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**Marilyn Ruth Turner(1930 - 2011)**



Marilyn R. Turner, 80, of Franklin, and formerly of Springfield, passed away Friday, April 29, 2011, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

She was born in Springfield Nov. 23, 1930, the daughter of Louis and Ruth Murphy. She married Kenneth J. Doerfler Jr. in June 1952, and he preceded her in death Oct. 14, 1962. She was also preceded in death by her parents; and a younger brother, R. Richard Murphy. Marilyn married J. Richard Turner on Aug. 7, 1971, and he passed away March 1, 2003.

Marilyn loved to sing. She sang at many weddings and funerals and performed yearly with the Mature Mob in Springfield. She was an active member of The Sunshine Singers based in Jacksonville and directed by her sister-in law, Mary Turner of Franklin. Before her illness she was a member of the choir and congregation at Sacred Heart Church in Franklin for 40 years. She was president of FASA and a member of Ladies Altar

Society. Traveling the world and dancing every weekend were the hobbies she loved and shared with her husband Rich. Marilyn owned and operated insurance and ice cream businesses over the years with her husband, Rich. The Dream Cream, The Mound Cone Shop for treats and Rich- Mar for insurance.

Surviving are one daughter, Debra Crowe of Chatham; four sons, Dennis (wife, Cita) Doerfler of New Berlin, Jerald Doerfler of Springfield, Bill (wife, Debbie) Turner of Springfield and Jerry (wife, Kim) Turner of El Paso; 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; one brother, Tom (wife, Sonya) Murphy of California; brother-in-law, Robert (wife, Mary) Turner of Franklin; sister-in-law, Patsy Bell of Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Franklin, with burial to follow at Franklin Cemetery. The family will meet friends from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Williamson Funeral Home in Jacksonville. Memorial contributions may be made to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) and condolences may be left at [www.airsman-hires.com](http://www.airsman-hires.com). Williamson Funeral Home in Jacksonville is in charge of arrangements.

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