



Delia M. (Beneventi) Davis Sanders

August 6, 1922 - February 17, 2019

Delia M. (Beneventi) Davis Sanders, 96, of Centralia passed away Sunday, February 17, 2019 at the Centralia Fireside Nursing Home.

She was born August 7, 1922 in Centralia, daughter of Domonick Beneventi and Lidia (Dori) Beneventi. She married Merrill Davis on January 30, 1943 in Centralia and he preceded her in death on November 4, 1973. She later married Lyle Sanders on January 28, 1995 and he preceded her in death in 2011.

She is survived by a son: Tom Davis and wife Mariann of Spring, Texas; two granddaughters: Melanie Englert, husband Gregg and Teagan great granddaughter; of Valley, Nebraska; Melissa Nikolatsopoulos, husband Toney of Wichita Falls Texas; step daughter: Susan Collum; step-granddaughter; Lily, husband Zack Hoyt all of Ava, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Geneva Beneventi, Helen Boillot, and half brother Gene Beneventi.

Delia worked as a Technician at St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia for 14 years in the EKG-Cardio-Pulmonary Department. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Centralia where she taught Sunday School class for 10 years and also a member of the Ruth Circle Class. Delia's greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family and friends.

Funeral Services for Delia M. Sanders will be held Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Brian High officiating. Burial will follow at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Visitation will be held Friday morning from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church and One Hope United and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the (Davis) Sanders Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

Hillcrest Memorial Park

2500 Old Highway 51

North

Sandoval, IL, 62882

Events

FEB **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Comments



“ My buddy, Delia's niece Renee Boillot (1950-1972), and I grew up together in a Santa Ana, CA, neighborhood once surrounded by orange groves and farming. Both our Grandmas were from Italy, so they hobnobbed while we played at the local little park. Renee was the daughter of two US Army veterans from WW II: Delia's sister Helen (known as "Bennie" to most of us at home and at work) and husband Keith Boillot, who lived in their Santa Ana home for over 60 years.

I met Delia twice during her later years when Helen was widowed and struggling to live alone. I was impressed with her sense of humor and patience with her big sis. Delia enjoyed visiting Bennie and seeing the local sites in Orange County together. When Bennie's dementia made it necessary to move into a memory care facility, Delia was helpful, kind, and tried to assist her sister as much as independent Helen would allow. They spoke regularly on the telephone and shared an understanding and empathy that only sisters can.

Knowing that the Lord was the Shepherd for both these two sisters, they surely have followed Him home in peace and love. God bless your family, Tom, as you mourn a dear Mother and Grandmother.

Denise Traficanto McGraw



Denise McGraw - February 26, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ Somehow yesterday's memory did not post, so will try again. Delia & my mother were dear dear friends, enjoying years together as members of First Baptist Church, Ruth Circle Sunday School Class, The Sewing Club & Birthday Club. They shared such a wonderful, true friendship & I can picture Delia & Mother having a visit now in Heaven, as she would also be having with family & other friends. Delia was never a complainer & made the best of situations. She had said living in her home was too difficult as the years passed, thus moved to Fireside Nursing Home. She enjoyed a lovely table of ladies at meals & sat in the lobby most of her day, watching people & enjoying television, as well as her exercise class. It was always a joy to be with Delia over the years, even after my mother passed. We enjoyed others with lunches at Jerry's & Delia was always upbeat. I will miss dear Delia, but am thrilled knowing she is enjoying Heaven & our Lord! Tom & Mariann, Melanie & Melissa, you were her life! I KNOW all of you have

wonderful memories to enjoy for a lifetime. God bless each one & love to all

Mary Ann Miller - February 21, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, the world lost a loving, caring soul. She will be missed.

Nancy Borgmann
friend

Nancy Borgmann - February 20, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ One word that keeps coming up for me that I think described my grandma the best is grit. My grandma had “grit.” I looked it up in the dictionary. Grit is “the firmness of mind or spirit, unyielding courage in the face of hardship (or danger.)”

The values of family, faith, and a hard work ethic were instilled in my Grandma from an early age and she passed them on to all of us. And we are so grateful for these gifts as well as all the wonderful memories.

-Melanie (granddaughter)

Melani - February 20, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Delia M. (Beneventi) Davis Sanders.



February 20, 2019 at 01:07 PM