



Norman Hirsch

January 25, 1945 - December 10, 2025

Norman Hirsch, a lifelong resident of Centralia, Illinois, passed away peacefully on December 10, 2025, at the age of 80. Born on January 25, 1945, to the late John and Ruby Hirsch, Norman's gentle spirit and unwavering dedication to family and community touched all who knew him.

Norman was a proud veteran, having been drafted into the Army during the Vietnam era, where he served his country with honor. After his military service, he returned to Centralia, where he shared his hardworking and cheerful nature with colleagues at the Hollywood Candy Factory for several years. He later found fulfillment in his role at St. Mary Church in Centralia, diligently serving as the janitor, ensuring the sanctuary was always welcoming and serene.

Norman shared a deep bond with his only surviving sister, Doris Sanders, also of Centralia.. His legacy of kindness and humor lives on in the hearts of numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews. He was cherished by his good friend, Ron Hacker, affectionately known as "Big Bird," and his wife, Theresa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ruby Hirsch, and siblings Richard Hirsch, Verla Monical, Kenneth Hirsch, and Phyllis Knox; nephews, Keith Crane and Jeff Monical; and a dear friend, John A. Abrams. Despite

these losses, Norman remained a steadfast source of support and warmth to his extended family and friends.

A visitation to honor Norman's life will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Following this, a funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Stan Barnett officiating.

Norman Hirsch will be remembered for his generous heart, his unwavering loyalty, and his infectious joy for life. His memory will be eternally cherished by those he leaves behind.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Norman's memory to Centralia Humane Society or Shop With A Cop and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801, who is honored to assist Norman's family during this time. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or through the Funeral Home's Facebook page. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - December 15, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ *Lindsay Gazdik and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Norman Hirsch.*



Lindsay Gazdik and family - December 14, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Norman Hirsch*



cindy - December 12, 2025 at 07:28 PM

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“ *Mary Long lit a candle in memory of Norman Hirsch*



mary long - December 11, 2025 at 06:30 PM