



Gary Dean Sandilands

May 15, 1943 - December 31, 2025

Gary Dean Sandilands,

82, of Fishers, Indiana passed away December 31, 2025. He was born May 15, 1943 in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois to the late Jay and Pauline (Zea) Sandilands. Gary was a graduate of Paris High School, Paris, IL, and attended the University of Illinois. He proudly served his country in the Indiana Air National Guard for six years and married Sally A. Toy in 1976. Gary began his career in retail management with Lehman's Clothing Store, Paris, IL. He went on to become a store manager and buyer for Carson Pirie Scott and Meis Departments Stores, and finally did outside sales for Sam's Club, retiring in 2005. Gary was an avid fan of the University of Illinois football and basketball programs, the Chicago Bears, Chicago Bulls and the Chicago Cubs. They loved to travel and lived in Venice, Florida for several years before returning to Indiana. After retirement, Gary and Sally enjoyed having coffee with friends and making new ones at the local Panera Bread. This caused the group to form a "Panera Club" and Gary was always dubbed the President and Founder. He carried this on in Terre Haute, Fishers and in Venice, Florida too! He never met a stranger or a cup of coffee he didn't like.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Sally A. Sandilands; stepsons, Robert Reeter (Suzi) of Alexandria, IN, and Michael Reeter (fiancée Danielle) of Granite City, IL; grandchildren, Cole, Brady, Blain, Brody, Bailey and Emily; great-granddaughter, Ella; brother, Bill Sandilands of Indianapolis, IN; sister, Lona Parrish (John) of Overland Park, KS; nephew, Michael Parrish (Marcella)

of Olathe, KS; nieces, Kimberly Coleman (Will) of Overland Park, KS and Jodi Fuller of Handford, CA; brothers-in-law, Bob Fleenor of Lawrenceville, IL, and Jim Toy (Gisele) of Clinton, OH; and several other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters-in-law, Bobbye Fleenor and Carol Sandilands.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 11 A.M. in Edgar Cemetery, 629 Young Street, Paris, IL 61944. Immediately following the ceremony the family will be gathering at the Paris Family Restaurant if anyone would like to stop and visit. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Edgar Cemetery

629 Young Street
Paris, IL 61944

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ I'm Gary's cousin my Mother Irene and Gary's Mother were sisters. I mostly remember Gary as a little boy, seeing him at Zea Family Reunions in Rensselaer IN. My deepest condolences to Gary's Christian Family. May the Peace of God comfort all who cared for Gary.

Barbara Roess Siwik

barbara Roess Siwik - January 06 at 07:04 PM

SS

Barb. In later years Gary enjoyed taking his mom and dad back to Rensselaer to those family reunions. What fun it was to see all of Pauline's brother and sisters. Sally

sally sandilands - February 05 at 09:21 AM

MA

“ Sally, our sincere condolences for your loss. ❤️ Madeline & Don

Madeline - January 03 at 11:14 AM

CB

You have lost one of the really good guys! Our sincerest sympathy.

Carol Brames - January 03 at 03:27 PM

SA

Sally, we are so sorry for your loss. Gary sure will be missed May God give you strength.

Susan Abdelsalam - January 04 at 05:52 AM

JW

Sally, my heart goes out to you during this time. My hope is that Gary is at peace e now

Jeri Williamson - January 04 at 08:17 PM

SL

Gary was a classmate that I was always glad to see -a friendly smile, kind heart & good news to share. I can still hear the excitement in his voice. May his family find comfort & peace in the joy he shared so freely.

Sharon K LeDuc - February 16 at 01:26 PM

MB

I worked with Gary in Michigan city Indiana and maintained a friendship for years. We played countless games of tennis and we loved watching the Chicago Bulls. He also loved his cars and his black Russians to drink. Truly a great guy that will be missed.

Michael Borg

Michael Borg - March 22 at 04:15 PM