



Marilyn Gruber

December 8, 1940 - August 14, 2025

Marilyn Gruber, age 84, formerly of Bradley, passed away Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Hoosier Village in Indianapolis, IN. She was born on December 8, 1940, in Springfield, IL, the daughter of John Jr. and Laura (Sinclair) Walsh. Marilyn married Joseph Gruber on August 10, 1963, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Springfield, IL. He preceded her in death on October 17, 2017. Marilyn was a Junior High School Math and Religion Class teacher for nearly forty years at St. Joseph Catholic School in Bradley.

Marilyn was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley.

Surviving are three sons, Joe (Shannon) Gruber of Brownsburg, IN, Dave (Andrea) Gruber of Plainfield, IL, Mike (Annie) Gruber of Evergreen Park, IL; two daughters, Anne (John) Groth of Brownsburg, IN, Kathy (Rick) Burgess of Indianapolis, IN; fifteen grandchildren, Jonathon, Zachery, Erica and Drew Groth, Matt and Noah Wischnowski, Bella Burgess, Joey and Jenna Gruber, Mandy, Mia, and Emma Gruber, Mary, Avery and Michael Gruber; five great grandchildren, Levi and Collins Groth, Beau Wischnowski, Ella Groth, and Calvin Adley; and one brother, Ed Walsh (JoAnn McGee) of Omaha, NE.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; her parents; one brother, Patrick (Neva) Walsh.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2025, from 2 to 6:00 p.m. at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley, IL.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the Mass.

Inurnment will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley, IL.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I just learned of Marilyn’s passing. She was one of my dearest friends and my mentor in teaching. Her wisdom and love have followed me through all of my years in teaching. I am so sorry for your family’s loss. Marilyn was a treasure and loved by so many.

Jennifer Middaugh - December 07, 2025 at 09:54 AM

RS

“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of Marilyn.
Sending love and prayers.
Mrs. Gruber taught all four of our boys. One of the best teachers of all the great teachers at Saint Joseph.



Robert & Donna Beland & Sons - August 19, 2025 at 10:53 AM

CF

“ Your family has our sympathy at this difficult time

caroljoe fritz - August 17, 2025 at 12:28 PM

PD

“ I taught with Marilyn during my years at St. Joes. Not only was she a wonderful teacher of Math but exemplified her strong faith and Christian principles in all she did. She was a friend and even though we moved to Savannah many years ago we saw each other on a few of our visits home and talked long distance at times.. it was a friendship that I will always treasure. Sending prayers and hugs to Joe, David, Mike, Anne, Kathy and families. Your Mom was a gift to you and all who knew her. 🙏❤️

Pam Dufrain - August 16, 2025 at 02:16 PM

MO

“ *She touched so many lives including mine and left me with so many memories!
Fly high, Mrs G*

Madelyn Obrien - August 15, 2025 at 11:04 PM

SC

“ *Out of all the educators in my life, Mrs. Gruber was the only one that stood out among the rest. Unfortunately, It was not the Arithmetic that stood out from her teachings. It was the bright moral compass that shined like a beacon for all of us to see. As a very rough student to teach, Mrs. Gruber never gave up on me and I understood that she never would. NOT ON HER WATCH!! She was the standard at which excellence as an educator and a wonderful person is measured. She has and will always have a place in my heart.*



Rest In Peace Mrs.G!!

-Scotty C. ❤️

Scott Cleeland - August 15, 2025 at 08:39 AM

RC

“ *Marilyn was a pillar of St. Joseph Catholic School and she and Joe a pillar of the Church. Their numerous contributions affected both entities, and the lives she touched as a Math and Religion teacher are countless. Not only a role model for her students, but a mentor to new teachers such as myself who were just beginning. She knew the way, she led the way, she was a treasure; her imprint is everlasting and will live on. We will honor her memory and our prayers are with her amazing family.*

Rebecca Czernik - August 14, 2025 at 11:50 PM

TM

I taught next door to Marilyn at St. Joe's until she retired. I have so many wonderful stories and memories of her and our amazing staff. She truly changed my life.

Tammie Mesenbring - August 15, 2025 at 12:05 AM

DK

“ Our sincere Sympathy and Prayers are with you Anne, Kathy, Joe, Dave , & Mike. We have shared so many good times with your Mom & Dad. A life so well lived will never be forgotten. Take care & hold on tight to each other with your wonderful Memories. Hugs & Prayers. Donna & Jay Karr

Donna & Jay Karr - August 14, 2025 at 09:17 PM

CB

Our deepest sympathy to the Gruber family. Your Mom taught my 3 kids at St Joes and had a couple of the grandkids at Bishop McNamara as a sub. A great teacher and lady and she was a dear friend. She will be missed so much! RIP Marilyn. We love you! Carolyn & Jerry Balthazor

Carolyn Balthazor - August 14, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ Mrs. Gruber was my 8th grade teacher at St. Joseph. She was determined to make sure her students understood the curriculum as well as guide us on our religious faith. I always loved seeing her in church. May she rest in peace and my deepest condolences to her family.

Jessica Lemner Fancher - August 14, 2025 at 09:03 PM

CB

“ *Candi Brenneisen lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Gruber*



Candi Brenneisen - August 14, 2025 at 08:27 PM

KW

“ *Mrs. Gruber was my teacher at St. Joes and even after graduating we kept in touch. From going over to her house just to chat, introducing her to my first born, being at birthdays and baby shower's, and always knowing she was there if I ever needed her is something I will cherish forever. She is definitely my favorite teacher and one of favorite people. I will truly miss her. She may be gone but she will never be forgotten. Sending the family love and prayers during this difficult time.*

Kimberly Webb - August 14, 2025 at 07:15 PM

EP

“ *Mrs. Gruber was one of the best teachers I ever had and. Wonderful person. MY she rest in peace.*

Emily Provance - August 14, 2025 at 07:11 PM

CE

“ *Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Gruber*



Connie Eaker - August 14, 2025 at 06:56 PM

JF

“ *Jaymie Falkenhan lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Gruber*



Jaymie Falkenhan - August 14, 2025 at 06:50 PM

JF

Sending all my love and prayers to you, Anne, Kathy, Joe, David and Michael...your mom meant the world to me long after graduating, we stayed in touch through FB, and I loved being able to see her at St. Joe's functions! Godspeed, Mrs. Gruber

Jaymie Falkenhan - August 14, 2025 at 06:56 PM

CM

“ *Sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. She made a difference in many lives & children at St. Joe's. May she rest in eternal peace. Prayers are with her family during this difficult time.*



Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema

Catherine Miedema - August 14, 2025 at 06:14 PM

FL

“ *My deepest sympathy to the whole Gruber family during this difficult time.*



Felicia LaBarge (Blatnik).

felicia labarge - August 14, 2025 at 05:24 PM