



Gerald Lamar Sandlin

July 20, 1942 - July 15, 2025

Gerald Lamar Sandlin, age 82, of Manteno, passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at his home in Manteno.

He was born July 20, 1942 in Vandalia, the son of James Lamar & Della Mitchell Sandlin. Gerald was raised in Texas and Louisiana.

Gerald married Carole J. Legris on January 18, 1964 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. She preceded him in death on April 17, 2025.

Gerald was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served 1961-1965. Gerald and Carole established their residency and family in Kankakee, Illinois. In the first half of his career, Gerald worked as a truck driver for the Kankakee Distributing Company. Gerald took on roofing, remodeling, and renovation projects on the side and later established G.L. Sandlin and Sons, a general contracting service. Gerald retired from contracting in 2014. Gerald loved his occasional family vacations to Walt Disney World, spending time with family on holidays and doing puzzles while watching HGTV and Magnolia channel programs.

Surviving are two sons, Jason Sandlin of Palm Bay, FL and Michael Sandlin of Elmhurst; two daughters, Melissa Sandlin Gahagan & Sean Gahagan of Baltimore, MD and Julie Steen of Baltimore, MD; one sister, Arlene Blanchard of Coushatta, LA; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Gerald is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Inurnment will be held for Mr. & Mrs. Sandlin at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Cancer Research Foundation.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

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“ Gerald & Carole and family were the best neighbors! They taught us a lot and many fun memories! Till we meet again ! Peggi & John & Reba

Peggi Cafferty - July 30, 2025 at 04:49 PM

DA

“ Dan And Bev Arseneau lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lamar Sandlin



Dan and Bev Arseneau - July 23, 2025 at 10:49 PM



“ Gerald and Carole Sandlin and family where like a second family to me. Caring for them wasnt just a job for me, it was very gratifying and they appreciated me so very much as I appreciated them as well. I learned so much from this couple, all their stories where amazing. Gerald's humor and Carole's laugh will be in betted in my soul for eternity. This family will always be in my heart as well as my families. You both are together again hand and hand watching over all of us. RIP xoxo

Kathe'rine Isaacson - July 23, 2025 at 03:35 PM