



## Wilma P. Sander

October 20, 1936 - May 24, 2020

Wilma P. Sander, age 83 of Alhambra, IL, died Sunday, May 24, 2020, at her home in Alhambra, IL.

She was born on Tuesday, October 20, 1936, in Mount Olive, IL, the daughter of John and Bertha (nee Prange) DeVries.

On Saturday, October 20, 1956, she married Leroy H. Sander.

She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, Alhambra, IL and the Bremer Sanctuary.

Born and raised at Mt. Olive, IL; graduated from Mt. Olive High School. She was a clerk at a bank in Wood River for a short time. After marriage they lived in Wood River and in 1965 moved to Alhambra. She worked at Gehrigs Store as a clerk for over 20 years. In 1992 she and her husband began wintering at Rio Grand Valley and later Mission, TX. They also were residence of Cool Creek, Grantfork, IL She enjoyed birding and gardening. She helped start the Bremer Sanctuary, Butler, IL and volunteered at Hitz Home, Alhambra.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Debra W. (Brian) Corbett, Woodlands, TX

Daughter - Donna L. Blackwell, Bethalto, IL

Daughter - Brenda L. (Jed) Schlechte, Alhambra, IL  
Grandchild - Zachary (Erika) Schlechte  
Grandchild - Joshua (Andrea) Schlechte  
Grandchild - Seth (Mallory) Schlechte  
Grandchild - Alexandra Blackwell  
Grandchild - Christine Blackwell  
Great Grandchild - Gracyn Schlechte  
Great Grandchild - Liam Schlechte  
Great Grandchild - Logan Schlechte  
Great Grandchild - Lucas Schlechte  
Great Grandchild - Landon Schlechte  
Great Grandchild - Violet Schlechte  
Great Grandchild - Zoey Schlechte  
Sister - Agnes Holderread, Litchfield, IL  
Sister - Lora Roscetti, Springfield, IL  
Sister - Jeanette Hoehn, Oceanside, CA  
Sister - Iris Friesner, Mount Olive, IL  
Brother - Wayne DeVries.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - John DeVries

Mother - Bertha DeVries (nee Prange)

Husband - Leroy H. Sander - Died 9/6/2010

Son In-Law - Chad B. Blackwell - Died-3/26/2004

Sister - Ellen Hoefker.

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Private Visitation and Funeral Service will be at Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL., with Rev. Jeremy R. Wood, Pastor, Salem United Church of Christ, Alhambra, IL officiating.

Interment will be at Salem Cemetery in Alhambra, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Church of Christ or Heartland Hospice.

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Brenda, May God be with you and your family at this time. Joe and I are so sorry for you're loss and know that you all are in our prayers and thoughts. She will always be with you in your heart! Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you all. Love, Joe and Pat Galeaz*

Joe & Pat Galeaz - June 02, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jay Boulanger - May 29, 2020 at 10:12 AM

CD

“ *So sorry to my dear cousins Debi, Donna and Brenda for their loss. Aunt Wilma was such a sweet Aunt. I have such good memories of staying with Uncle Dutch and Aunt Wilma when I was a young girl and my family would visit. Catching fireflies, playing pool in the basement, having picnics in the yard, I loved it all. As well, when the family would visit us in Southern California and we would go to Disneyland, the beach and just have a blast together. I still remember us all walking down to the corner store with a note from Uncle Dutch to buy cigarettes for him. (This was the 60's! before smoking was "taboo.") Aunt Wilma had the best laugh, and was just so easy to be around. She always had a peaceful calmness about her. She will be missed!*

Carol DeGraff - May 28, 2020 at 11:53 AM

KA

“ Donna, Brenda, and Debbie you have my deepest sympathies. Wilma was a wonderful lady. Her daughters are just like her. Thank you for sharing this amazing lady. I enjoyed my time with her. God bless you all and give the family’s strength and comfort. Hugs and Love,  
Kathy & Tim Stille.

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**Kathy** - May 28, 2020 at 11:48 AM

PN

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I will always remember Wilma as the kind, caring, sweet person that she was. This picture shows the cheerful heart she had. She will always live on in the fond memories of her. Please know that we are sorry and that we care.  
Paco Newman

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**Paco Newman** - May 27, 2020 at 04:29 PM

JH

“ *The earliest memory I have of my sister Wilma is when she was probably about 3 and I was probably about 6 yrs old. Mom and Dad had gotten a bunch of baby chicks and had put them in the brooder house. Wilma and I weren't supposed to go in the brooder house, but seeing those cute little chicks was too tempting and we went anyway. It happened that I accidentally stepped on two of the chicks and killed them. When Mom and Dad found out I told them Wilma did it. You see, she was the sweet little girl and I thought she wouldn't get in trouble like I would. Maybe that was the beginning of her love for our feathered friends. I remember when she was a young girl she raised a couple of ducks.*

*Jeanette*

*One of my special recollections of Wilma is when she lived with us in Wood River for a year or so. As I recall she was working at a bank in the area. While there she joined the city band and carried the American flag in various local parades. She looked so sharp in her band uniform which was a dark brown with gold colored trim. She wore a high hat with the same colors and had a fancy plume on the top. She really did some strutting, keeping in step with the marching band. I'm sure she had lots of fun in doing this. We believe while in Wood River she met Ditch and as they say, the rest is history.*

*Frank*

*We both treasure memories of our trip to Hawaii with Wilma and Dutch. That was a lot of fun. Of course Wilma had her eyes and ears open for any sight or sound of a bird.*

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**Jeanette Hoehn** - May 27, 2020 at 03:10 PM

LD

*I was so very sorry to hear about Wilma's death I graduated with Leroy and I've always thought that she was the sweetest lady also Janet was so very fond of you Donna please let the rest of the family know how much we will miss her*

**lillian daiber** - May 28, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wilma P. Sander.*



May 27, 2020 at 02:52 PM

CG

“ *Our sympathy and prayers for your family. Wilma was s wonderful woman and I loved our times bowling together. May she Rest In Peace! Connie and Marvin Grapperhaus*

**Connie Grapperhaus** - May 27, 2020 at 01:47 PM

GA

“ *My sympathy to the family. My memories are too many to mention living as close to them as we did. She always had a smile and was a warm and caring person. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her. Gay, Suhre, Tipsword*



**GayTipsword** - May 27, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Wilma P. Sander.*



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May 27, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ *Sander Family, I'm sad to hear this news. Wilma was always a kind and delightful person to be around, always a smile on her face. I remember seeing her walk home daily when she worked at Gehrig's store. They enjoyed taking to the road in their camper and seeing the U.S. She will be missed. Mike Otto*

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**Mike Otto** - May 27, 2020 at 05:01 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Wilma P. Sander.*



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May 26, 2020 at 11:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilma P. Sander.*



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May 26, 2020 at 06:46 PM

LA

“ *Brenda you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's loving arms wrap around you and your family during this difficult time. Hugs*  
*Laura Muench*

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**Laura** - May 26, 2020 at 06:28 PM