



Virginia Ann Sanders

December 13, 1945 - March 13, 2026

Virginia A. Sanders, 80, of Mason City, IL, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 13, 2026, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL. She was born on December 13, 1945, in Lincoln, IL, the daughter of Glenn Lockenour and Margaret (Bagby) Lockenour. She married James Sanders on August 30, 1969, at the Mason City Christian Church. He preceded her in death in 2012.

Virginia is survived by one sister, Betty (Gene) Hull of Mason City, IL, sister-in-law, Janet Lockenour of Omaha, NE, and five nieces and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, John Lockenour and Robert Lockenour.

Virginia owned and operated the White Front Café in Mason City for 5 years and later worked at TT's Grocery Store in Mason City for several years.

She will be forever known for her love of cardinal birds, working crossword puzzles, talking to her friends on the phone, and drinking her coffee.

Cremation has been accorded. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 1:00pm at Mason City Cemetery with Steve Bagby to officiate. Memorial donations may be made in her memory to The Mason City Area Nursing Home Activity Department.

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

N pierce St
Mason City, IL 62664

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ Viva has been a faithful friend since we were kids. We had a lot of fun playing together and later we worked together at Robertson's Cafe. I will miss her, she was a caring and grateful person .Beverly Stafford RIP ViVa my friend.



Beverly Stafford - March 29 at 02:19 PM

BJ

“ To ViVa my friend ,We were childhood friends growing up and stayed friends all these years. My morning are not the same, with out your call at 8:30a.m. I knew something wasn't right when you did not call me on 3-11-2026, was thankful I came and got you the help you needed. I knew when we left the hospital it would be the last time I would see you, we told you we loved you and would keep you in our prayers ,you said thank you and I love you. Rest in peace my friend ,Will miss you and love you for ever, your friend Bonnie Jones



Bonnie Jones - March 28 at 03:04 PM

EL

“ Elaine Long lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Sanders



Elaine Long - March 18 at 12:29 PM

EL

I remember Viva and her husband, Jim. They were good people. Viva was quite a gal. Had fun with her. RIP Virginia

Elaine Long - March 18 at 12:32 PM

CI

“ *Will miss you, Cousin. Peace to the family.*

Cindy - March 18 at 11:16 AM

JM

“ *Janice McAfee lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Sanders*



Janice McAfee - March 17 at 09:54 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Harrison/White lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Sanders*



Shirley Harrison/White - March 17 at 09:36 PM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Virginia Ann Sanders*



Larry and Mary Hundt - March 17 at 12:21 PM

MH

“ *Michael Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Sanders*



Michael Hudgins - March 17 at 10:36 AM

JC

“ *She lived across the street from us and was a neighbor in the true sense of the word! The kind of neighbor that watched over you, that cared about you, that called to check on you, that you literally could borrow a cup of sugar from. She had a kind heart and loving spirit. She was like family to us! It will not be the same to not see her looking out her kitchen window with a warm smile and friendly wave or when the weather was nice to see her sitting in her drive way. She was a very special lady! We loved her deeply and will miss her dearly!*

Julie Catey - March 17 at 09:44 AM

KZ

“ *Kay Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Sanders*



Kay Zimmerman - March 17 at 09:24 AM

LO

“ *Lynne Onken lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Sanders*



Lynne Onken - March 16 at 06:49 PM

CL

“ *I learned a lot from Virginia, her sister and her brothers as they helped their mom my Aunt Margaret babysit me. She was such a caring and loving person. I'll miss all the conversations we have had together. Love you and miss you, RIP!*
Charlie Lockenour

Charlie Lockenour - March 16 at 06:16 PM

LO

“ *We were neighbors with her and Jim at one time. Great neighbors. And high school memories.*

lynne onken - March 16 at 05:01 PM

JM

I will miss my phone calls with Viva. I don't think I've known anyone that loved her cup of coffee more than Viva.....RIP my good friend.....

June Mahan - March 16 at 06:08 PM