



## Harriet Marion Saunders

December 17, 1932 - May 1, 2020

Harriet Marion Saunders, daughter of the late William George and Mabel Louise (Marshall) Nicolai, was born December 17, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan where she grew up and graduated from high school.

Marion was a hardworking woman even at a young age. Shortly after graduating from high school she began working for Michigan Bell. She worked there for a time until she met and married her husband, Rodney B. "Sandy" Saunders. They were united in marriage on August 1, 1953 and shared many wonderful memories and seven children: Randy, Becky, Cindi, Timmy, Gene, Dana and Rodney. Sandy passed away on April 26, 1989.

After marrying Sandy, Marion was able to stay at home and raise her family. She was a seamstress which she was able to do at home for friends and her family.

In her spare time, Marion was an avid bowler. She bowled at least four times a week and in several tournaments. She liked traveling and visiting with family and friends, but she especially enjoyed family trips and all the memories they made along the way.

After moving to the Waynesville, Missouri area in 2013 to be closer to her daughter Becky, Marion loved to care for her family here and she especially

enjoyed spending time with all her grandchildren whenever she could.

Marion passed away Friday, May 1, 2020 in the Life Care Center of Waynesville having attained the age of 87 years. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Marion leaves to cherish her memory, her children: Randy Saunders of Athens, PA, Becky Bray (Ron) of Waynesville, MO, Cindi Saunders of Redford, MI, Timmy Saunders of Warren, MI, Gene Saunders (Mary Lake) of Rockford, IL, and Rodney Saunders (Jill) of Westland, MI; son-in-law: Phil Smith of Longmont, CO; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-four great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Marion was preceded in death by one daughter: Dana Smith; and five siblings: Ruth Nicolai, Bill Nicolai, Ralph Nicolai, Jean Holland and Alice Boright.

Even though she is gone from our sight, Marion will live on in our hearts forever.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2020 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor John Dinwiddie officiating. Rebecca Bray, Marion's daughter, recalled her and several family member's wonderful memories of Marion. The songs "Wind Beneath My Wings" by Bette Midler and "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me were played.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Harriet Saunders and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **11**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Harriet Marion Saunders*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 11, 2020 at 01:18 PM

JP

*Love & miss you Momma Saunders. Your adopted daughter Judy Gill*  
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Judy K Pannell-Gill - May 11, 2020 at 01:59 PM

Lesli  
Skye

“ *Lesli Skye lit a candle in memory of Harriet Saunders*



Lesli Skye - March 31, 2023 at 11:48 PM

Lesli  
Skye

“ *To the Saunders Family, I grew up on Stout Street in Detroit City across the street. I was saddened to see Mrs. Saunders had passed on. I remember her as a lovely Woman, very outgoing, fun to be around. She was very much a wonderful; Mom that always took care of Her Family first and foremost. May she always be remembered and loved. Lesli Parisot Wrona*

Lesli Skye - March 31, 2023 at 11:47 PM



“ *Harriet Marion Saunders*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *You will be missed but will be in our hearts forever!* 🥰❤️

**Carol & Jim Boudrie** - May 14, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ *My children called her Gramma Swimming in the summer and Gramma Sewing in the winter. Chelsea can attest to Gramma "Sewing's" form of "discipline"....a straight pin in the nightgown/dress/shirt seam, there was only one, but always one! Marion's way of keeping them in line. You were a strong lady with a big heart, you will be missed.*



**Pam Payne** - May 11, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *Gene Saunders lit a candle in memory of Harriet Marion Saunders*



**Gene Saunders** - May 11, 2020 at 01:07 PM

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“ Charlotte Dunn LPN lit a candle in memory of Harriet Marion Saunders



Charlotte Dunn LPN - May 10, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes

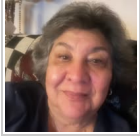


Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 10, 2020 at 04:44 PM

JP

“ Momma Saunders, your laugh & smile will be missed by all, you loved me like a daughter, and I loved you like my own momma, you're the strongest woman I know to raise those children and help raise many others, had so many laughs with you bowling, in Vegas, Reno, Lansing, San Francisco, Ft Lauderdale, Cedar Rapids, staying in Niagara Falls, bowling in NY, Baton Rouge, going to New Orleans in a torrential down pour, singing Amazing Grace for the gang in an establishment there, St Louis, many places we went on Mothers Day weekend! RIP Sweet lady, the world won't be the same without you! I love you! Love you Rebecca, Cindi, Randy, Tim, Gene, Rod, & sweet departed Dana!!! 💔🙏🌹💋😘❤️

Judy K Pannell-Gill - May 10, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ *Condolences to the Saunders Family, May she Rest in Peace*



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**Maria McCumber** - May 09, 2020 at 10:20 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Harriet Marion Saunders*



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**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - May 08, 2020 at 07:56 PM

NJ

“ *Blessings to you family. I am coworker of Cindi's for many years. It was as if I knew mom personally. May God's mercy comfort you during this time.*

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**Nedra Johnson** - May 07, 2020 at 07:23 PM

KE

“ *So so sorry to read of Marion's passing! I loved her bunches! She lived watching her boys bowl & keepng score for them! I loved the banter and taking care of her car for many years! Rest well my friend! You've earned it ❤️ Karen Ensor*

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**karen ensor** - May 07, 2020 at 07:05 PM

DF

“ To the Saunders family.... I would say our families go back a few years.... Walking back and forth between houses....and our moms being close friends.... And probably talking to each other as we speak.... But don't worry...she's still watching over you....

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**Denise Frechette** - May 07, 2020 at 06:57 PM

RB

“ Sunday night bowling at Buckhorn! Always smiling and really enjoyed her family, especially watching the little ones play!



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**Robin and Mitch Ballhagen** - May 07, 2020 at 06:29 PM

GC

“ Sending All My Love and Prayers to the Saunders Family....So many AMAZING Memories at the house on Stout! Rest in Peace Mama Saunders, your Smile & Laugh will be missed! XOXO ~~~  
Gloria Curtis

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**gloria curtis** - May 07, 2020 at 05:07 PM

GC

“ Gloria Curtis lit a candle in memory of Harriet Marion Saunders



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**gloria curtis** - May 07, 2020 at 05:03 PM

HB

“ *Cindy & Family my deepest sympathy. My thoughts & prayers.*

*Heather Bendzinski  
(M.I.N.D.)*



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**Heather B** - May 07, 2020 at 03:04 PM

MS

“ *Mary Spampanato lit a candle in memory of Harriet Marion Saunders*



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**Mary Spampanato** - May 07, 2020 at 12:35 PM