



Sandra Aileen Turner

August 14, 1942 - February 17, 2025

Sandra Aileen (Cooper) Turner, 82, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 17, 2025, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, IL, after a brief illness. She had defied the odds numerous times over the years, overcoming many medical issues including pancreatic cancer. She is now free from pain and suffering.

Sandra was born in Harrisburg, IL on August 14, 1942, to Lee Franklin and Ollie Virginia Thompson. After her mother's unexpected death in 1944, she was adopted and raised by her maternal grandparents, William Dennis and Flora May Cooper.

Sandra graduated from Eldorado High School in 1960 and began a secretarial career at the local electric company. In 1964, she met and married the literal "boy across the street", William Raymond "Tim" Turner, also of Eldorado. The young couple moved to Virginia to pursue civil service careers and start a family. Eventually they returned to their hometown to raise their four children, where they remained for almost four decades. After Tim's retirement, they moved to Pekin to be closer to family. Most recently, Sandra was a resident at Arcadia Care in Morton, IL.

Sandra was a long-standing member of Eldorado First Baptist Church where she enjoyed leading group exercise classes and participating in the women's group, where she made many lifelong friends. She was an avid crocheter and created many heirloom items for friends and family. Most of all, she enjoyed her role as a stay-at-home mom. She is survived by her four children: Lisa (Carl) Cappabianca of Madison, WI, Tim (Heidi) Turner of Pekin, Dennis (Heidi) Turner of Nashville, Tenn., and Todd Turner of Monterey, CA; and five grandchildren, Daniel and Kirsten Cappabianca, Morgan Turner, and Aurora and Adam Turner.

She was preceded in death by her husband Tim, her parents and grandparents, brother Dennis Cooper, and sister Elizabeth Lauterbach. A private memorial service and burial will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra was my half sister, and while we didn't see each other often, we always enjoyed sharing memories. I wish we could have known each other better.* ”

Sharon (Norris) Miesel - July 11, 2025 at 04:52 PM