



## Nelda Ruth Sanders

June 19, 1944 - October 18, 2018

Nelda Ruth Sanders, age 74, of Louisiana, MO, passed away Thursday, October 18th, 2018, at Country View Nursing Home in Bowling Green, MO.

Nelda was born June 19, 1944, in Elizabethtown, NY, the daughter of Robert and Ethel Martin. She grew up in several rural upstate New York communities with her five siblings, Thea, Art, Bob, Grace, and Abby. Art still resides in Hilton, NY. Grace resides in O'Fallon, MO, and Abby resides in Bantam, CT.

Nelda left home after graduating from high school and found herself as an office manager of a secretarial pool in Albany, NY. It was in Albany where she met Thom Sanders; the man with whom she would spend more than fifty years building a life together.

Married August 1, 1964, Nelda and Thom embarked together on a life in the world of radio broadcasting. The journey would take them on adventures that started from the east coast to the west coast before calling Louisiana, Missouri home in July of 1983. It was shortly after that when Nelda and her husband completed a five-year process toward signing radio station KJFM on the air in 1984.

In the years that followed, Nelda balanced raising a family, (son Gordon, and daughters Jennifer and Stephanie) growing a family business and contributing

to a community she embraced in her heart as home. She was passionate about her involvement as a volunteer with the Twin Pike Family YMCA. When free time presented itself, she found joy in filling it with reading, sewing, gardening, cooking and baking, and a constant stream of remodeling and decorating projects. In later years, she took great joy from her involvement as an active member of the local Red Hat Society.

Of the loves not mentioned, the greatest was most likely that which she held for her grandchildren; Annine, Cali, Jack, Mia, Tayah and Tegan. She opened her heart providing memories of baking, crafts, stories, and songs, or the simple acknowledgement of beauty.

In an attempt to embrace and spread Nelda's truly exceptional spirit of love and joy, her family will hold a Celebration of Life "Ice Cream Social" commemorating her most favorite food in the world, vanilla ice cream. This will be held Sunday, October 28th, from 1 to 4pm, at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Interesting that step-mom, Nelda, passed one year and one day after my scheduled eviction date from the Sanders home.*

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I truly loved her and she almost always made feel welcome until things changed when Gordon returned from Colorado.*

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**Noreen Sanders** - May 05, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *Nelda Ruth Sanders*

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November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Nelda Ruth Sanders*

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November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Thomas and family, I am sorry for your loss. This is Alice Bard DiNicola - I worked with Nelda in Albany, NY. We lost contact over the years. I have been trying to get in touch to no avail. I cannot tell you how sad I am. She was a wonderful person and enjoyed life to the fullest. Loved her. May she Rest In Peace.*

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**Alice Bard DiNicola** - January 18, 2019 at 10:59 PM

LN

“ *My thoughts and prayers for God to hold and comfort each of you in this time of sadness..*



LILA NETTELL - October 26, 2018 at 10:27 AM

LN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



LILA NETTELL - October 26, 2018 at 10:25 AM



Marsha  
Milligan  
Garrison

“ *Marsha Milligan Garrison lit a candle in memory of Nelda Ruth Sanders*



Marsha Milligan Garrison - October 25, 2018 at 04:50 PM



Marsha  
Milligan

*Nelda was a kind and gentle soul, who loved with all her heart, and once you were befriended by her, she never let you go. The YMCA was very fortunate to have her as a long-time volunteer. She cultivated great friendships here and I consider myself blessed to have known her. She is loved and will be missed by many. Sending prayers of peace and love to the family.*

Marsha Milligan Garrison - October 25, 2018 at 05:00 PM



Marsha  
Milligan  
Garrison

“ 12 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Marsha Milligan Garrison** - October 25, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Nelda Ruth Sanders.*



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October 25, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ *Lisa Watts lit a candle in memory of Nelda Ruth Sanders*



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**Lisa Watts** - October 25, 2018 at 09:57 AM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Nelda Ruth Sanders*



**Cindy Poyser Osborne** - October 24, 2018 at 11:44 PM

DB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Nelda was a sweet woman and will be missed by everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*



**Diana Bowler** - October 24, 2018 at 05:16 PM

WH

“ *WANDA HUNTER lit a candle in memory of Nelda Ruth Sanders*



**WANDA HUNTER** - October 24, 2018 at 10:31 AM

LH

“ *I met Nelda when I joined the Red Hatters. I enjoyed our times together. Linda Harmon*



**Linda Harmon** - October 24, 2018 at 09:06 AM

Tammi  
Ries-  
McPike

“ Tammi Ries-McPike lit a candle in memory of  
Nelda Ruth Sanders



Tammi Ries-McPike - October 24, 2018 at 08:48 AM

JF

“ I didn't get to know Nelda until she was already ill, however she was very sweet and friendly to me. I love Stephany and her family and hope they know how sorry I am for them and the rest of their family. Bless all of you!

Joyce Findley - October 23, 2018 at 08:09 PM

AT

“ My sympathy and condolences to Nelda's family. I am still watering some of the plants she shared with the Y. she had a quiet grace and charm along with a warm laugh and loving heart. I will hold her memory in my heart.



athy Taylor - October 23, 2018 at 01:19 PM

DC

“ I want to extend my sympathy to the Sanders family because of the death of Nelda. My best wishes and words of comfort will be extended from many other people. D. Randall Cone, Louisiana, MO

D. Randall Cone - October 23, 2018 at 12:28 PM