



Larry VanZandt

November 22, 1934 - March 8, 2026

Larry D. VanZandt, age 91, of Centralia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 8, 2026 at Centralia Manor.

Larry was born in Centralia, November 22, 1934, to Roy and Ethel (Dodillet) VanZandt. He married Geraldine Eller on June 18, 1954 and she preceded him in death on June 10, 2018.

Larry is survived by his son: Kevin VanZandt and wife Tina (Helpingstine) of Centralia, two granddaughters: Kari Nierman and husband Allen of Highland and Carly Thompson and husband Dallas of Fairview Heights, great grandchildren: Levi, Jase and Tanner Nierman of Highland and Maeve Thompson of Fairview Heights; brother-in-law: Robert Eller and wife Jackie of Phoenix, Arizona; along with many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, son: Kirby VanZandt, sister: Judy Christian and husband Cliff, and brother-in-law: Chet Eller.

Larry was a lifelong member of Centralia First United Methodist Church. He was the owner of VanZandt Trucking Service from 1969-2000. Before taking over the trucking business from his father Roy, he was a welder, an over the road driver and also worked for Gordon Transport Company. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping with friends, playing games and traveling. He especially loved spending time with his Family. He will be sadly missed. Funeral Services will be held Friday, March 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Don Shaffer officiating. Larry will be laid to rest next to his wife at Hillcrest Memorial Park in

Centralia. Visitation will be held Friday afternoon from 1:00 PM until the time of service at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-32523, who is honored to be of service to Larry's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Larry VanZandt, please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Kevin and Tina, I am so sorry for your loss. I just loved both your parents and was happy to talk to them when they came in the Insurance office. Of course, my Dad always considered Larry one of his good friends! Thinking of you all!

Cindie Orr - March 13 at 09:58 AM

JM

“ Kevin, we are sorry to hear of your loss. Just wanted you to know we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.
Mark and Jerri Ann (Bateman) Miller



Jerri Ann Miller - March 11 at 04:06 PM

BJ

“ Kevin and Tina sorry for your family loss I always considered Larry the best (BOSS) I ever had and worked for, I know. Now he is out of pain and at piece and back with his Wife Gerry and the Good Lord above. May he rest in peace



bob jurashen - March 10 at 10:43 AM