



Wanita Brandol

August 31, 1927 - May 7, 2026

Wanita Brandol, a beloved resident of Centralia, Illinois, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia, IL on Thursday, May 7th, 2026, at the age of 98. Born in Centralia on Wednesday, August 31st, 1927, Wanita is the daughter of Dan P. Brandol and Lena (Koelmel) Brandol.

Wanita dedicated many years of her life to working at Illinois Bell Telephone, which later became AT&T, where she cultivated wonderful friendships and left a lasting impact. A committed and active member of the 1st United Presbyterian Church, Wanita was deeply devoted to her faith and community service. Her passion for exploring the world took her on numerous travel adventures and nature tours, experiences she cherished and fondly shared with family and friends.

Wanita was also an esteemed member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and the Pioneers Telephone Country, where she made lasting contributions and lifelong friendships.

Her memory will be lovingly cherished by her cousins, Gail and Vickie Brandol of Centralia whom she resided with for the past 3 1/2 years and her other cousins, Kenneth Brandol and wife Mary of Westerville, Ohio, Becky Spieser and husband Dan of Sandoval, Mike Brandol and wife Annie of Huey, Jennifer Pinkerton and husband Roger of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Laura Miller of Ohio,

and Jimmy Brandol and wife Erin of Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dan P. Brandol and Lena (Koelmel) Brandol.

A viewing for immediate family is scheduled at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm on Monday, May 18th, 2026. Following this, a graveside service will be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm with Chaplain Joannie Naraghi officiating.

For those wishing to honor Wanita's memory, donations can be made to the 1st United Presbyterian Church in Centralia and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, IL 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Wanita's family. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the funeral home Facebook page. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family, please visit our Sympathy Store .

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM.

Elmwood Cemetery

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *RIP my dear sorority sister*



Ruth Barczewski - May 15 at 06:28 PM

PB

“ *I am so saddened to see beautiful Wanita has passed! What a joy to see her sweet face at Church! She will be so missed! And has been Godspeed!* 🙏💔😄

Peggy Myers Beal - May 14 at 01:58 PM

MB

“ *I always admired Wanita in that she was an independent woman who traveled the world and enjoyed life. Although we lived far away, you will always be in our hearts. Ken and Mary*

Mary Brandol - May 14 at 11:00 AM



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

May 13 at 07:27 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanita Brandol.*



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