



Debbie L. Grimes

June 24, 1958 - January 10, 2026

Debbie L. Grimes, a beloved member of the Centralia community, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at the age of 67. Born on Tuesday, June 24, 1958, in Casey, Illinois, the daughter of Dale Lee Irby and Mary (Arenilla) Irby. Debbie married the love of her life, Rorie Grimes, on June 14, 1988 and he survives.

A graveside service will be held in her honor on Friday, January 16, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel in Centralia. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, Illinois, and again on Friday morning from 9:00 AM until the time of service at the chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Debbie's name to the Marion County Animal Control. Donations will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Debbie's family. Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting <http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com> and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Debbie is survived by her devoted husband of 37 years, Rorie Grimes of Centralia. Together, they built a loving family that includes three children: Tammy Ritter and husband Jeff of Kinmundy, Bill Smith and wife Heather of Odin, and Jon Smith of Centralia. She was a cherished mother-in-law to

Teresa Smith of Centralia. Her legacy continues through her seven grandchildren: Cody Gould, Mary Branch, Hania Smith, Mason Smith, Riley Smith, Eva Smith, and Matt Ritter. Debbie is also survived by her brother-in-law, Doug Grimes of Centralia, along with several nieces and nephews who adored her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother: Joseph Irby, and her sisters-in-law: Lisa Grimes and Karen Irby.

Debbie worked at Walmart, where she was known for her warm smile and helpful nature. Outside of work, she found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved animals, creating beautiful crafts, playing cards, and coloring. Her passion for watching scary movies and going on rides with her husband and her four legged companion: Dakota, which brought excitement to their lives. Above all, she treasured her time spent with family and her grandchildren, who were her greatest joy. Debbie L. Grimes will be remembered for her kind heart, her love for her family, and the joy she brought to the lives of all who knew her. Her memory will continue to inspire and bring comfort to those who loved her dearly.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JAN **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel

Graveside Service

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Debbie L. Grimes*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 15 at 02:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debbie L. Grimes.*



January 15 at 03:45 PM



“ *Your Friends At Trekker Logistics planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debbie L. Grimes.*

Your Friends At Trekker Logistics - January 14 at 11:53 AM

YL

“ *Your Friends At Trekker Logistics purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Debbie L. Grimes.*



Your Friends At Trekker Logistics - January 14 at 11:53 AM

CD

“ *Cindy Davis lit a candle in memory of Debbie L. Grimes*



Cindy Davis - January 13 at 10:42 PM

TC

“ *Tracy Cavins lit a candle in memory of Debbie L. Grimes*



Tracy Cavins - January 13 at 06:20 AM

TC

She was a great person to be around and I'm so glad that I got to know her she will be sadly missed

Tracy Cavins - January 13 at 06:23 AM

 Clara
Tate

She always had a smile on her face and always. In good spirits I always loved working with her and Tammy when we worked together at Centralia Walmart she will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her R.I.P.Debie

Clara Tate - January 13 at 05:28 PM

SH

“ *Summer&Dustin Hill purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Debbie L. Grimes.*



Summer&Dustin Hill - January 12 at 06:53 PM

JP

“ *Jan Poehler lit a candle in memory of Debbie L. Grimes*



Jan Poehler - January 12 at 05:47 PM