



## Georgia Lee Sinclair

August 14, 1933 - February 25, 2026

Georgia Lee Rabbe Sinclair, 92, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. She was born on August 14, 1933, in Saint Charles, Missouri, to George Franklin “Dutch” and Jessie Helen (nèe Etter) Rabbe. She married Robert Dale Sinclair on October 2, 1954, in Petersburg.

Georgia is survived by her loving husband of 71 years and three children: Steven Dale Sinclair (Amanda Ann Sinclair wife and grandson Nathan Dale Sinclair) of Nashville, Tennessee; Cynthia Lee Sinclair of Petersburg, and George Dolan Sinclair of Springfield, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A lifelong resident of Petersburg, Georgia first went to country schools where her mother was the teacher. She graduated from Harris High School in 1951 where she excelled in vocal music.

Georgia was born into the First Christian Church family where she served as Sunday School teacher, choir member, board member, and organizer of events and socials. She later attended the Tallula Baptist Church when Dale became pastor there. She said, “If there’s one thing I did as a mother; I brought my children to the Lord.”

Georgia taught swimming lessons for 30 years, beginning in the 1950s, by driving her students to beautiful Pecan Run near Kilbourne, then moving to the New Salem Lodge pool. She taught hundreds of children and adults and was a superior swim instructor according to the Red Cross. She was often greeted with a hug by a former “swim kid”.

A master bridge player, she played in multiple clubs and in her later years, happily shared her knowledge of the game with friends during weekly lessons.

Georgia was one of the leaders in the movement to form the New Salem Lincoln League and rallied to raise funds to save the PORTA pool. Georgia was a member of the Petersburg Woman’s Club, Crimestoppers board and president of New Salem Seekers Collectors Club. With her antique collection, she proudly brought home blue ribbons from the Illinois State Fair for over 20 years.

A devoted mother, Georgia’s most cherished moments were making memories with her family. Her legacy of generosity will certainly live on, as well as her vibrant and loving personality.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the First Christian Church, 210 S. 8th St, Petersburg, Illinois 62675. A memorial service will follow beginning at 11:00 am. A luncheon will be held at the church at 12:00 pm following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Menard Animal Protection (MAP), 125 W. Concord Drive, Petersburg, Illinois 62675 or [www.menardanimalprotection.org](http://www.menardanimalprotection.org).

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Georgia’s family with

arrangements. Please visit [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com) for Georgia's online obituary.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
210 S 8th St  
Petersburg, IL 62675

## Memorial Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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210 S 8th St  
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## Funeral Luncheon

MAR 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DP

“ Doug & Joy Purdy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Georgia Lee Sinclair.

Doug & Joy Purdy - March 25 at 10:58 PM

DP

“ Doug & Joy Purdy purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Georgia Lee Sinclair.



Doug & Joy Purdy - March 25 at 10:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Georgia Lee Sinclair.



March 20 at 10:57 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Georgia Lee Sinclair.



March 09 at 11:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Georgia Lee Sinclair.

March 09 at 11:16 AM



“ ginger tolman lit a candle in memory of Georgia Sinclair



ginger tolman - March 09 at 10:14 AM



“ Chloe Sinclair lit a candle in memory of Georgia Sinclair

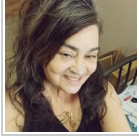


Chloe Sinclair - March 09 at 07:55 AM



“ Oh, Georgia, we are going to miss you. Thanks for all of the delicious brownies with nuts over the years plus wonderful chats. Your heart was as big as the world!

Jessica and Jeff - March 08 at 05:05 PM



“ Deanna Marie lit a candle in memory of Georgia Sinclair



Deanna Marie - March 06 at 03:20 PM

PV

“ What a beautiful life she lived! So sorry for your loss. Pat & Mike Vig

Pat Vig - March 03 at 08:59 PM

TB

“ The day I met you, you were making ketchup. I was a college student from Chicago who was in love with your daughter. I thought making ketchup was weird...I came to believe / regret I had not spent time at your shoulder, learning how to make ketchup...peace & may perpetual light shine upon you.

Tim Brown - March 03 at 06:43 PM

SS

“ My sincere condolences to George and the entire family. She leaves a great legacy to her family, friends, and community. 😊

Susan Wisner Schultz - March 03 at 01:27 PM

JA

“ You could always count on a hug and a kind word from Georgia. What a sweet lady. We'll all miss her.

Julie Emery Alderman - March 03 at 10:58 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Georgia Lee Sinclair*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - March 03 at 08:37 AM

KB

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Kim Baker** - March 03 at 08:28 AM

RM

“ *She taught me to swim and made it a lot of fun!*

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**Ron Miller** - March 03 at 12:11 AM

CW

“ *Deepest Condolences to Dale, Cindy, George, Steve and Nathan and all of the family. My heart goes out to you, truly.*

*Catrina*



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**Catrina Williams** - March 02 at 05:27 PM

MP

“ Sorry to hear of Georgia's passing. She was a great friend of my mother Helen Norton Pryor. They grew up very close. Always a smile on her face along with a big hug for everyone close. Deepest sympathies for her family. Thoughts and prayers for the Rabbe/Sinclair family.

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**Mike Pryor** - March 02 at 05:10 PM

ES

“ ellen standish lit a candle in memory of Georgia Sinclair



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**ellen standish** - March 02 at 03:21 PM

JK

*Dale, Steve, Cindy and George. So sorry to hear of your loss. Condolences to all of you. Joyce Ketchum*

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**Joyce Ketchum** - March 06 at 01:25 PM