



Dolores Sanders

August 9, 1930 - June 10, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Dolores Sanders, a beloved mother, grandmother, and cherished member of the Centralia community, who left us on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the age of 94.

Dolores was born on August 9, 1930, in Centralia, Illinois, the daughter of Huey White and Olive (Monken) White. On June 5, 1954, she married Robert W. Sanders and he preceded her in death on July 19, 1988.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in her honor on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 10:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centralia, Illinois. Dolores will be laid to rest at the Calvary Cemetery beside her beloved husband. Friends and family are invited to pay their respects during the visitation on Sunday, June 15, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, as well as on Monday morning from 9:00 AM until the time of the Mass at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to St. Mary's Catholic School. Contributions will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, located at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801, who are honored to be of service to Dolores's family. For online condolences, please visit www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Dolores graduated from St. Mary's Catholic Grade School, The Academy of

Notre Dame High School in Belleville, Centralia Junior College, and Webster College in St. Louis. A dedicated educator, Dolores inspired countless young minds during her career as a teacher. She began her career teaching high school in Ohio and Breese Illinois. Following her move back to Centralia, she taught at St. Mary's Grade School, and for years worked as a homebound teacher for Centralia High School. Lastly, she spent a number of years as the Director of Religious Education at St. Mary's Church where she combined her passion for teaching students and her love for the Church. Her commitment to her students left a lasting impression on the community. Beyond her professional achievements, Dolores was an ardent supporter of the St. Louis Cardinals and an active member of the Centralia Orphans community. Her faith was a guiding force in her life, as she was deeply involved in the activities of St. Mary's Church.

Dolores leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory: her sons, H. Robert Sanders and his wife Debbie of Glen Carbon, Rodney Sanders and his wife Robin of Murrieta, California, and Alan Sanders and his wife Julie of West Chester, Pennsylvania. She was a proud grandmother to Kara Cincotta (Tim), Lucas Sanders (Jerry), Drew Sanders (Kaesha), Shayne Lewis (Michael), Gwen Dickau (Kevin), Lily Sanders, Briana Sanders and Alyssa Sanders. Her legacy continues through her six great-grandchildren, with another one on the way. She is also survived by her special friend, Lorraine Bassett, and her devoted caregiver, Kathy Sparling.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

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

St. Mary Church

Funeral Mass

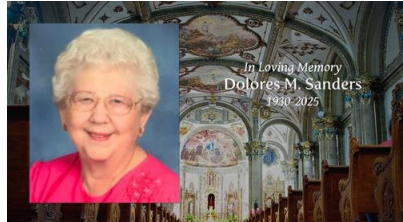
JUN **16**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM.

St. Mary Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dolores Sanders*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - June 14, 2025 at 08:58 PM

CD

“ *Cara D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores Sanders.*

Cara D. - July 01, 2025 at 11:37 AM

CC

“ *Mrs Sanders and my Mom, Dimple Currie were good friends. They laughed alot when they were together and were often mischievous! From Bible Study, to Sunday Mass, and out to lunch they shared good times. Our families were intertwined through church, school, work, and sports.*

Miss Delores will be loved, missed, and remembered as charming, loving and kind.

Claudia Currie-Harris and Family



Claudia Currie-Harris - June 23, 2025 at 09:35 AM

KC

“ We knew Bob and Delores way back before Alan was born. I remember her telling me she was pregnant with him. When we returned to centralia our son Chad and Alan were best friends. They went to a preschool together and didn't want to take a nap there. Rodney would sneak over to our house to do some craft thing or help me cook something and Delores would call looking for him. Ironically my husband died 2 days after Delores so I would guess they are in heaven debating the pros and cons of the Cubs and Cardinals.

Kathleen Cravatta - June 20, 2025 at 12:18 AM

JD

“ Jane Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Dolores Sanders



Jane Daugherty - June 14, 2025 at 10:54 PM

DF

“ DeVon Hudson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores Sanders.

DeVon Hudson and Family - June 14, 2025 at 05:56 PM

DF

“ DeVon Hudson and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dolores Sanders.



DeVon Hudson and Family - June 14, 2025 at 05:56 PM

RD

“ Rodney D. purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Dolores Sanders.



Rodney D. - June 13, 2025 at 01:11 AM

RD

“ Rodney D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores Sanders.

Rodney D. - June 13, 2025 at 01:11 AM

JN

“ John, Ooi Wah, Kaesha, Kieran, Nam purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Dolores Sanders.



John, Ooi Wah, Kaesha, Kieran, Nam - June 12, 2025 at 11:11 PM

AA

“ Alan, Julie, Bria, and Alyssa purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Dolores Sanders.



Alan, Julie, Bria, and Alyssa - June 12, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ Great lady and customer for many years. RIP Dolores.



Eddie Petrea - June 12, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dolores Sanders.



June 12, 2025 at 11:37 AM



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

June 12, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Dolores Sanders.



June 12, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dolores Sanders.



June 12, 2025 at 07:29 AM



“ *Mary Ann (Monken) Long lit a candle in memory of Dolores Sanders*



Mary Ann (Monken) Long - June 11, 2025 at 10:09 PM