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LeVeta Marilyn Espy, age 94, of Centerville, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids.

Marilyn was born on April 1, 1932 in Centerville, Iowa, the daughter of Guy and Bertha (Stevens) McCoy. She graduated from Centerville High School in 1950 and was then employed as a Nurse Aide at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

On June 4, 1951, she was married to Billie James Espy, and to this union, two daughters were born, Diann and Vicky Espy. After the heartbreaking loss of her husband at a young age, Marilyn demonstrated remarkable resilience. Determined to provide for her family and continue her passion for helping others, she returned to school to earn her Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.) certification.

Throughout her nursing career, Marilyn served with compassion and dedication at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, the Knoxville Veterans Hospital, Golden Age Manor, and in Home Health Nursing. Her gentle presence and caring spirit touched countless lives over the years.

Outside of her work, Marilyn found her greatest joy in her family. She treasured time spent together-whether sharing meals, enjoying visits, or gathering for picnics. Her home was a place of warmth and welcome. She also had a special fondness for her beloved Yorkies - Buzzy, Mylee, and Mindee - who brought her much companionship and happiness.

Marilyn took pride in her yard and home, often spending peaceful hours tending to her flowers and keeping her surroundings beautiful. Her faith was an important part of her life, and she was a devoted member of the Baptist church for many years.

Left to cherish Marilyn's memory are her daughter, Diann Hurtt; her grandchildren, Joedy Hurtt and Halley (John) Stinchfield; her great grandchildren, Jameson and Hannah Stinchfield; her



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siblings, Helen Stevens, LaDonna Arbogast, Carol (Vernon Jr.) Clark, Tom (Dana) McCoy; sister-in-law-Linda McCoy, as well as several extended family members.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Berta McCoy; her husband, Billie Espy; her daughter, Vicky Espy; her son-in-law, Jim Hurtt; her sister, Betty (Lawrence) DeVore; her brother, Charles McCoy; and her brothers-in-law, Clyde Steves, Al Fowler and Ward Arbogast.

We would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation to the wonderful doctors and nurses at Mercy Hospital intensive care unit that took such wonderful care of her.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM, Monday, April 6, 2026 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville. Burial will follow the service at Haines Cemetery, north of Centerville. Visitation will take place Monday, April 6, 2026 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville, with the family greeting friends from 10:00-11:00AM. Memorials have been established to The Mercy Medical Center Foundation, to be used in the ICU Unit for the nurses, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Espy Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. You may also donate online at . Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome .






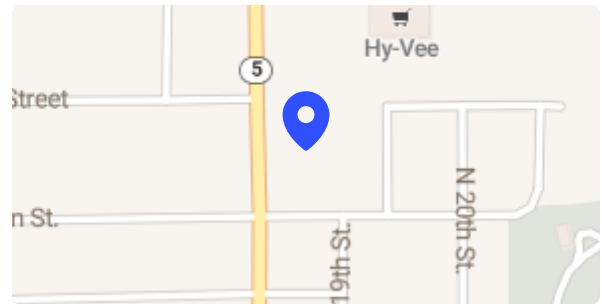
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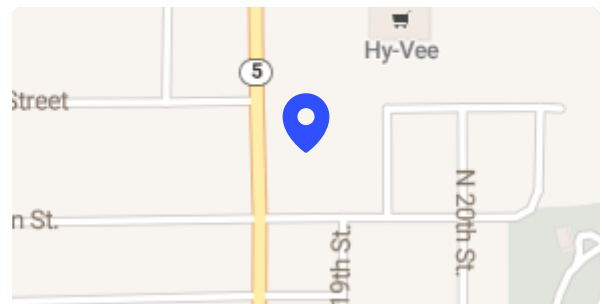
Visitation

-  **Monday**, April 6, 2026
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **Thomas Funeral Home-Centerville**
501 N. 18th St, Centerville IA 52544




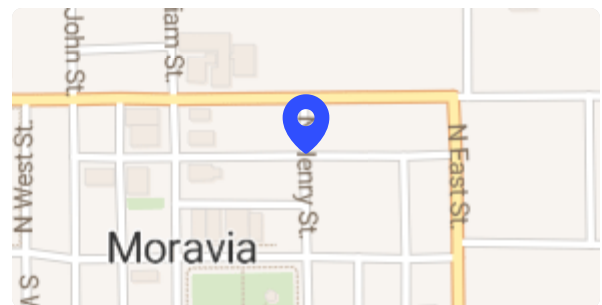
Funeral Ceremony

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Cemetery Details

-  **Haines Cemetery**
Hwy 5 North, Centerville IA 52544





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Tammy Burgher lit a candle in honor of Leveta.



April 13 at 12:59 PM

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Tammy Burgher posted:

I remember Marilyn very well! She was a very good friend of my grandmother, Mary Adams, She lived across the street from my grandparents on Jackson Street. . Marilyn had the kindest sweetest heart. I can still hear her voice today!☺ She helped my grandmother through some very tough times after my uncle, Larry Adam's was killed in a car accident. And when Vicky had passed, the two of them even spent more time together. They each help the other through the most difficult times of their lives. I've thought of Marlyn throughout the years and had hoped she was doing well. She was just the nicest lady a person would ever want to meet.♥🌻🌻♥

April 13 at 12:57 PM



Ruth Peel posted:

I knew Marilyn. I worked @ the hospital. Marilyn was a sweet and kind soul. She will be greatly missed. Anomious.

April 7 at 6:33 PM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Espy family.



April 5 at 10:42 AM



Frani Crane posted:

I will always remember the day she lost her beloved daughter Vicky, and how she intrusted baby Halley to me that nite, handing her to me to keep safe and loved till morning. I offered to keep the baby so she would have the time for just awhile to try and piece together the loss and heartache with family. I will never forget the tears and loss that evening, marilyn incited. It created a special bond her and Halley that lasted a lifetime

April 4 at 10:02 PM



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Allen Johnson lit a candle in honor of Leveta.

Sorry for your loss sincerely Allen Johnson

April 4 at 3:47 PM





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