



## Marjorie A. Sanders

August 20, 1952 - February 19, 2023

Marjorie (Marj) Anne Sanders, 70 of Bluffton, IN, passed away on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marcel and Mary Ellen (Lengerich) Welling and beloved husband, Larry Sanders.

She was born on August 20, 1952, in Decatur, Indiana. She graduated from Bryant High School with the class of 1970. She continued her formal education, graduating from Ball State University in 1974 and obtained her master's degree in teaching from Indiana University - Fort Wayne in 1979. Marjorie loved teaching, and she taught from 1974 to 2016 at Mentone Elementary School, where she was a proud member of the Mentone Bulldogs faculty.

On September 8, 1979, Marj married the love of her life, Larry L. Sanders. Together, they shared over 35 1/2 years of life's adventures, until he preceded her in death on January 17, 2015. They raised three daughters who felt their constant love and support. She set a steadfast example of love, faith and strength.

The family tree continued to grow with the arrival of three, precious granddaughters. She loved spending time with them and cherished being involved and a part of their daily lives.

She was a kind individual and was always generous – with her love, time, and support. She enjoyed making quilts for family members to “wrap them in her love.” She was very dedicated to her Catholic faith and was a member of the

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton, where she was involved in many women's groups.

Left to cherish Marjorie's memory are her daughter Jen (Charlie) Manns of Ossian, IN, her grandchildren Kate Manns, Lila Manns and Naomi Manns; her daughter, Kris Sanders of Amsterdam, NL; and her daughter Kelly (Chris) Martin of Atlanta, GA.

Marjorie was blessed to have eight siblings, those left to cherish her memory are: Bob (Rose) Welling, Dave (Colleen) Welling, Cathy (Mike) Bettinger, Paul (Mary) Welling, Geri (Mark) Mestemaker, Judy (Roger) Wellman, Jo Anne (Greg) Alig and Linda (Kevin) Wellman. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Visitation will be held from 3:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Wednesday, (Feb. 22, 2023) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A Rosary Service will take place at 3 P.M. on Wednesday, prior to visitation at the funeral home and will be given by Father David Violi.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 A.M. on Thursday, (Feb. 23, 2023) at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father David Violi celebrating mass.

Public graveside rites will be held at 3:15 P.M. on Thursday at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Marjorie's memory to the St. Joseph Catholic Church or the Mentone Elementary School to assist teachers with school supplies.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family with Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share memories and online condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## I.O.O.F Cemetery ~ Rochester, Indiana

620 West 3rd Street  
Rochester, IN 46975

# Previous Events

## Rosary Service

FEB 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
[info@thomarich.com](mailto:info@thomarich.com)

## Visitation

FEB 22. 3:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Visitation

FEB 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 North Main Street  
Bluffton  
Bluffton, IN 46714

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 North Main Street  
Bluffton  
Bluffton, IN 46714

## PUBLIC GRAVESIDE SERVICE

FEB 23. 3:15 PM (ET)

I.O.O. F. Cemetery - Rochester, Indiana  
620 West 3rd Street  
Rochester, IN 46975

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marjorie A. Sanders*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 22, 2023 at 06:13 PM

MB

“ *I just found out Marge passed away. Marge was a good friend of mine her freshman year at Ball State. I was a student at Ball State. I had met her family in Bryant Indiana. So sorry to hear of her passing. Mike Burns*

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**Mike Burns** - August 23, 2023 at 03:15 PM

PA

“ *Paula Ankerman lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Sanders*



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**Paula Ankerman** - February 23, 2023 at 11:43 AM

CZ

“ I have fond memories of Marj and your family. Besides supporting our children at sports activities, a side benefit for parents is visiting with other parents. That bleacher time or standing around the track is even more enjoyable sharing it with friends. I enjoyed getting to know your mom at TV activities.  
My condolences on your loss. I pray sweet memories would make missing her a little easier.  
Cindy Zehr

Cindy Zehr - February 23, 2023 at 11:18 AM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss. Marg was a wonderful lady and I loved working with her, I will miss our powered doughnuts while cutting fabric. Prayers and love for the family. 🙏❤️

Julie Phend - February 22, 2023 at 08:51 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.



February 22, 2023 at 01:49 PM

TS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Marj was a wonderful, loving, and giving person. She will be missed. Hugs and prayers to you all.



Troy and Betty Swanson - February 22, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



February 22, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



February 22, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



February 22, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



February 22, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



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February 22, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Donna Gillman lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Sanders*



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**Donna Gillman** - February 21, 2023 at 08:22 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



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February 21, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a great person and friend.*  
*Martha Phillips*

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**Martha Phillips** - February 21, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ 118 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 21, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *(in card message) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



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**(in card message)** - February 21, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ *Jen, Kris, and Kelly, Your Mom was one of the sweetest people in the world. She was devoted to her family. She will be missed everyday. But I can hear your Dad's joyous laugh as he greets her in heaven.*

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**Tom and Jan Sawyer** - February 21, 2023 at 04:07 PM

YW

“ *Your fellowship family (B, B, L, S, & W) purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



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**Your fellowship family (B, B, L, S, & W)** - February 21, 2023 at 02:28 PM

MG

“ *Marj was a wonderful neighbor! She let me know several times that I left my garage door open! I will miss her smiling face and beautiful flowers. I can't make visitation or the funeral. Prayers and sympathy to the whole family.*

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**Mary K. Gerber** - February 21, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



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February 21, 2023 at 12:55 PM

LF

“ *Love, Your Stryker GPG Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



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**Love, Your Stryker GPG Family** - February 21, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



February 21, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



February 21, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



February 21, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ *Marge was an inspiring teacher at Mentone. Her smile was contagious. Prayers for comfort for the girls.*

**Ann Chubb** - February 21, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



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February 20, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Sanders.*



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February 20, 2023 at 06:46 PM