



Merrilyn "Jane" Mann

August 12, 1946 - April 10, 2025

Merrilyn "Jane" Mann, 78, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, passed away on April 10, 2025, in her hometown. Born Merrilyn Smith on August 12, 1946, in Hot Springs, she remained deeply rooted in the community that shaped her life and where she touched so many others.

Merrilyn was a vibrant soul—outgoing, full of energy, and endlessly generous. She never met a stranger, and had a remarkable gift for making everyone feel welcome. Her warmth and kindness were matched only by her boundless enthusiasm for life. Whether offering her time, her resources, or simply a listening ear, Merrilyn gave freely and wholeheartedly to those around her.

Her family was the center of her world. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter Jamie Limbaugh and husband Martin; grandson Noah Limbaugh and wife Kirsten; granddaughter Bethany Limbaugh; sister Anna Margaret Sherrill; sister-in-law Lynne Smith; Marc and Jennifer Owen with Brooks, Bennett, and Caroline Owen; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Each of them carries forward the legacy of love and joy that Merrilyn so generously shared.

She was preceded in death by her parents: James Robert "J.R." and Norma Anna Smith; her brother Pete Smith; and her sister Marnette Dennis.

Merrilyn embraced life with passion. She loved playing Pickleball—her competitive spirit shining through every match—and could often be found enjoying a game of cards or cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals or the Arkansas Razorbacks with unwavering loyalty. Her spirited calls of “Woo Pig Sooie!” will echo fondly in the hearts of those who knew her best.

A memorial service to celebrate Merrilyn’s life will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at City Life Church located at 1555 East Grand in Hot Springs. Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m., followed by the service at 3:00 p.m.

Merrilyn Mann leaves behind an unfillable gap in the lives of all who knew and loved her. May her memory continue to bring comfort and inspiration to those she touched so deeply.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

City Life Church
1555 East Grand
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Visitation begins at 2:00 PM, followed by service at 3:00 PM

Tribute Wall

PP

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Pat Penor - April 19, 2025 at 10:39 AM

PP

We shared many memories growing up together. Especially the class reunions, birthday celebrations and class lunches. You were one of a kind and a wonderful person.

Pat Penor - April 19, 2025 at 02:49 PM

PP

Merrilyn with Pat at the White House 1999

Pat Penor - April 19, 2025 at 02:51 PM

WH

“ *So sorry for your loss Jamie I knew your mom for many many years. We were good friends. She was a Character and will be truly missed praying gods Peace, patience, and understanding for you and family happy blessed. Easter Christ is risen amen*

woody harbin - April 19, 2025 at 08:51 AM

PP

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Pat Penor - April 19, 2025 at 08:27 AM

CS

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Merrilyn's passing. I enjoyed getting to know her through pickleball at the Y, and she was a member of our DAR chapter. She was a sweet, but very competitive lady, and she will be missed. Cindy Smith

Cindy Smith - April 17, 2025 at 10:18 AM

JT

“ So sorry to hear of Ms Marilyn's passing. We did not spend a lot of time together, but I really liked her. Just knowing she has left this earth brings a sad note in my heart. With deepest heartfelt sympathy, Jeanie

Jeanie Trunkenbolz - April 16, 2025 at 08:01 PM

PW

“ Merrilyn, I'm so proud to have called you my friend from the time we sold funnel cakes so many years ago in Atlanta til the time you graduated and went to your place prepared for you in heaven! I can see you romping and stomping with Jesus now! You touched so many lives, you will be missed and remembered. My condolences to the family and friends!



Patty Whited - April 16, 2025 at 10:24 AM

MF

“ I got to know her from yard sales, auctions and church sales. She always had good items. Asking if I had been to this address or this address. So funny when we would run into each other and people would hear us say Hi. Merrilyn and Marilyn She would always ask about my sister who she went to Hot Springs High School. She always had a smile and always said Hi to everyone she met Hope she will be finding some good sales

marilyn jones feimster - April 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

WM

“ Merrilyn was always a vibrant friendly person. Crossed her path many times over the years. She was always quick to speak and had time to share. My true condolences to family and friends.

Wayne Moore - April 13, 2025 at 03:40 PM

SK

“ Merrilyn was always the party person beginning with our sixth grade "bunking parties" to the dance party at the reunions. She was the heart of our class. She will be remembered.

Susan Boothman King

Susan Boothman King - April 13, 2025 at 11:17 AM

SM

My heart goes out to Merrilyn's family she was definely one of a kind. Will miss her and our luncheons. I know she's "up there" with that damn yankee as she called my husband Bob. May she rest in peace. Memories never disappear!!

Sandy Miller - April 14, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ We will always remember Marilyn and her joyful spirit, giving heart and endless energy. She kept friends connected with regular lunches and reunion parties. We will always be grateful! Prayers for peace and God's presence to feel very near to family and friends who mourn.

carolyn yeldell staley - April 13, 2025 at 09:33 AM



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Hot Springs Funeral Home - April 12, 2025 at 01:54 PM



Oh Marilyn you will be sorely missed! I too said of your unending Spirit of Life. Always a smile and cheerful greeting! I will always remember how far back we go to Jones School and neighborhood fun! God bless your Family sending waves of sympathies, concerns and Love in this most difficult times of your lives!! Her Zest for life will not be forgotten!!

Sammye Auman (Sammye Jo Coleman) - April 13, 2025 at 12:45 PM



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GC

MERRilyn'S parents named her well, as she was forever a joyful beacon-of-light for our HSHS Class of 1964. While I have several memories of Merrilyn over the years, the one that seems to be on replay in my mind is the time that 3 of us guys dropped off our girlfriends – each having been one of Merrilyn's Jones School cohorts – at the Smith home on Hobson for yet another Merrilyn bunking party... and that was during our Senior year of high school.

May the peace of the Lord fill the hearts and minds of Merrilyn's family.

Glen Coffman - April 14, 2025 at 07:25 PM

BD

So very sorry to hear of the passing of Merrilyn. My thoughts and prayers to the family and friends. May God bless you all.

Bill Bunny Dever - April 15, 2025 at 06:00 PM

BM

Merrilyn was so full of energy and enthusiasm that it's hard to believe she is gone. Our families go way back to when we lived near each other on Hobson. I enjoyed running into her while shopping and hearing her many stories of long ago Hot Springs. She was a treasure and I'll miss her. Bitty Martin

Bitty Martin - April 19, 2025 at 09:24 AM

JE

First met Merrilyn when I was 15 yrs old and had many enjoyable adventures with her including car pooling to Henderson. Peace and comfort for her family. She will be missed. RIP my dear friend. Don Everright

Janice Everright - April 19, 2025 at 01:20 PM

JW

Merrilyn was a ray of sunshine. She never failed to make me laugh. I regret that I haven't seen her in years, but she was a sweet, gentle soul who, when we did run into each other would always greeted me with a "Good to see you." She will surely be missed.

judy wright - April 20, 2025 at 06:55 PM