



## Marcella Marie Sanders

December 5, 1929 - January 7, 2022

Marcella Marie Sanders, 92, of Charlotte, a woman devoted to family, died peacefully on Friday, January 7, 2022 in Charlotte. Marcella was born December 5, 1929 in Fowler, MI, the daughter of Henry H. and Dorothy (Kowatch) Leik. She graduated from Portland High School and soon married her lifelong love, David Melvin Sanders, and the two started their family. Marcella worked as a teller at Michigan National Bank, and for the State of Michigan during tax season. In her later years, she enjoyed volunteering at Eaton Community Palliative Care Hospice Thrift shop, where she could partake in one of her favorite hobbies, people watching. Many will remember Marcella as dear friend, lover of dogs, and, above all, a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Marcella is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Malerba; son, Mitchell (Angela Dorsett) Sanders; grandchildren; Marci (Jerry) Kohler, Andrea (Jeremie) Cherwinski, David (Nichole) Sanders, and Blair Dorsett; great-grandchildren, Blake Malerba, Carson Kohler, and David, Eva, Ana, and Jacob Sanders; siblings, Rosemary Fouts, Richard Leik, Elicia Rademaker, Francis (Pat) Leik, Larry (Rosemary) Leik, and Judy Feneis; loving goddaughter, Elaine Marshall; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, David Melvin Sanders; son, Michael David Sanders; sisters, Rita Secor and Joan Robinson; and several in-laws.

Friends and family are encouraged to support Marcella's family by sharing memories on her tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A Memorial is being planned for a later date. Interment will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to either the Charlotte Fire Department Christmas Kiddies Program, any animal shelter of one's choosing, or the Charlotte High School Bird Feeder. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ We are so so sad to hear that Marcella passed. She was an "office pet" around here. We will miss her voice and spirit. Please accept our most sincere sympathy.

*Linda Chermak and the staff at Family Care Specialists*

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**Linda Chermak** - January 13, 2022 at 08:36 AM

ML

“ I remember Aunt Marcella taking care of me when my mom had our youngest brother and telling me it was better to have a brother than a sister when I kept crying because I wanted a sister and not a brother. She was always at family gatherings. She was a wise and strong g woman.

*Love Michelle Li*

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**michelle Li** - January 12, 2022 at 07:46 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marcella Marie Sanders.



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January 12, 2022 at 07:42 PM

EC

“ Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS

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**ECHRS** - January 11, 2022 at 10:45 AM



*Thank you for taking such good care of Grandma while she was there. Your staff was really amazing.*

**Andrea Cherwinski** - January 12, 2022 at 04:19 PM

TP

*“ I'm so sorry for your lost. Mrs. Sanders as I've known her all my life was a super person to have nextdoor growing up. So many great memories and good times. She was always looking out for us kids and always welcomed us back in later years when we stopped by to visit.*

**Tony Pruden** - January 10, 2022 at 06:54 PM



*“ So so many great memories. The years in the gift shop. And after the lunches we shared. Before Thansgiving she called me to see if I had plans and if not to join her family for Thanksgiving. A very special friend who will be missed. Karla*

**Karla Hale** - January 10, 2022 at 08:23 AM

LH

*“ Becky  
I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. I will always treasure my conversations with her when I would stop by with Hanannah to see you. She was a remarkable woman. Thinking of you during this time and keeping all of you in prayers. Hugs my friend. Lorie*

**Lorie Hartley** - January 10, 2022 at 08:19 AM

LZ

*“ Sending condolences to Mitch , Becky , Andrea and the entire Sanders family . Love to you all. Linda and Garry Zentz .*

**Linda Zentz** - January 09, 2022 at 06:36 PM