



## Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar

January 11, 1939 - July 7, 2024

Barbara Diane (Lay) Sensintaffar was born in Washington D.C. on January 11, 1939 to Lander Gray and Madeline (Stafford) Lay. Diane grew up in Maryland, graduating from Bladensburg High School in 1957.

In December 1960, Diane met Larry Glen Sensintaffar at Rand's Dance Hall in Washington D.C. They fell in love and were united in marriage August 9, 1961 in Annapolis, Maryland. Diane and Larry were blessed with five children: Lowell, Travis, Karie, Glenda, and Nancy.

Diane was the quintessential Navy wife, holding down the homefront, enabling her husband to serve his country. She took great pride in caring for her home and raising her children. After moving to Salem, Missouri in 1976, Diane spent nearly two decades working as a teacher's aide at Green Forest Elementary School, impacting the lives of those she taught.

Diane and Larry operated the family farm and enjoyed spending time working on it together. She loved being outdoors tending her garden and maintaining her flower beds. Diane loved to cook large family meals and was her husband's "gourmet cook." In her spare time, she enjoyed crocheting and sewing.

She was a woman of strong faith, always praying for her family, loved ones,

church, community, and nation. Diane was a faithful member and prayer leader at Salem United Methodist Church for many years. Her faith, family, and friends were most important to her.

Diane entered eternal rest July 7, 2024 in Nixa, Missouri at the age of eighty-five years. Those left behind to cherish her memory include her loving husband Larry Sensintaffar of Salem; children: Lowell Sensintaffar and wife Diana of Illinois, Travis Sensintaffar and wife Kamala of Colorado, and Karie Athens, Glenda Sensintaffar, and Nancy Elmer, all of Nixa; siblings: Carol Redmond and Janice Slaughter of Maryland, and Nancy Ryder of Salem; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents: Lander and Madeline Lay; siblings: Charles Lay, Joyce Mason, and Steve Lay; sister-in-law: Betty Lay; and brothers-in-law: Frank Redmond, Ralph Ryder and "Buzz" Mallady.

Diane loved well and therefore lived well. That is her legacy. She will be missed.

Funeral Services for Barbara Diane (Lay) Sensintaffar were held Saturday, July 20, 2024, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Chuck Whitmire officiating. Special Memories were shared by her husband and children. Song selections played were "What A Day That Will Be", "Supermarket Flowers", "Sweet Beulah Land", and "Because He Lives". Serving as Pallbearers were grandsons Lee Sensintaffar, Wilson Brawley, Gabe Garcia, Jesse Garcia, Justin Sensintaffar, Logan Elmer, Michael Elmer, Anthony Athens, Corey Stogner, and Nathan Elmer. Burial was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Complete obituary to follow

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may in memory of Diane Sensintaffar to Jacobs Ladder and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Online Condolences may be entered at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
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# Tribute Wall



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**Wilson Mortuary** - July 23, 2024 at 04:17 PM

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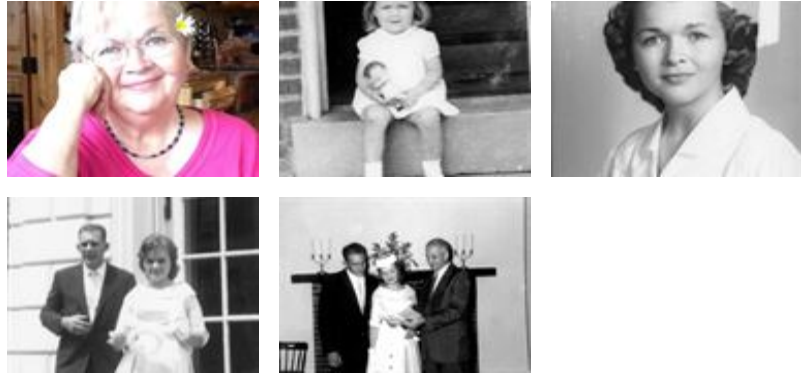
“ Mr Larry, and family, I want to send my condolences and prayers for a period of family healing that is accomplished through positive memories and love from family and friends. I know the pain associated with loss of a spouse and hope that your pain is tempered quickly, as the pain never truly goes away, and is overshadowed by good memories. Allison loved her cousins dearly and often talked about all the Sensintaffar family with love and joy. I so appreciated when you came to Allison's services in Paragould and hope you know that you and your family are deep in my heart at this time. My prayers are with you and I wish nothing but blessings for you and yours. I feel comfortable that Ms Diane will be greeted by Allison and so many of her family and friends when she arrives in Heaven. Be blessed always, Bob Ellis

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**Bob Ellis** - July 22, 2024 at 03:44 AM



“ 348 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wilson Mortuary - July 19, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ Randy and Regina Rice purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar.



