



## Helen Delane Richardson

November 3, 1927 - February 27, 2023

Helen Delane Richardson, 95, of Centralia passed away on February 27, 2023 in St. Louis, MO with her family by her side.

Delane was born on November 3, 1927 to Charles Scharnhorst and Bertha (Applegate) Scharnhorst. She married Dwight N. Richardson on January 1, 1947. He preceded her in death on March 11, 2017.

She is survived by three sons: Dariel Richardson and wife Susan of Rochester IL, Donald Richardson and wife Karen of Centralia, and Randal Richardson and wife Gina of Carlyle; ten grandchildren: Tina Bax, Michele Suerdieck, Dariel Richardson Jr., Daniel Richardson, David Richardson, Scot Richardson, Alan Richardson, Jason Richardson, Ryan Richardson, and Kristen Richardson; 22 great-grandchildren; brother Robert "Bob" Scharnhorst and wife Janice of Cold Spring, IL; sister-in-law Colleen Scharnhorst of Salem. Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, grandson Randal Richardson Jr., brother Thomas Scharnhorst, and sister Charlene Scharnhorst.

Delane enjoyed teaching Sunday school, and did so for 65 years. Her favorite pass time was making candy, especially Divinity. For over 15 years, she participated in the Linus Project, helping making quilts for children in hospitals in the area. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family and friends.

Funeral services for Helen Delane Richardson will be held Monday, March 6, 2023 at 12:30pm at Foundation Church in Centralia with Rev. Jeremy Martin

officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Visitation will be held from 11:00am to 12:30pm at the church Monday morning. In memory of Delane, memorial donations can be made to the Foundation Church (landscaping/memorial fund) and will be accepted at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, IL, 62801, 618-532-3523, who is honored to serve the Richardson family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Park

2500 Old Highway 51 North  
Sandoval, IL 62882

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Foundation Church  
1606 East McCord Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Funeral Service

MAR 6. 12:30 PM (CT)

Foundation Church  
1606 East McCord Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Delane Richardson*



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - March 03, 2023 at 05:36 PM

DB

*Beautiful memorial.*

**Debbie Bloemker** - March 03, 2023 at 11:20 PM

JB

*I found Delane a very special person during the years we were both part of the Blankets of Love group. During the years that we met at St. Peter UCC she was the leader of the group and I was the representative from St. Peter in charge of opening and closing the building and making sure we picked up after ourselves. Being the last ones out we got to know each other better than just both being members of that group.*

*Jane Brink (Another Helen that goes by her middle name!)*

**Jane Brink** - March 10, 2023 at 03:54 PM

DC

“ *The world was a better place with Delane in it. Now she is securely in Heaven with her beloved husband and grandson. She was a true matriarch and such a blessing to her family and all who knew her. We will miss that delicious candy at Christmas.*

**Diana Cozadd** - March 02, 2023 at 07:43 PM

CH

“ So sorry to hear of Great Aunt Delane's passing. She always had a kind word for my mom as she worked Mabel through the last years of her life with Alzheimer's. Her cheerful voice, kindness and thoughtfulness was appreciated and will be missed. Her family is in our thoughts and prayers. Christie Hirsch and family

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**Christie Syler Hirsch** - March 02, 2023 at 01:21 PM