



Mary Sue Sanders

November 13, 1932 - December 6, 2013

Mary Sue Sanders, age 81 of Higginsville, Missouri died on Friday, December 6, 2013, at her home.

Born Sunday, November 13, 1932 in Higginsville, she was the daughter of Lester Gillilan and Bessie (Bodenhamer) Gillilan. She and Ronald V. Sanders were united in marriage on Saturday, December 18, 1954.

Mary Sue worked at the downtown Higginsville office of REA and then did office work for Sanders-Wood Construction as well as Ron Sanders Masonry while also being a homemaker. She was a 1951 graduate of Higginsville High School and was a lifelong resident of Higginsville.

She was a member of Central Christian Church and the Christian Women's Fellowship. She also taught Sunday School for several years.

Mary Sue helped deliver Meals on Wheels and was a member of Preceptor Xi of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She enjoyed playing cards with several Bridge clubs, and also loved playing Pitch with family and friends.

Preceding her in death are her parents, one brother, Bill Gillilan and one sister, Tricia Schroer.

Surviving are her husband, Ron Sanders of the home; two sons; Kevin (Dawn) Sanders, Jim (Susan) Sanders, and one daughter; Julie (Glenn) Opfer all of Higginsville; one brother; Bob (Mary Lou) Gillilan of Jefferson City, Missouri; 8 grandchildren; John Opfer & fiancé Amber Williams, Tim Opfer & fiancé Abby Garlich, Kyle Sanders, Casey Sanders, Cody Sanders, Jordan (Kandice) Sanders, Ryan (Jill) Terry & Dane Terry; and 1 great grandson, Hunter.

A Funeral service will be at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at Central Christian Church, 16 W. 20th St. Higginsville with Rev. Matt Limback officiating, Sharon Pragman as organist and Colleen Sanders as vocalist. Interment will be in the Higginsville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday at Hoefer Funeral Home, 1600 Main St., Higginsville. The Family suggests Memorials to the Higginsville Heat and Hunger Fund or Central Christian Church.

Pallbearers are John Opfer, Tim Opfer, Kyle Sanders, Casey Sanders, Cody Sanders and Jordan Sanders. Honorary pallbearers are Cindy Schroer, Ryan Terry and Dane Terry.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hoeferfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Sue Sanders*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Mary Sue Sanders*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Mary Sue Sanders*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Mary Sue Sanders*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



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Susan Echelmeier - December 07, 2020 at 01:51 PM

BW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Sanders family during this difficult time. You are lucky that you have a close family and many friends to support you during this time. Let me know if there is anything that you need.

Love Barb Wheeler and Doug Newland

Barb Wheeler - July 12, 2018 at 12:34 PM

KF

“ So sorry to here of your loss

Kevin and Tracy Sloan and Family - July 12, 2018 at 12:34 PM

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MR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Sanders family. She will be missed

Mike Reider - April 28, 2018 at 10:39 AM

AW

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in our prayers.

Alan & Debbie Wiest - April 28, 2018 at 10:39 AM

PJ

“ I will always have fond memories of Mary Sue. Her family and the good times we had at one time.....

Pat (Borgstadt) Jenks - April 28, 2018 at 10:39 AM

MB

“ Ron and Family you are in our prayers. Be sure to take care of yourselves.

Marv & Amy Blevns - April 28, 2018 at 10:39 AM

CW

“ We will never forget how fondly our Dad Cap spoke of her and the close childhood friendship he so cherished. Her kindness at our Dad's passing was so heartfelt and appreciated. May God be with your beautiful family at this time. My sister and I pray that you find comfort in the knowledge that she's in the arms of Jesus. God Bless you Mary Sue.

The Willis Family

Cindy & Charlotte Willis - April 28, 2018 at 10:39 AM

NG

“ Mary, we will miss you. You have been such a sweet person and friend. Don will always remember you as his elementary school "Buddy".

Norma & Don Gadt - April 28, 2018 at 10:39 AM

TD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
David (Red) and Marsha Evans
Tammy Schaller Durfee and family

Tammy Schaller Durfee - April 28, 2018 at 10:39 AM

TF

“ Blessings to your family.

Teresa Fisher - April 28, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *What a beautiful lady and person. Sorry I did not get to see more of all of you. My sincere sympathy. Peggy Rice (cousin)*

December 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I just heard about Mary Sue. I am so sorry and I want you to know I am thinking of you and what you and your family must be going through right now. Please accept my condolences. I can only imagine how difficult this must be for you. My thoughts are with you at this sad time.*

Valerie Kile (nee Dieckhoff) - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. May God comfort you at this time. The Brown family knowing your family when we lived across the street in the 1960's. I will never forget when our 3 year Keith was at you house and told you smoking was not good for you.*

Lois (Brown) Cawdord - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM