



Arlene F. Sanders

January 30, 1947 - April 11, 2021

Arlene F. Sanders, 74, of Brook, was welcomed to heaven by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 11, 2021.

She was born on January 30, 1947, the daughter of the late Albert and Marjorie (Kingdon) Wienrank, in Watseka, IL. The family moved to a farm in Rensselaer when Arlene was very young and farmed that land for more than 50 years.

Arlene went to Jordan School from 1953 to 1961 and graduated from Rensselaer Central High School in 1965.

She married Jerry Lynn Sanders on June 27, 1965, after he had returned from serving in the United States Army in Korea. They were married at the Presbyterian Church of Goodland, with a reception at Foster Park.

The family lived in several locations around northwest and central Indiana, and Arlene always made each house a home—painting the rooms and decorating them with lambs and rocks. Arlene loved working in the outdoors, watching animals, and feeding the birds. Arlene was an avid gardener and taught many people how to can fruit, vegetables, and meat—canning as much as 1,000 quarts of produce in a single year. She was also an accomplished baker, known for her apple and peach pies.

Jerry and Arlene were well-known for cutting and hauling firewood. Arlene also spent nine years working as a librarian in three public libraries.

The Lord blessed Arlene's marriage to Jerry with four daughters: Karen (Gary) Cooper of Brook, Lynnette (Paul) Scharf of Columbus, Wis., Aimee (Joshua) Sayers of Nashville and Rebekah Sanders of New Whiteland.

Others left behind to cherish her memory include 13 grandchildren: Autumn (Nathan) Stratton of Monticello, Meagan Cooper of Brook, Kristen Barth of Buck Creek, Erin (Brandon) Denton of Rensselaer, Heather (Gregory) Robinson of Morocco and Laura, Kara, Leah and Analise Cooper, all of Brook; Bridgette Brown of New Whiteland; and Benjamin, Carlene and Jenna Sayers of Nashville; eleven great-grandchildren: Ryan, Owen, Isabel and Emerson Barth of Buck Creek; Grady, Kaylie and Audrey Stratton of Monticello; and Maci and Trey Robinson of Morocco; brother Raymond Wienrank of Rensselaer; sisters Mary (Steve) Moerhing of West Lafayette and Tina (Thomas) Wenrick of Rensselaer; brothers-in-law Melvin Myers of Rensselaer, Wayne (Nancy) Sanders of Monon, Billie Sanders of Rensselaer, Thomas (partner Linda) Sanders of Otterbein; sisters-in-law Janice Ferguson of Kokomo and Crystal Sanders of Brookston; many nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Arlene was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry, on May 25, 2018; sister Ruth Ann Myers; brothers-in-law Gale and Keith Sanders and Max Ferguson; sisters-in-law Pamela Sanders and Dawn Sanders and Cheryl Miller; and granddaughter Lainey Cooper.

Arlene's life verse is Psalm 18:2: "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

A funeral service will be held for Arlene at 2:00 p.m. (CDT) on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer. Pastor Todd Poynter of Greenwood Bible Baptist Church will officiate, and burial will follow at Goodland Cemetery. Arlene's family will greet relatives and friends on Tuesday, April 20, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (CDT).

Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities, 1301 22nd Street #905, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer has been entrusted with Arlene's arrangements. Additional information may be found at www.jacksonfuneral.com

Arlene's family extends its heartfelt appreciation to the staff at PhysioCare Hospice of Lafayette for their care during Arlene's final days.

Cemetery Details

Goodland Cemetery

Goodland Cemetery
Goodland, IN 47948

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
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Funeral Service

APR **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Arlene F. Sanders



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 19, 2021 at 11:15 AM

MW

“ Arlene was my friend. We loved to laugh together. Our daily talks will be missed. Yet I know she will be in the presence of our Saviour and will be sightseeing heaven with Jerry. What a blessing she has been to me. Sincerely, Martha Wasson

Martha Wasson - April 20, 2021 at 09:25 AM

AN

“ Arlene's church family at NCBC purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Arlene F. Sanders.



Arlene's church family at NCBC - April 19, 2021 at 09:28 PM

CM

“ We didn’t have the privilege of knowing Mrs. Sanders, but have known Amiee and Josh Sayers for many years. Our sincere condolences to all the family. Heaven’s sounding sweeter all the time!

Love The McBrides

Cheryl McBride - April 18, 2021 at 05:02 PM

SF

“ Steve Herzig and FOI Family purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Arlene F. Sanders.



Steve Herzig and FOI Family - April 16, 2021 at 02:16 PM

PL

“ We are so thankful to have known Mrs. Sanders the past couple of years. She was a friend to all of us at Newton County Baptist Church, and she loved the Lord and loved her family. We will miss her deeply. Continued prayers for her family and loved ones.

Pastor Daryl Whitehouse and Laurie - April 14, 2021 at 10:11 PM

CG

Thinking of you and Bridgette and your family today, Becky. The times that I spoke to your momma, I found her to be so kind and personable.

The obituary wording was very eloquently written. Such a testimony and tribute to an obviously deserving lady. May you have some peace during your grief knowing you are able to say “See you later, Mom” when one day seeing her again in Heaven will be a joyous reunion.

Keeping all of you in prayer for comfort during this difficult time.

Carmen Gwin

Carmen A. Gwin - April 20, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Rebecca Chastain lit a candle in memory of Arlene F. Sanders*



Rebecca Chastain - April 13, 2021 at 08:38 PM

DL

“ *Dorothy Gilbert Lefler lit a candle in memory of Arlene F. Sanders*



Dorothy Gilbert Lefler - April 13, 2021 at 07:17 PM

DL

“ *Arlene and I were friends for 60 years, going back to the time when we were both freshmen at Rensselaer Central High School. I was blessed to have her as my friend, and I am a better person because of my friendship with her. Through the years, though separated by distance, we always kept in touch with each other. I am going to miss my dear friend so much, but I know that she is now safely in the presence of our Savior, and back with Jerry. I look forward to the time when I will see her again and reminisce about our great times through the years. I love you, Arlene. Thanks for the memories.*

Sincere sympathy to her dear family. You had a special woman as your mother. Treasure your memories of her. She was so proud of all of you and you were her joy!!!

Dorothy Gilbert Lefler - April 13, 2021 at 07:15 PM

GS

“ Arlene was such a great friend, When I started school at Jordan in sixth grade, she became a dear friend. That friendship remained through the years. Always getting together when I went home for a visit. Always sent a birthday card and called for a chat. I will truly miss her!!!!



Gloria Shuster - April 13, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 13, 2021 at 10:17 AM

DK

“ Great women of Jesus Christ , raised Godly children, was a great honor to know and be blessed by her!!

Dale Kenning - April 12, 2021 at 09:13 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Arlene F. Sanders*



Jerry miller - April 12, 2021 at 08:42 PM

LW

“ *Third grade was fun because she was there. Jordan school had a lot of friends who kept in touch through the years. Prayers and condolences for the family. - Linda (Vaughn) Williams*



Linda Williams - April 12, 2021 at 05:49 PM