



Carolyn J. Sadler

April 25, 1937 - July 7, 2025

Carolyn Jane “CJ” (Sperry) Sadler, age 84, died July 7, 2025, at her Autumnwood Village home in Tipton, IN. Born June 8, 1941, in Danville, IL, she was the daughter of Glenn R. Sperry (1916-1995) and Leah E. Sperry (1919-2023). She married John Wm. Sadler on June 11, 1961, in Danville. He preceded her in death along with a grandson, Thomas R. Kuhn.

She is survived by daughters Marcella “Marcy” (Thomas) Kuhn of Noblesville, IN; and Michelle “Mick” Sadler Williams of Vancouver, WA; grandchildren: Kenzie, Bram, Tynan (Mattie) Williams and Madeline Ling Kuhn, her brother Larry (Jamie) Sperry, and many other family members and friends.

Carolyn graduated from Oakwood High School and St. Elizabeth Hospital’s Medical Secretary School in Danville. With an incredible work ethic and boundless energy, she was employed at several businesses in Danville until her marriage. Once living on the Sadler farm west of Fithian, IL, she was soon busy raising daughters with John and in-laws John R. and Zelma Sadler.

The rather impatient Carolyn soon found she was better suited for work in town than waiting in line at the grain elevator during harvest. She joined James L. Myers at his Ogden insurance agency and then at the First National Bank of Ogden as his secretary. Active in the National Secretaries Association, she was honored as the Illinois Secretary of the Year. Her

integrity and strength of character cracked her generation's glass ceiling from administrative work to loan officer and vice president. She thrived on helping customers' start and grow businesses as well as leading the bank's compliance and trust departments. While her daughters were pursuing their educations, Carolyn continued hers, graduating from the School of Banking at Southern Illinois University (Carbondale) and the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

She left the bank to pursue new opportunities including the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, University of Illinois Credit Union, Frey Finance, and the Champaign County Circuit Clerk's office. After retirement, Carolyn and John moved to Leesburg, FL, where they spent nearly a decade enjoying palm trees, sunshine and entertaining. She gained new friends, created beautiful quilts and learned to paddle on a senior dragon boat team.

John and Carolyn were at their best entertaining friends and family on the farm, on the Sadler boat "Seabear", or in Florida. She loved decorating her homes, shopping for beautiful clothes, especially shoes, twirling her baton and driving fast cars. CJ kept the "pedal to the metal" either when driving or operating her sewing machines.

She was a member of the Ogden United Methodist Church, Ogden, IL, and the First Presbyterian Church, Leesburg, FL, and Fithian Woman's Club.

A celebration of life will be held on August 21st, 2025 at Crooked Creek Whitetails Estate, 13486 N 400 E Rd., Fairmount IL 61841 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM CST. An Additional celebration of life will be held on July 23rd, 2025 at Autumnwood Village, 1102 S Main St., Tipton IN 46072 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST.

Her daughters request that any memorials be made as donations to your favorite charity in Carolyn's honor. They would also like to thank all who cared for her at Autumnwood Village, Paradigm Health and Heart and Soul Caring.

www.LooseCares.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Autumnwood Village
1102 S Main St.
Tipton, IN 46072

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AUG **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Crooked Creek Whitetails Estate
13486 N 400 E Rd
Fairmount, IL 61841