



## Reva Nell (Deems) Sambol

August 30, 1935 - April 7, 2020

Reva Nell (Deems) Sambol,

Was born on August 30, 1935 in Pittsburg, KS. Reva was the youngest of four children to Lois Patterson and Homer Deems. She was driven toward personal achievement from an early age. Raised in the wake of the great depression, she learned at an early age that hard work and perseverance was the path through challenging times. Reva worked full time to put herself through college, working in department store shoe sales as well as modeling bridal and ball gowns for a local fashion designer. This is where she discovered her love of fashion and passed that appreciation on to her two daughters.

A championship debater in her high school years, she carried that ability to analyze, research and explore any situation to all of her relationships throughout her life. Reva was proud that she was one of the first female graduates of the business school at Pittsburg State Teachers College. She utilized her accounting degree in accounting and administrative roles with a Kansas coal mining company, several corporate businesses, The American Cancer Society and the Indiana Bar Association.

Her full-time career for the first 22 years of her marriage was that of an Army wife and mother, supporting her husband, Don, in his service to our country. Reva met Don in 1955, and they were married September 13, 1958. She made a new home for her family every 12 to 18 months, and they lived in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, Pittsburg, Lawrence and Ft. Leavenworth, KS, Colorado

Springs, CO, Tague, Korea, and Indianapolis, IN (3 different time periods, finally remaining here). With each move, Reva managed the household, sacrificing her personal time to seek out enrichment opportunities for her children thru music, art and team building sports – all while continuing to work part time outside the home to contribute to the financial support of her family. She may have been the originator of the first “She Shed”, transforming the storage shed behind their historic shotgun house in Madison, IN, to a beautiful tearoom with chandeliers – 15 years ago.

Reva is preceded in death by her mother, Lois Ruth Patterson Deems; her father, Homer Deems; oldest brother, Ronald Deems; sister, Betty Lou Kennett; and daughter-in-law, Julie Sambol. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Donald George Sambol; brother, John Deems; children, Stacie Ann Hicks (James), Stephanie Sambol Carter (Dr. Charles), and Lance Milan Sambol (Susan); grandchildren, Casey Hicks, Andy Hicks and Erin Megan Sambol; as well as a number of nieces, nephews and their families. Reva had a very special relationship with her granddaughter, Erin.

Reva left her mark on her family and friends and will be remembered as a strong, formidable and caring woman who did her best to make everyone else’s life better. She endured the cruel disease of Alzheimer’s for nearly 10 years, but had, in addition to her family, many caregivers who lovingly spent their days and nights with her to keep her safe and comfortable. She was taken from us quickly and died from complications of the COVID-19 virus on April 7, 2020.

Services will be private at this time, due to the current health crisis. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer’s Association, in Reva’s memory. Arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Don and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Reva. I first met Reva when you and I were making our trips to Fort Wayne and Hammond. I had heard her name many times before when you and I would get together, whether it was a lunch or a meeting about your Madison house. It was obvious that you saw each other as the center of of your world. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Take care my friend.  
Sincerest sympathy,

Marc Lohr

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**Marc Lohr** - April 12, 2020 at 01:37 PM

DH

“ Don and family, My deepest sympathies on your loss. I always appreciated how much you and Reva helped me when I worked at Castleton UMC. You were both a blessing to me. Praying for comfort for your family in your time of loss. Deanne Heidrich

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**Deanne Heidrich** - April 12, 2020 at 12:34 PM

JF

“ Though I haven't seen any of you in much too long, I have many fond memories of times with Reva and your family. She was warm and devoted to all of you, and so welcoming to my family. I know you have many happy memories, and I hope those will be of some comfort in the weeks ahead. Joan FitzGibbon

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**Joan FitzGibbon** - April 12, 2020 at 12:02 PM

GH

“ I am sending comforting thoughts to you and your family, Don, as I fondly remember your love and devotion to Reva.

