



Sonia Spencer

May 25, 1938 - February 2, 2022

CENTERVILLE, Ind. - Sonia Spencer, age 83, of Centerville, Indiana, died Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

Born May 25, 1938, in Washington, Indiana, to Lawrence F. and Lenora Chadd Sewell, Sonia lived in Centerville most of her life. She was a 1956 graduate of Richmond High School. Sonia studied art at Santa Monica City College in 1958, attended IU East, and was a part of the Ivy Tech Community College Association of Accounting. She was a data processor for Douglas Aircraft Company and worked as a clerk at Belden, Avco, and INA.

Sonia left her working career to become a beloved wife, mother, friend, and community member. Those close to Sonia will remember her as someone who was always willing to help when needed; she baked pies for the Lion's Club Fish Fry, repaired the wardrobe malfunctions that only a seamstress of her caliber could tackle, kept friends and family company at times when they most needed it, helped raise her grandchildren by doting on them, and helped choose which purse went best with the shoes on those all too necessary shopping trips. Sonia loved her family. She devoted her life to ensuring her boys were raised well. Sonia brought her love of her family to their extended families and friends, welcoming all into her home. She was even willing to do laundry for those who just happened to bring it along with them during their visits. Later in life, Sonia worked in several area clothing boutiques to satisfy her love of fashion (the discounts were not bad either), and it was where she made many lifelong friends. Within the community, Sonia was a member of Centerville United Methodist Church and Psi Iota Xi Sorority, where she could be found every Christmas raising money by making and selling cheese balls. Sonia was a delight to all who had the privilege to know her.

Survivors include her sons, Shawn Spencer of Little Rock, Arkansas, Chad (Laurel) Spencer of Glencoe, Illinois, and Brent (Stacy) Spencer of Pompano Beach, Florida; grandchildren, Christopher, Henry, and Gertie Spencer; brother, Chadd Sewell of Fort Collins, Colorado; nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 51 years, P. Allan Spencer, who died November 5, 2014, and parents.

Visitation for Sonia Spencer will be from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 13, 2022, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. An additional visitation will take place from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 14, 2022, at Centerville United Methodist Church, 112 South Morton Avenue, Centerville. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 14, 2022, at the church with Pastor Ted Chalk officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Centerville-Abington Senior Center, 111 South 2nd Street, Centerville, IN 47330.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Crown Hill Cemetery

407 Short Street
Centerville, IN, 47330

Events

FEB **Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Doan & Mills Funeral Home
790 National Road West, Richmond, IN, US

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Centerville United Methodist Church
112 South Morton Avenue, Centerville, IN, US

FEB **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



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That's what a little brother calls his "Big Sister" when he really can't say Sonia.
Sonia

these people see you as you are or were. They don't see you as I do. They don't see us walking down the gravel road to the Waco church, or in the winters warped in blankets in the back of Granddad's model "T", because it had no heater, or how upset you were when the Potts boy beat his mule. I will ever see you as that 9 year old little girl in a sun dress with a shy smile in front of a farm house in southern Indiana. I miss you so much.

Your loving brother
Chadd Sewell.

Chadd Sewell - February 12 at 03:44 AM



Sonia was beautiful inside and out. We became good friends when we both worked for Barb Dickman at Nolands Nook in Richmond. When Ron and I moved to Westfield, In , she drove over frequently to go shopping. She showed me how to squeeze material to see if it wrinkled.

She was an excellent seamstress.

We both moved to Florida and were 3

hrs apart. Health problems kept us from seeing each other, but we kept in touch by phone. We will cherish the good times we had together , and remember her lovingly .

Ron and Millie Talley



Ron and Millie Talley - February 10 at 09:07 PM



“ Dear Shawn and family, your mom and I enjoyed each other's company through the years and always attended our class reunions together (Class of 1956). I'll always remember those times when we and our hubbies got together to play cards, dance, spend time on our pontoon, and celebrate each New Year's Eve together. She was always a good sport and had such a positive attitude, except when Allan tried to re-organize her dresser drawers and closets. It was funny to hear her explain his efforts in organization after his retirement. Sonia dearly loved all of you, especially her grandkids whom she loved sewing for. You were her life, and she appreciated the wonderful care you boys gave her after Allan's death. She's "home" now with Allan and her best "buddy" Dick. Bless her heart.

Jan Bohlander - February 08 at 05:15 PM



“ Shawn and family I am so sorry for your loss. I hope this time is filled with peace and comfort for you guys. Sending love and happiness!



Alyson Jones - February 08 at 01:48 PM



“ I never met Sonia until I started dating Phillip. When he took me to meet her she couldn't have been more welcoming to me and showed how happy she was for Phil to have found a partner. She and Phil were so close for all the years they raised their boys side by side on College Corner Road. They shared so many of their stories with me that I got to know how much they meant to each other. Allan was Phil's best friend and he did all he could to console Sonia after he had passed away. We will miss Sonia so much but will know that she and Allan are happily together again.

Jo Ellen Bivens - February 07 at 09:12 AM



“ Sending condolences to Sonias family. She was a wonderful asset to the Centerville Community. May she Rest In Peace.

Linda Williams. - February 05 at 01:43 PM



“ Dear Shawn, Chad and Laurie, Brent & Stacy, It is almost impossible to believe that the "force of nature" that was your mom has left us. She and your dad were so much a part of the Kehoe clan that they were like family. Mom "Murray" and Sonia became fast friends in the mid 60's and maintained their loving, loyal relationship until the bitter end. Alan and Don were like opposite sides of the same coin and between them transformed the Centerville Schools. I was lucky enough to get to know them well as I babysat all 3 of you guys. (Boy does that make me feel old!) and learned to type from your dad. Mom was Sonia's consultant on the art of raising children. Sonia was our favorite fashion consultant, seamstress and devotee of art. She was so fun to talk to, shop with and she was always full of life and interest. Along with the rest of the family, she and your dad visited us when Mom spent the winters in Marco Island. There were so many school events, family celebrations and special moments shared between the Spencer's and the Kehoe's that they are too numerous to mention. We know how much you will miss her. We will always be grateful for the joy, love and friendship Sonia brought to our lives.

Sending you all our love, condolences and hugs,
Mary Kehoe, Linda & Bruce Robbins, Bruce & Sherri Kehoe

Linda K Robbins - February 04 at 09:48 PM



“ Sending sincere condolences from cousin Sharon Hindsey Williams and sons David, Randy and Jerry.
Also from Rachel Sheeley Muzzillo, daughter of cousin Alecia Eliene Hindsley.

Rachel Muzzillo - February 04 at 08:27 PM



“ To Sonia's Family:
So sorry to learn of Sonia's passing and will remember the many good times with her and Allan at the Lions Club events and gatherings over the years. She was always so outgoing and helpful to all. She will be missed by many and please accept our sincere sympathy. Jim and Sandra Resh

Jim Resh - February 04 at 03:53 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Dina Wagner and the Staff of Doan & Mills - February 04 at 12:20 PM