



Mary Ellen Schmitt

November 5, 1943 - April 24, 2026

Mary Ellen Schmitt of Lake Bluff, IL died peacefully on April 24, 2026. Mary was born November 5, 1943 in Bloomington, IL to Richard Schmitt and Anne Schmitt. She was raised in Peoria, IL and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from St. Francis College, Joliet, IL.

Mary started her career as a Microbiologist at the Department of Agriculture Animal Disease Laboratory in Peoria, IL and transferred to the new Laboratory at Carl Sandberg College in Galesburg, IL. She worked for the State of IL over 30 years being honored with the "Employee of the Year" award for her outstanding work. She loved animals, especially her dogs, and enjoyed working in her vegetable and flower gardens. She played racquetball and baseball with her friends and took many trips to Florida and the Caribbean.

Mary was a loving daughter, taking care of her parents until they passed. She enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephew and always spoiled them with cute clothes and toys.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Anne Schmitt, brother-in-law Harry Lee Gehring and her niece, Kathleen Gehring.

Mary is survived by her sister Margaret Gehring, nephew Harry R. Gehring (Wanda) of Arlington, VA and niece Anne Boberski (Vince) of Lake Bluff, IL

and great nieces and nephews, Zach and Krista and Vince and Margaret. She was blessed with wonderful caregivers at Modena Green Oaks in Lake Bluff in her final years, as well as from Freedom Home Care and Accord Hospice. Her family can't thank them enough for their kindness and compassion.

Interment will be in Bloomington, IL. Arrangements will be made at a later time.

Arrangements entrusted to Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, (847)234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.