Randy and Regina Rice - July 18, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ Randy and Regina Rice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar.

Randy and Regina Rice - July 18, 2024 at 04:46 PM

CM

“ When I think of my Aunt Diane, I think of the fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. I laugh sometimes to myself, because I want to ask others, “what’s in your fruit salad?” 😊 Not many people exhibit all 9 attributes of the fruit of the Spirit, but my Aunt Diane did! Go back and say each one and you have a beautiful description of the way she was; a calm and comforting soul for those who knew her and a light God shined here on earth for 85 years! She was truly our blessing. CM

Conrad Mallady - July 18, 2024 at 06:54 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar.



July 17, 2024 at 05:12 PM

CF

“ Carol Redmond and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar.



Carol Redmond and Family - July 14, 2024 at 10:59 AM

BC

“ Bonnie lay and adult children purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar.



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**Bonnie lay and adult children** - July 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM

BC

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**Bonnie lay and adult children** - July 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar.



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July 11, 2024 at 07:20 AM

LB

“ Lizzie and Katie Blackwell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar.

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**Lizzie and Katie Blackwell** - July 11, 2024 at 07:20 AM

DM

“ So very sorry to here of Diane,s passing she was such a good neighbor and friend. Sending prayers for comfort.

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**debbie manning** - July 10, 2024 at 04:18 PM

WS

“ With love, The Rumbo/Keller siblings purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar.



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**With love, The Rumbo/Keller siblings** - July 09, 2024 at 08:31 PM

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**With love, The Rumbo/Keller siblings** - July 09, 2024 at 08:31 PM



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July 09, 2024 at 11:10 AM

SP

“ My sympathy to the entire Sensintaffar family. Larry, know that you are in mine and Carl's prayers. Sharon Pappert (Blondie)

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**Sharon K Pappert** - July 09, 2024 at 10:15 AM

JH

“ The whole Sensintaffar family was always the nicest, kindest people anywhere ever! Their kids were always well mannered and polite in school. Larry always had good common sense! Barbara, the mother of all of them, kept everyone in perspective. She was quite and sometimes never spoke out, but she was the best. I still remember the good lunches I had with them at the cafe in Salem. Many world problems were settled right there!

*Blessings to the family and God's favor going forward!*

*Jack & Katy Hays & families*

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**Jack & Katy Hays** - July 09, 2024 at 09:01 AM

JB

“ So sorry about your Mom. Even though I didn't know her personally the stories you told me I'm sure she was a wonderful Mom. She is at peace now even though it is a great loss. All my sympathy to you and your entire and God Bless all of you. Judy Bugger

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**Judy Bugger** - July 08, 2024 at 11:49 PM

KF

“ Katie LeGendre (Mason) & family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar.



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**Katie LeGendre (Mason) & family** - July 08, 2024 at 11:27 PM

TD

“ I remember the wonderful visits we had with the family. Our fathers were good friends who met in the Navy many years ago. Staying in touch has always been a great thing. Always receiving a letter in our Christmas cards was one thing we all looked forward to reading at the holiday season. God has gained a beautiful soul. We will miss you dearly. Love from John Coulter and Tracey Dean

Tracey Dean - July 08, 2024 at 07:54 PM

PH

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful lady inside and out.



Priscilla Halbrook - July 08, 2024 at 06:42 PM

CB

“ Oh I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing!! She was a grand lady! When we were young and I was always at your house she was so gracious and kind!! Your family is always in my thoughts and memories!! They are great memories. Your family was my second family all thru grade school. I've cherished those memories always!!  
Crystal (Hutchens) Barr

Crystal Barr - July 08, 2024 at 06:11 PM

KA

Crystal, Thank you so much for your kind words. One can never prepare for losing a parent, but hearing how they impacted others' lives does bring me comfort. I thank you for that. I hope you are well. Karie

Karie Athens - July 11, 2024 at 01:12 AM

SG

“ *Sandy Gorman lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara "Diane" (Lay) Sensintaffar*



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**Sandy Gorman** - July 08, 2024 at 05:24 PM