



Shirley Ann Sanders

November 9, 1954 - December 27, 2025

NORFOLK – Memorial service for Shirley Ann Sanders, 71, of Arvada, CO will be held at a later date. Shirley passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2025 at the Amira Choice Assisted Living in Arvada, Colorado. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Shirley was born on November 9, 1954 in Norfolk, NE to Glen and Delores (Carson) Chamberlin. She graduated from Norfolk High School in 1973. Shirley married Karl Sanders on September 9, 1973 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Shirley lived in Little Rock AFB, AR, McGuire AFB, NJ, Whiteman AFB, MO, Springdale, AR, Aurora, CO, Evergreen, CO, Arvada, CO, and Fort Collins, CO.

Shirley loved to get gifts for everyone, she had a great sense of humor, and loved all her relatives especially her grandson Owen Dixon and her numerous nieces and nephews. Shirley also loved holidays, especially Easter and Christmas with her niece Sara Sanders-Beasley. Shirley was best known for her great hugs, love for all things chocolate, and her favorite meal was chicken fingers or one she didn't have to make.

Survivors include her husband Karl Sanders of Arvada, CO, daughters Shawna Lee of Fort Collins, CO, Kristen Dixon of Minocqua, WI, grandson Owen Dixon, brothers Dale (Kylene) Chamberlin, Roger (Pam) Chamberlin,

sister-in-law Lynette Chamberlin, and brother-in-law Ron Luebe.

She was preceded in death by her parents Glen and Delores Chamberlin, sister Linda Luebe, brothers Dennis Chamberlin, Duane Chamberlin, and sister-in-law Marty Chamberlin.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I've known Shirley & her family for a very long time. They were are neighbors & went to school with Shirley & Linda. We had a lot of fun growing up together. She was fun & very athletic. Lot of good memories with her & her family!

Karl & family may you find peace & comfort in God to help thru this time. You've lost your wife, your mother & grandmother but you all have gained a special angel to watch over you.

Janet Anderson Duering - January 05 at 12:14 PM

VJ

“ Shirley & I went to Grant school together & remained friends thru high school. My most fond memories were when Karl was working at Double K and she would get permission to take his car for a ride . Beautiful Malibu too ! We would crank up the Momma's & Papa's and sing and have a ball. I am so sorry for your loss Karl and peace be with and your families. Vickie Martens Jenkins , Class of 1973

Vickie Jenkins - January 03 at 07:12 PM

AS

“ Shirley was full of life and fun. She was very generous and kind. Tyrone and I enjoyed our nights out in Longmont with her. All our love to the family as she will be dearly missed.

AMY SLONE - January 02 at 12:28 PM

NK

“ One of the kindest and sweetest women I have ever met. Loving, nurturing, and she was always offering up something to eat! RIP Shirley.

Norm Keally - January 02 at 10:12 AM

RP

“ Sanders family, on behalf of the Natural Areas Department Rangers who worked with Karl and thought the world of Shirley, we offer our most heartfelt condolences. A memorial tree will be planted in her honor.

Rhonda Peckham - December 31, 2025 at 04:25 PM

RP

“ Rhonda P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Sanders.

Rhonda P. - December 31, 2025 at 04:20 PM

BL

“ Danielle and I were blessed to have Shirley and Karl to be our neighbors in the Poudre Canyon. She was a joy to talk to every time she caught me headed up to our house. She was quick with her jokes and always wore a smile. She was super excited and supportive when we brought our first born home. She did not miss the opportunity to make Conor a special gift or getting him one. She was one of the good ones! Heaven received a loving, hugging jokester!!

Bruce Lamb - December 30, 2025 at 07:19 AM

ED

My next door neighbor here in Arvada! Always a smile and never an unkind word. A joy to be around. Never knew what gift she would be bringing over. I'll remember her smile forever, even at the Amara just 10 days ago!!

Elaine DePinto - December 30, 2025 at 04:26 PM






“ Sending condolences to Karl and the family. Shirley was one of a kind, and heaven gained the sweetest soul!
My husband, Bruce and I, met Karl and Shirley when we lived at Seamans reservoir and they lived at Gateway Park. Shirley was kind, full of love and humor, and had a spicy side when she thought something wasn't right.
I have sweet memories of Shirley showering our young kids with gifts, hugs, and a lap for rocking. It was always a treat to get to have dinner out at Vern's with Shirley—she loved their chicken tenders.



Danielle Banfield - December 30, 2025 at 12:51 AM



“ So sad to hear of Shirley's passing. Heaven just received it's most enthusiastic Angel! My condolences to Carl & family.
I met Shirley at Gateway, up the Poudre. Such a loving person, always looking for a reason to share a gift of small treasures.. .  

Glad to have known her! I can still feel her hugs.

Dinah Walton - December 29, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ My condolences to Karl and family! I absolutely loved Shirley. She gave the best hugs ever. Such a wonderful lady. I met her at the dentist office I had worked at and became friends. She always made everyone feel loved. She will be truly missed. Love Jan Hartman

Jan Hartman - December 28, 2025 at 09:31 PM

JM

“ I worked with Shirley at Utah Pool. I am so so sorry to hear of her passing! She was a very special person. Her smile, her zest for life...all of the customers and staff loved her! She will be missed!
Julie McIntosh

Julie McIntosh - December 28, 2025 at 07:55 PM

MS

“ I really enjoyed seeing Shirley at Sara's for holidays and other family events. She will be missed. Mary

Mary Schwedhelm - December 28, 2025 at 07:30 PM

SH

“ Sheryl Hoff lit a candle in memory of Shirley Sanders



Sheryl Hoff - December 28, 2025 at 07:01 PM