



Gloria Elaine Sanders

December 11, 1941 - February 25, 2024

Gloria E. Sanders, age 82, of Alta, Iowa died Sunday, February 25, 2024 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will take place Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in ALTA. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Alta Park and Rec Board in Gloria's name. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Gloria was born December 11, 1941 in Spencer, Iowa, the daughter of Darold and Ardes Remillard.

Jim noticed Gloria while diving off the high diving board while swimming. Their first date was at the roller skating rink and from there the adventure began. Six months later, Gloria was united in marriage to James T. Sanders on December 9, 1958 in Storm Lake, Iowa. To this union, two children were born: David James and Lori Anne.

Gloria & Jim made their home in Storm Lake, Iowa. In 1980, they purchased an acreage north of Storm Lake where they built a greyhound racing track and trained greyhounds to race. They owned several successful racing greyhounds, Michael J Fox being one of their most successful along with

Melissa Gilbert. In 1995 they moved to Thor, Iowa, where Jim accepted a position with Chantland Mfg. They resided on an acreage north of Thor that had a vintage barn that they converted to "Evergreen Acres" antiques, which was ran by Gloria. In 2009, Jim retired and they moved to Alta, Iowa where they have remained to this day.

Gloria served on the Board of Utilities in Alta, Iowa. She was the first woman ever elected to the Board of Directors of the National Greyhound Association. Gloria also served "Greyhound Pets of America," where she was responsible for providing people with information on where to locate retired greyhounds to be adopted. Along with the Alta City Council & Park Board, Gloria played an integral role in bringing National Night Out to the city of Alta.

Gloria had a love for animals, especially cats. She leaves behind her dearly beloved Miss Kitty. Each week, Gloria looked forward to trips to the Wild Rose Casino in Emmetsburg, Iowa. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish Gloria's memory include her husband: James T. Sanders of Alta, Iowa; children: David (Kelli) Sanders of Alta, Iowa; Lori Flurey and John Grosvenor of Spirit Lake, Iowa; sister: Roxanne Elder of Houma, Louisiana; grandchildren: Mandi (Troy) Gaes; Dusty (Angie) Sanders; Emily (Jon) Christensen; Nicole (Shane) Little; A.J. (Calli) Flurey; great-grandchildren: Jaydn Smith; Tristyn (Kris) Hamilton; Nico Christensen; Nova Christensen; Austin Little; Destiny Little; Emery Little; Holden McClintok; Huxley Flurey; Hank Flurey; Nicholas Gaes; Tyler Sanders; Melanie Gaes; Quinten Sanders; Dylan Sanders; Sunshine Baraibar-Thompson; great-great grandchildren: Pierce Hamilton; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Darold and Ardes Remillard, and sister, Eleanor Fossell.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Gloria Sanders



Cheryl DeMan - March 06, 2024 at 01:15 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 01, 2024 at 02:26 PM

CO

“ I have known Gloria for more than 40 years. We became close friends during the formation of Greyhound Pets of America and have remained in contact through the years. She will be missed.
My best to Jim and family.



Carol Osborne - March 01, 2024 at 09:33 AM

SZ

“ Sue zemke lit a candle in memory of Gloria Sanders



Sue zemke - February 28, 2024 at 10:36 PM

MN

“ Mary Nylin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gloria Elaine Sanders.



Mary Nylin - February 28, 2024 at 07:53 PM

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“ Mary Nylin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Elaine Sanders.

Mary Nylin - February 28, 2024 at 07:53 PM



“ Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Sanders



Peg Anderson - February 28, 2024 at 06:23 PM

PH

“ Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Sanders



Pam Henderson - February 27, 2024 at 09:57 PM

VA

“ valerie lit a candle in memory of Gloria Sanders



valerie - February 27, 2024 at 09:53 PM

PF

“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Gloria Sanders



Peg Flynn - February 27, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gloria Elaine Sanders.



February 27, 2024 at 03:32 PM

CD

“ We aren't able to be there, but we have so many memories! The shopping trips, card clubs, playing cards until all hours of the morning with all the kids sleeping on the floor, going to Fort Dodge for supper with the card group.

Enjoying the pets and the antiques. Too many memories coming back and it's hard to see through the tears. She lead a full and happy life and will be missed, but we always have the memories.

Blessing to Jim and the family

Love, Cheryl and Ed Delp

Cheryl Delp - February 27, 2024 at 01:13 PM