



Mara Louise Dial

June 6, 1939 - October 15, 2020

81, of Indianapolis, passed away October 15, 2020. She was born Mara Louise Walker on June 6, 1939 in Bloomington, IL, to Vernon Livingstone Walker and Agnes Lucille Campbell Walker. Mara moved to Peoria, IL, as a child where she met the love of her life, Stephen Joseph Dial in Junior High School. She and Stephen were married January 4, 1957, and she graduated from Manual High School in Peoria that same year. Living in Peoria, Mara gave birth to three children, Diana Dee Dial Reynolds (Douglas), Joseph Paul Dial (Kathy) and Lynn Ann Dial Wade (David). In 1971, Mara and Stephen moved their family to Indianapolis for his work at American States Insurance. Soon Mara began working for Foremost Insurance Company and worked there for 15 years.

Upon retiring, Mara devoted herself to her kids and their growing families. She delighted in being called "Grandma" and later "Great-grandma". All of the grandchildren fondly remember the fun at grandma's pool. She loved puzzles, especially crossword puzzles and could often be found sitting at her dining room table completing a crossword in ink!

Mara was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert L. Brown and Vernon L. Walker; her husband; and two grandsons, Joseph Livingstone Reynolds and Stephen Joseph Reynolds. She is survived by her sister, Lois Wolgan of Peoria, her children and their spouses; nine grandchildren, Natalie (Eduardo) Martinez, Adam (Meg) Reynolds, Nathan (Melissa) Reynolds, Kayla (John) Graham, Shane Reynolds, Jacob (Kayla) Wade, Olivia Wade,

Andrea (Sam) Wade and Erin Kivett; and 13 great-grandchildren, Gideon, Hazel, Simon and Charlotte Reynolds; Elli, Gavin, Betsy and Ada Graham; Grace and Stephen Martinez; Indiana Reynolds; and Alba and Troy Kivett. Mara will be sorely missed. The world is a little dimmer without her brilliant smile. Visitation will be Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. Funeral services will be Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Avenue. Masks and social distancing will be required at both locations.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Deacon's Family Service Fund, Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219. www.shirleybrothers.com.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Irvington Presbyterian Church
55 Johnson Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46219

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Susan Celestian lit a candle in memory of Mara Louise Dial



Susan Celestian - October 31, 2020 at 09:31 PM

SC

I'll always remember Aunt Mara's beautiful smile. She was so feisty!! I'm so sorry Diana, Lynn, and Joe for the loss of your Mother 💔 I was blessed to have known her. The world will miss Aunt Mara.

Susan Celestian - October 31, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mara Louise Dial.



October 21, 2020 at 09:12 AM

SK

“ Sandra K. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mara Louise Dial.



Sandra K. - October 20, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mara Louise Dial.*



October 20, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mara Louise Dial.*



October 19, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *Lynn*

I'm sorry for your loss.

Jolynn

Jolynn Barnd - October 19, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mara Louise Dial.*



October 17, 2020 at 08:24 AM