



## Loretta G. Umbarger

May 29, 1949 - May 9, 2026

Loretta G. Umbarger

Age 76, passed away peacefully at home on May 9th, 2026, surrounded by loving family, entering a long-awaited rest, released from the challenges of prolonged illness.

Born in Cullman, Alabama on May 29th, 1949, Loretta was the eldest of nine children. Raised by her parents, Margaret Virginia and Louie Ershel Bolan, she spent time growing up in Joliet, Indianapolis, and Cullman. She attended Lockport West High School in Romeoville, and graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis, where she met her future husband, Richard. She worked at the Herff-Jones office in Indianapolis while awaiting Richard's return home from Vietnam. Loretta and Richard married in Lockport, IL on June 29th, 1970, and put roots down in Joliet, IL, eager to start their own family. Motherhood meant everything to her. In 1990 Loretta & Richard moved to Kokomo, relocating for Richard's job at General Motors. Loretta worked at Meijer in Kokomo for many years, and whenever she shopped there after her retirement, she always connected with friends who were happy to visit and hug her neck.

Loretta loved God, Jesus, her children, and her family. She thoroughly enjoyed a delicious meal, along with all desserts and chocolate. Loretta loved

listening to music, including the Beatles, Linda Ronstadt, and all 60s music. She will always be remembered for her love of her huge extended family, and her dedication to God, faithfully attending church her entire life. Loretta loved all people and cared deeply for anyone in need. Loretta cherished her children and couldn't have been a more devoted grandmother. We miss her with every passing moment and will never forget her kind and generous spirit.

It's a blessing to her and her family knowing she found peace and love in her final moments, despite the long challenging journey of Alzheimer's disease.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Richard L. Umbarger; her mother, Margaret Virginia (nee Murphree) Bolan; her father, Louie Ershel Bolan; and her sister, Rita Valora (nee Bolan) Parker.

Loretta is survived by her five devoted children, Wendy (Daniel) Pitts, Jeffrey Umbarger, Richard "Richie" L. Umbarger Jr., Sandra Johnson and Jason Umbarger; her grandchildren, Arianna Shuler, Cailee Morgan, Trent (Jessi) Umbarger, Brittany Jackson, Alyssa Price, Hanna Jackson, Aidan Pitts and Devon Pitts; and, great grandchildren: Waylon Morgan, Cameron Tackett, Grayson Umbarger, Lynleigh Morgan, and Auriella "Gracie" Yockey. She is also survived by her adored siblings: Byron (Chris) Bolan, Rex V. Bolan, Barbara Lott, Glenda Mason, Gordon (Sara) Bolan, Janice F. (Mark) Orsini, and Gregory A. Bolan; as well as a multitude of beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donations to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund are appreciated: <https://curealz.org/>

Delgado Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements:

Funeral Services will be at 10:45 am Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, 1315 W. Lincoln Rd., Kokomo, IN. Friends may visit with the family from 9:00 am until service time at the Funeral Home.

Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memory Garden

2097 West Alto Road  
Kokomo, IN 46902

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (Est)

Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes & Crematory  
1315 W Lincoln Road  
Kokomo, IN 46902

## Entombment

MAY 16. 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM (Est)

Sunset Memory Garden  
2097 West Alto Road  
Kokomo, IN 46902

# Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta G. Umbarger.*



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May 14 at 01:53 PM



“ *Chris & Kim Price purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Loretta G. Umbarger.*



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**Chris & Kim Price** - May 14 at 01:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta G. Umbarger.*



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May 14 at 12:40 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Loretta G. Umbarger.*

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May 14 at 12:40 PM

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“ U'r Loving Brother Byron & Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Loretta G. Umbarger.



U'r Loving Brother Byron & Family - May 14 at 12:39 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Loretta G. Umbarger.



May 13 at 09:12 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta G. Umbarger.

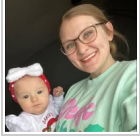


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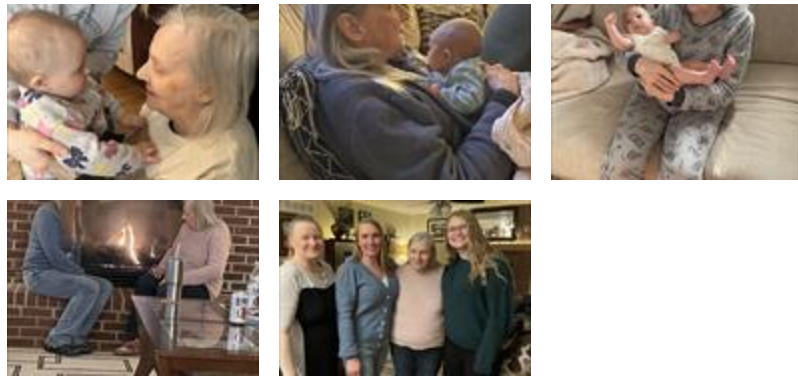


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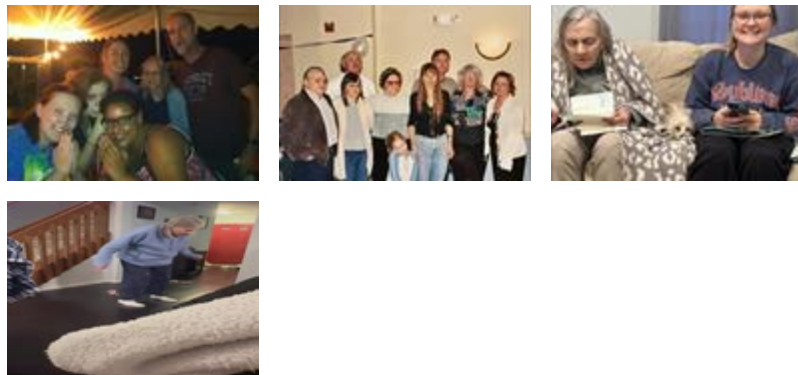
“ I had the privilege of helping take care of my grandma when she was still able to get out and about. My favorite memories are taking her shopping.. we would browse up and down every isle getting her favorite snacks- cinnamon graham crackers, dove dark chocolate, fudge striped cookies. We would listen to The Beatles on our drives. I loved taking her for haircuts and helping her get ready for the day. She was always thanking me for helping her and I would always tell her “Grandma you used to help take care of me when I was little so I’m happy I get to help you.” I hope she understood that her love and kindness made a difference in the lives of all the people who knew her. I love and miss you grandma ❤️



Cailee Morgan - May 12 at 11:11 AM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Brittany Jackson - May 11 at 08:42 PM