



Gail Simer

August 16, 1950 - October 11, 2024

Gail Barbara Simer, 74, of Centralia, passed away Friday, October 11, 2024 at her home with her family by her side.

She was born August 16, 1950 in Clay City, IL, the daughter of Robert and Lois (Hastings) Turner.

On October 9, 1982, Gail married Detective Rich Simer and he survives in Centralia.

In addition to her husband, Rich Simer, of 42 years, she is also survived by four sons, Josh Blair (wife Angela), Richard A. Simer, Charles Simer (wife Nancy) and Michael Simer (wife Candice); sons-in-law, Darren Walter and Ryan Stufflebam; a sister, Anne Elledge; a brother, Tom Turner (wife Margaret); and 19 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Lois Turner, a brother, Tim Turner and both of her daughters, Leah Stufflebam and Amanda Walter.

Gail was educated in the area through college as a top grade student. She started with the City of Centralia from the Marion County State's Attorney office in 1980 and worked for Roger Westbrook in a housing rehab program. As the funds ran out, she went to the city's planning and zoning department.

The city manager, Warren Browning, soon made her his administrative assistant and she stayed there for a number of years. She was later appointed to the city clerk position and thrived there for years, building the clerks position to a smooth running productive office. When Warren Browning retired, Gail was appointed to the city manager position and she served that position for many years. Gail ended her career by being the Marion County Jail Administrator and later the administrator of Odin Care Center. She was a member of the Calumet Street Christian Church for 40 years. Gail will be dearly missed by many.

Funeral services for Gail Simer will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the Calumet Street Christian Church with Pastor Anthony Sweeney officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held at 10:00 am until the time of service at the church on Saturday. In memory of Gail, memorial donations may be made to the Calumet Street Youth Program and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Gail's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calumet Street Christian Church
2240 E Calumet St
Centralia, IL 62801-6512
(618) 533-4421

Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM.

Calumet Street Christian Church in Centralia

Tribute Wall



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



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - October 17, 2024 at 05:15 PM

EM

“ *Erin, Scott, and Rory Meeker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail Simer.*

Erin, Scott, and Rory Meeker - October 18, 2024 at 12:31 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gail Simer.*



October 18, 2024 at 12:31 AM

DF

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Gail was so welcoming and loving. Prayers and thoughts to all of you.*
Dena Schnake Fields

Dena Schnake Fields - October 15, 2024 at 07:56 PM

EB

“ Gail was a great person to work with and to be around. She was always practical, always ethical and always a friend. She is gone way too soon but I am glad to have known her for as long as I did.

Ed Basch - October 14, 2024 at 02:50 PM

SH

Rich I'm sorry for your loss she was an exceptional person. God bless you and your family.

Steve Hays - October 14, 2024 at 04:40 PM

BT

Rich, I am so sorry to hear about Gail. I always enjoyed working with both of you, I can't think of two finer people to have known and called friends.

Bill Thouvenin - October 15, 2024 at 09:41 AM

JC

Rich, I was sorry to hear of your loss.

Jane Edmonson Curry - January 26, 2025 at 07:54 PM