ray of sunshine. Will always be thankful for her smile and the words of encouragement. Thank you Dr. Hess for sharing her with all of us. Valerie Cutrer*

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**Valerie Cutrer** - July 18, 2021 at 11:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Mae Howard Hess.*



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July 18, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Marilyn Mae Howard Hess.*



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July 17, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ *Diana L Kochever purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marilyn Mae Howard Hess.*



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**Diana L Kochever** - July 17, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *I knew Marilyn and family while living in Algiers Aurora Gardens LA. She was a delight helping out always. When my daughter Judy needed shots she stepped up to the plate. Her son Matthew was my son Greg's best friend.. Have many memories of them together especially in Boy Scouts and at St Andrew School. The whole family was missed when they moved back to Michigan. She will certainly be missed. I know she has a special place in heaven. Mary Jane Gelpi*

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**Maryjane Gelpi** - July 17, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Marilyn Mae Howard Hess.



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July 16, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Marilyn Mae Howard Hess.



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July 16, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Marilyn Mae Howard Hess.



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July 16, 2021 at 04:36 PM