



## Sheryl L. Sonnenfeld

March 18, 1943 - September 15, 2024

Sheryl L. Sonnenfeld, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend; passed away suddenly on September 15, 2024 at the age of 81. She was born on March 18, 1943, to the late Marvin and Arlene Gerhater. Sheryl grew up in Aberdeen, South Dakota at her family's farmhouse with three siblings; Kenneth, Gary, and Rick. As the oldest child and the only daughter; she learned to manage a household and loved passing down her knowledge to her grandchildren over the years.

Sheryl met James L. Sonnenfeld during her sophomore year at Aberdeen Central High School. Sheryl and Jim attended Northern State College and married 60 years ago upon graduation. The couple moved from South Dakota to the east coast where Sheryl became a mother, a Fairfax County school teacher, a breast cancer survivor, and a grandmother. She loved teaching, traveling, gardening, needlepoint, reading, baking, cleaning, and organizing. She loved being involved with her grandchildren, various women's groups, mahjong group, and attending community events.

Sheryl was affectionately known as Grandma and is survived by her husband, Jim Sonnenfeld; son and wife, Chad and Stephanie Sonnenfeld; grandchildren, Landon and Madeline Sonnenfeld; and two brothers, Gary and Rick Gerharter.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 11:00am at Sudley United Methodist Church, 5308 Sudley Rd., Manassas, VA 20109. A reception will follow the service at the church for those who wish to attend.

For those who are unable to attend but wish to watch the service at a later date; a YouTube link will be available the following week. More information to follow.

In lieu of flowers; please consider making a donation to Sudley United Methodist Church where Sheryl was an active member and enjoyed being a part of the church family.

Checks can be mailed to: P.O. Box 96 Catharpin, VA 20143.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sudley United Methodist Church  
5308 Sudley Road  
Manassas, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ I am deeply sorry for your loss during this difficult time. If there is a family member I could speak with, please feel free to reach out to me at (703) 957-9643.

With heartfelt condolences,  
Stacey Caito,

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**Stacey Caito** - October 15, 2024 at 03:59 PM

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“ Dell Sonnenfeld and Family purchased the *Your Light Shines for the family of Sheryl L. Sonnenfeld.*



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**Dell Sonnenfeld and Family** - September 25, 2024 at 02:45 PM

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“ Steve and Karen Orosco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sheryl L. Sonnenfeld.

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**Steve and Karen Orosco** - September 20, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Sheryl L. Sonnenfeld.



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September 20, 2024 at 11:20 PM