



## Andrea Prather

September 16, 1944 - March 20, 2020

Andrea Prather, 75, of Centralia, passed away Friday, March 20, 2020 at St. Andrews at Francis Place in Eureka, Missouri. She was born September 16, 1944 in Wagoner, Oklahoma, the daughter of Carlton Geurin and Irene (Lancaster) Geurin. Andrea married Gerald "Jerry" Prather on September 7, 1963 and he preceded her in death on May 26, 2012.

She is survived by two daughters: Tina Bean and husband Greg of Effingham, IL and Penelope Sperruzza and husband Paul of Eureka, MO; four grandchildren: Austin Bean of San Mateo, California, Karissa Bean of Effingham, Matthew Sperruzza and Michael Sperruzza both of Eureka, Missouri; a sister: Terri Edgmon and husband Randy of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Carlton and Irene Geurin, her husband of 49 years Gerald "Jerry" Prather, six brothers: Mike Geurin, Doug Geurin, twins: Daniel and Samuel Geurin, Bobby Geurin and Scott Geurin, her four legged sons Troubles and Luke, and special friend Sam Fleming.

Andrea grew up in Centralia and graduated from Centralia High School in 1962. Her career included time as a doctor's assistant, a secretary, and a stay at home mom. Along with her husband Jerry, she was co-owner/operator of Prather's Recyclables for 30+ years. They sold the business in 2010 and they both retired. In retirement, Andrea worked part-time as a bartender at The Caddy Shack in Centralia. Whatever the task, whether it was at work, or for her family, Andrea was an extremely hard worker; she always sacrificed her

time for the benefit of others.

Andrea enjoyed staying active and kept herself engaged with gardening, photography, fishing, listening to music, and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a big St. Louis Cardinals fan, followed Senior Pro Golfer Tom Wargo, and was a member of the Lady Elks.

Andrea had a huge heart and was full of life. She loved her friends and family and was commonly known to put their needs ahead of her own. She was lucky to have had some great friends during her lifetime.

Andrea fought Alzheimer's with remarkable dignity and strength.

A private family service for Andrea Prather will be held with Entombment in the Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel in Centralia. A public memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Southtown Shalom Community Food Pantry, Community Support Systems (where her granddaughter receives job training), or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 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 Prather Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - April 18, 2020 at 10:51 AM

DK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this time. May God bring you peace and comfort as you think of all the great memories you have.

*Dennis and Nancy Kreke*

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**Dennis R. Kreke** - March 27, 2020 at 11:47 AM

PS

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Penelope Sperruzza** - March 25, 2020 at 03:13 PM

CH

*You are amazing, kind and loving. You showed great amount of independence even when you are supposed to be getting help. Always want to get up and walk to the bathroom. I am happy you have two wonderful daughters that stood by you till your last breath. I don't know what else to say rather than acknowledging that you are blessed. Your transition is a shock to us living because we still need you around. Your memories will forever be live with us.  
Continue Resting In Peace.*

*Chidiebere.*

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**Chidiebere** - March 28, 2020 at 12:17 PM

SL

“ *Tina, Penelope, I am so sorry to hear of aunt Andrea's passing. I have a lot of fond memories from childhood over at your house. I know we've all grown and went separate ways but know your in my thoughts and prayers- time flies by too fast.... Stacie.*

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**Stacie Prather Lashbrook** - March 24, 2020 at 06:31 PM

CW

*Tina and Penelope, my heart aches for you at this time. There are not enough words to express my memories of the years I loved your Mom. She was a good friend to have and we will never forget her.*

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**Cathy and Butch Williams** - March 25, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JG

*Your momma was an absolutely amazing lady. She raised two wonderful daughters. You guys will miss her but you have so many memories to cherish. I know that I will hold mine dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Fly High Aunt Andrea. Love you.*

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**Jerra Geurin** - March 25, 2020 at 06:02 PM

BL

*she was a lovely lady that always had a smile. she will be missed.*

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**bob logullo** - March 25, 2020 at 07:19 PM

JB

*Andrea was a sweet and kind neighbor, always smiling and always had something nice to say. She will be sorely missed. So sorry for your family's loss.*

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**Jay Borum** - March 26, 2020 at 09:01 AM

LR

*Tina, Penelope, and families,*

*You continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. You are blessed to have many wonderful years with your mom, so cherish every memory.*

*Remember, GOD is still on the throne and will comfort you.  
Much love,*

*Linda Richards  
Effingham, IL*

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**Linda Richards** - March 26, 2020 at 01:51 PM