*~ from Ginny Hacker*

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**Ginny Hacker** - April 12, 2020 at 10:34 AM

GS

“ To Don and the family, Susan and I send our deepest condolences. Reva was so sweet and kind, and we were privileged to have met her. She and you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**George Starkey** - April 12, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JW

“ Don: So sorry to hear of Reva's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Jeff & Michelle Wuensch*

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**Jeff Wuensch** - April 12, 2020 at 09:12 AM

JL

“ Reva had a warm welcoming smile and quickly made you feel comfortable in her presence. Don and Reva had a partnership that radiated caring and love for each other.

*Paul & Jan Lindemann*

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**Jan Lindemann** - April 11, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reva Nell (Deems) Sambol.*



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April 11, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reva Nell (Deems) Sambol.*



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April 11, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Stacie Hicks** - April 10, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ *Our hearts are saddened in Reva's passing especially so in these troubling times. Rest in peace Aunt Reva.  
Nephew Scott and wife Brenda Gordon (Rita's son)*

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**Scott Gordon** - April 09, 2020 at 10:08 PM

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**Stephanie** - April 09, 2020 at 07:51 PM

RD

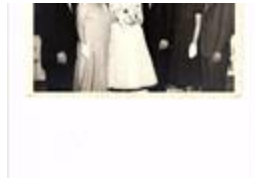
“ Very sorry for your loss, you guys are in our prayers

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**Rick Danruther** - April 09, 2020 at 01:18 PM

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**Stacie Hicks** - April 09, 2020 at 10:10 AM

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Stephanie - April 08, 2020 at 08:25 PM

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Susan Sambol - April 08, 2020 at 07:46 PM

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Susan Sambol - April 08, 2020 at 07:41 PM

RF

“ Rudy & Laveeta Cleveland & family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Reva Nell (Deems) Sambol.



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**Rudy & Laveeta Cleveland & family** - April 08, 2020 at 06:01 PM

JP

“ I have so many fond memories of Aunt Reva from Lawrence, Pittsburg, Ft. Leavenworth and Indianapolis. We had the best times when we were all together! She always had some funny story to tell. My favorite was her “ham salad, chicken salad” waitress imitation. She will be greatly missed!  
Love, Jolene

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**Jolene Pearson** - April 08, 2020 at 05:43 PM

JP

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jolene Pearson** - April 08, 2020 at 05:33 PM

KV

“ Aunt Reva was 13 years old when I was born, so she was always the "fun aunt." When I was a toddler she used to take me for rides on her bike, in the basket between the handlebars; I'm not sure my mom approved! And, going shopping with her was always a special experience. I have many wonderful memories of her and her beautiful family in Pittsburg & Lawrence KS and Indianapolis. She will be missed by many. Love, Konnie Viner

Konnie Viner - April 08, 2020 at 04:55 PM

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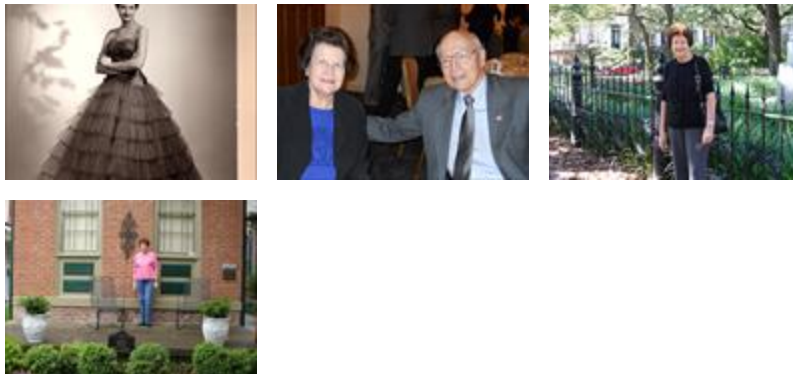
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Stacie Hicks - April 08, 2020 at 04:19 PM

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**Stacie Hicks** - April 08, 2020 at 03:55 PM