



## Danny Thomas Howell

October 12, 1949 - July 8, 2023

Danny Thomas Howell, 73, of Centralia, passed away on July 8, 2023, with his bride by his side.

Born in Golden, Mississippi, on October 12, 1949, to Loriece and Fred Howell, Danny lived his early life in Red Bay, Alabama.

Danny came to Southern Illinois in 1960 with his family when his father came to town with the Illinois Central Railroad. While waiting on the school bus, he met his wife, Sara Howell, and they wed on October 12, 1967. Sara survives in Centralia.

In addition to his wife of 55 years, he is also survived by his children: Christina Ray and husband Frank of Centralia, Danna Lewis and husband William of Colp, Illinois, Garrett Howell and wife Kate of Columbus, Indiana, and Kimberly Smith and husband Brian of Centralia; eight grandchildren: Brynn, Annabelle, Elise, Grant, Molly, Natalie, Charlotte, and Lauren; 2 sisters: Charlotte Lyons and husband Chuck of Centralia and Tina Quick and husband Steve of Centralia; and several nieces and nephews.

Soft-spoken and strong-willed, he had an enormous heart and a wonderful sense of humor. Clever and full to the brim with knowledge gained through all of his life experiences, his working years as a kid transporter, factory worker, and jack of all trades were cut short after a heart attack that ended his working days suddenly. Danny seized the opportunity to be a stay-at-home dad, where he would go on to be infamous for his cookies, gardening, checking your tire pressure, and ensuring you knew how to mow a straight line.

Forever proud of his family and the St. Louis Cardinals. He knew how to give a good hug and a good apology.

Later in life, Danny became a woodworker, craftsman, and political enthusiast, but most of all, he became a grandpa who will be remembered for all the heart he shared with his family and the many pets who came into his life along the way. He truly loved each of them. When his time came, he carried himself with dignity and strength and was full of love for those who had been a part of his life and who had helped care for him while he was sick. He will be missed dearly.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents: Fred and Loriece Howell, brother: Paul Howell, and sister: Mary Redman.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 14, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family 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 Howell 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.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Inc.  
235 North Sycamore  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Danny Thomas Howell*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - July 12, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Sara, I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm going to miss that smiling gentle guy. Love that his neighbor "girls" & Buddy Dog, here at the Villas, got to have our porch visits with him♥♥ He sure loved & enjoyed looking my yellow hibiscus . Sending heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.*

Sue Roper Mashburn - July 14, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Danny Thomas Howell.*



July 13, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Danny Thomas Howell.*

July 11, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Danny Thomas Howell.*



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July 11, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *So sorry for the passing of Danny  
Prayers from your Baldwin Heights neighbors*

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**Phil Quandt** - July 11, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *Kim, thinking of you and your family. Praying for peace to bring comfort, strength as you grieve together and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

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**Matt Wheeler** - July 11, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Christina, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family. Remember always that you are loved.*

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**Karen Dailey** - July 11, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Danny Thomas Howell.*



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July 11, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Danny Thomas Howell.

July 10, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Danny Thomas Howell.



July 10, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ Tina & family, sorry for your loss. Hugs n prayers Sincerely,  
Donna (Roper-Queen)Wooters



Donna Wooters - July 10, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. It was so easy to see just how much he loved you all. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Jill Gebke - July 10, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear this, Christina. My prayers are with you and your family.

Carla Giles-Beck - July 10, 2023 at 01:28 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathies to you, Kim, your Mom and your entire family. I'm so sorry for your loss!* ”



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**Audrey & Gary** - July 10, 2023 at 12:49 PM