



## Allen Dale Roper

December 26, 1949 - March 28, 2026

Allen Dale Roper, beloved father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the age of 76 in Centralia, Illinois. Born on Monday, December 26, 1949, in Centralia, Illinois, son of Carroll Roper and Maxine (Howard) Roper. In 1978, Allen Dale married the love of his life, Loretta Doszak, and on March 9, 2004, she preceded him in death at the age of 60.

Allen was a beacon of strength and kindness, known for his unwavering dedication to his family, community, and country.

Allen proudly served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, an experience that shaped his steadfast character and instilled in him a profound sense of duty. After his military service, he dedicated his career to the Joliet Correctional Center, where he worked as a Sergeant until his retirement. Throughout his professional life, Allen earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and community for his integrity and compassion.

A Centralia resident, Allen enjoyed spending his mornings with a hot cup of coffee on the porch, savoring the tranquility of the early hours. He possessed a love for the outdoors and could often be found hunting and fishing, pastimes that brought him great joy and peace. Above all, Allen cherished the moments spent with his family, whom he regarded as his world.

Allen is survived by his three devoted sons: Ray Roper and wife Diane of Centralia, Robert Roper and wife Kristi of Joliet, and Mike Roper along with Ashley Freeman of Joliet; and his eight beloved grandchildren: Jake Roper and wife Peyton, Brianna Roper and special friend Kellen, Blake Roper, James Dimock, Katelynn Roper, Dillon Roper, Benton Roper, and Ivy Roper.

He is preceded in death by his cherished wife, Loretta Roper, his parents, Carroll and Maxine Roper, and his brother, Ray Dean Roper.

Funeral services to honor Allen's life will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, with Pastor Scott Broughton officiating. A burial service will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia, Illinois, where military honors will be conducted by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and the Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055. Friends and family are invited to gather for a visitation on Tuesday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801. The family extends their gratitude to the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home for their compassionate support and service. Online condolences may be shared with Allen's family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Funeral Home's Facebook page. To send flowers or memorial gifts, please visit our Sympathy Store on our Website.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Funeral Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Allen Dale Roper*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - April 07 at 09:26 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen Dale Roper.*



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April 04 at 11:13 PM



“ *Edward Tatro purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Allen Dale Roper.*



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**Edward Tatro** - April 04 at 03:25 PM

PS

“ My sympathy on the death of Allen....so many family memories that we can never forget.....he and Lori and the boys were always a delight to be with. Peace be with you, Allen....

phyllis scholtes - April 01 at 08:43 AM

RH

“ Fly high Allandale I'll miss you forever until I see you again ❤️ My heart is shattered 💔 ig hugs sent to you. And to the family im so sorry. But we have alot of memories

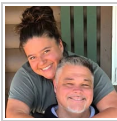


Rose Marie Hixenbaugh - March 30 at 11:36 PM

JR

You will forever be family Marie! We love you so much! -Jake

Jake Roper - March 31 at 01:01 AM



Marie, dad really enjoyed talking with you daily and we appreciated every smile you put on his face thank you for always being there for him we love you so much!

Diane Roper - March 31 at 06:18 PM

MM

“ Sending love and strength to you all as I read all the incredible stories he has left In your memories. May god place his hand upon you and comfort you.



Mitzi Masterson - March 30 at 11:02 PM



*Thank you Mitzi!*

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**Jake Roper** - March 31 at 01:01 AM