



Marilyn E. Leach

June 17, 1937 - May 14, 2025

Marilyn, at the age of 87, passed away on May 14, 2025. She was born in Logansport, Indiana on June 17, 1937. Marilyn was a former resident of Mattoon/Neoga, Illinois, and a short-term resident of Hammond, Louisiana. She was a collector of many things and an avid book reader. Marilyn loved nature and all animals. She loved to be out in her garden spending time amongst her flowers and plants. Marilyn also enjoyed feeding and watching her birds. She raised many breeds of dogs throughout her life. She enjoyed visiting the sights of the South and meeting and spending time with her biological family in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Marilyn made many close friends throughout her life that became like family.

She is survived by her children, Michael L. Leach, Mark L. Leach (Brenda), Joseph E. Leach (Amy), Robert L. Leach Jr. (Robin), and Cynthia L. Henricks (David); grandchildren, Ashley, James, Mark, Jonathon, Bethany, Samantha, Olivia, Amber, Shad, David, and Jesse; and 12 great-grandchildren; her special grandchildren, Donnie and Mason Orgeron of Houlka, MS; and niece, Shandra Jenkins.

She is preceded by her husband, Robert L. Leach Sr.; grandson, Robert L. "Bobby" Leach III; daughter-in-law, Carol Ann Leach; sister, Jo Marie Gingrich;

and her parents, Joseph and Alice Vivian; and her father, Horace Rogers.

Tribute Wall

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“Marilyn, Your love was special. You welcomed me many years ago into your heart and home. Watching you enjoy God’s nature creatures, Love for the dogs that you raised , just being able to stop by and get a hug and how are you. You truly are loved and will be missed. Love Gayla

Gayla kirkley - May 15, 2025 at 06:17 PM

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I will miss Grandma Marilyn! When I married her grandson Mark Andrew, she let me call her Grandma and I loved that so much! Even though we lived far apart I would make phone calls or send cards to her. We would talk about how she was doing and how her dog Cali was doing. She always would ask when we were going to come visit her and we were very blessed to have made a few trips down to see her in Louisiana. She made sure we were comfortable where we slept and she would be up in the morning cooking breakfast for us. Always making sure we were taken care of. She did love her dog Cali and loved looking out her window while sitting in her chair. She told me she loved God and I knew she did. She was one of a kind and she will truly be missed! My prayers go out to all her children and her extended family. “Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

Evanne Leach - May 16, 2025 at 02:43 AM

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Thank you for sharing
Mama would of been pleased with the way everything went.

Cynthia Henricks - October 11, 2025 at 09:58 AM