



## Sandra A. Stroff

December 19, 1939 - June 9, 2025

Sandra A. Stroff, age 85, of Highland, Illinois, died June 9, 2025, at her residence at Cedarhurst in Highland, Illinois.

She was born on December 19, 1939, in Peoria, Illinois, daughter of Harold H. and Mildred M. (nee Cooper) Cook. She married her late husband, Charles "Nick" Stroff in Peoria, IL, on June 3, 1959.

Sandra was raised in Dexter, Iowa, by her late grandparents, Harold and Kate Cooper, on their farm. She learned to play guitar and sing. She played basketball in high school as well. Sandra graduated from Stuart High School in Iowa in June of 1959. She was an only child who spent her school years with her grandparents and her summers with her mother in Peoria, Illinois. She met her husband, Nick, at the local swimming pool and they were married after her graduation and moved to settle in Highland, Illinois.

As a young wife and mother of 3 children, she was active in the Highland Junior Woman's Club, Jaycees Wives Auxiliary and a Den mother for the Boy Scout Pack 43 of the EvUCC in Highland. She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. She was also a member of Marine Evangelical Church, Women's Guild, American Legion, Aux. of Becker - Reding Post 702 at Marine, VFW Post #5694 at Highland, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 82 at Edwardsville, and a former member of Secretarial Union at Triad.

She became Secretary of Marine Grade School in the Triad School District and was dedicated to thousands of children in the school for 25 years.

After she retired, she became a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, Illinois. She helped the Ladies Auxiliary with the luncheons at the church. As a member of VFW Post 5694 in Highland, she helped during the fish fry.

She and Nick loved to go camping and boating. They were members of Starlite Campers in Jacksonville, Illinois, on Lake Jacksonville for close to 50 years. Many summers were spent there with family and friends. They took many family vacation trips and did yearly family canoe trips on the Current River. After retiring she traveled to Hawaii, Florida, Tennessee, Alaska, the Arctic Circle, Arizona and made many trips to her hometown, Dexter, Iowa. She was involved in Scouting with her husband for many years. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, embroidering, crafts, playing cards, volunteering and adventures with her girlfriends, as well as gambling!

She loved her family, and her smile could light up a room, we will miss her laughter and love of life!

Sandra is survived by her children: Dana S. (Ronald J.) Rakers, Charles N. "Bud" (Shelly King-Stroff) Stroff, III, and Clayton A. (Emily Korte-Stroff) Stroff; grandchildren: Jacob I. (Krysten) Rakers, Zachary A. (Kristine) Rakers, Rachel N. Simmons, Shain R. Stroff, Tara C. (Todd) Spitze, Cody L. Stroff and Zenga M. Stroff; great grandchild: Zane Rakers, Trent Spitze, Renn Rakers, Trace Spitze, Cale Rakers, Tayla Spitze, Rochelle Rakers and Callista Simmons.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Harold H. Cook, died 2/23/53

Mother - Mildred M. (Cooper) Cook, died 2/19/03

Husband - Charles N. "Nick" Stroff, died 9/26/99

Grandparents - Harold & Kate Cooper

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. Nancy Brooks, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marine Library or Meals on Wheels - Highland.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
2520 Poplar Street  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-7459

## Funeral Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Sandra Stroff*



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Rita Rinderer - June 14, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra A. Stroff.*



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June 13, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sandra A. Stroff.*



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June 11, 2025 at 08:26 PM

GR

“ Mrs. Stroff, who always just wanted everyone to call her “Sandy” was always smiling and friendly to everyone. Just one of the nicest people anyone will ever meet. I have nothing but great memories of her from grade school and Jr. High at Marine Elementary. I am sure she had some of those tough days in that environment dealing with all of us crazy kids, but she never showed anything but a pleasant demeanor. She will be greatly missed by everyone! Sending my condolences to her family and close friends. All the best in these difficult times.



Gerry Ridens - June 10, 2025 at 10:32 PM

CF

Sending condolences to the family -especially Emily, Clay, and Zenga. Sounds like Mrs.Stroff loved and lived life to the fullest. May memories of good times together comfort you in this difficult time.

Carolyn S Firestone - June 14, 2025 at 04:48 PM

JS

“ Mrs. Stroff was such an amazing person. I have nothing but fond memories of her from my days at Marine Elementary school. She was always so kind, and did everything with a smile. She will be missed greatly.

Jeff Stoltz - June 10, 2025 at 08:19 PM

SR

“ Remembering Sandi in Bible Study class at EVUCC. My sympathy to her family at their loss of their loved one.



Sue Richardson - June 10, 2025 at 06:42 PM

YC

“ Your friends at Carshare/Commute purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sandra A. Stroff.



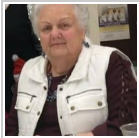
Your friends at Carshare/Commute - June 10, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Sandra Stroff



Rita Rinderer - June 10, 2025 at 05:06 PM



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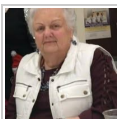


Rita Rinderer - June 10, 2025 at 04:58 PM

MM

“ We will miss Sandy's smile and sense of humor. Fly high friend. Mae at Cedarhurst of Highland.

Mae L McNamee - June 10, 2025 at 04:26 PM



Sandy was a very dear friend of mine for years  
She will be missed greatly

Rita Rinderer - June 10, 2025 at 05:14 PM