



Sarah Powell

May 5, 1948 - December 29, 2025

Sarah Jane Powell, 77, died Monday, December 29, 2025, at MercyOne-Waterloo.

She was born May 5, 1948, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Edward and Isadore (Biever) Phillips. She graduated from Waterloo Columbus High School in 1967. On February 20, 1971, she was united in marriage to Darrell A. Powell. He died October 27, 2020. She was employed in dietary at the Western Home Communities.

Sarah and Darrell loved their dog Fritz and took him with them wherever they went. Later on Sarah adopted Annie and gave her the same love and attention. Sarah also loved to feed the birds and squirrels who came to the house regularly. Sarah was a big fan of Caitlin Clark and would not miss an Indiana Fever game. She was also a big fan of the Chicago Cubs and Minnesota Vikings. In Darrell's later years, he was placed in a nursing home with health issues and Sarah was lovingly by his side and made sure to visit him every day. They were inseparable.

Sarah is survived by her three sons, Alex (Kerri) Powell of Waterloo, Troy (Andrea) Powell of Callahan, FL, and Shaun (Wendy) Powell of Smithfield, VA; daughter, Melissa Pettit of Des Moines, IA; six grandchildren, Johnathan (Bailey) Powell, Joel (Emma) Powell, Jordan (Caitty) Powell, Brittany

(Rashadd) Grady, and Nicholas and Jackson Powell; four great grandchildren, Westin and River Powell and Charleigh and Cameron Grady; three brothers, Dan, Jerry, and Gordon Phillips; and sister, Roseanne Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brothers, Clayton and Russell Phillips.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 2, 2026, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls with visitation one hour prior.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
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Cedar Falls, IA 50613
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richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
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Tribute Wall

NC

“ *I tember sara powell hi nick from westrean home communitis
Rest in peace sara powell drom nick chestnut.
Sorry for your loss.
The sara powell family greving this loss.
Just think she will be in heaven with jesus christ our savior.
Rest in peace sarahpowell.*

Nick Chestnut - February 24 at 06:58 PM

NC

“ *Nick Chestnut lit a candle in memory of Sarah
Powell*



Nick Chestnut - February 24 at 06:55 PM

RF

“ *1 file added to the album Sarah Powell service*



rfs - January 02 at 01:22 PM

CA

“ Our deepest sympathy to Sarah's family and friends.



Columbus High School Alumni - January 02 at 12:36 PM

GS

“ Gerald S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Powell.

Gerald S. - January 02 at 12:19 PM

FF

“ From your family in Florida planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Powell.

From your family in Florida - December 31, 2025 at 03:16 PM

FF

“ From your family in Florida purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sarah Powell.



From your family in Florida - December 31, 2025 at 03:16 PM

FM

“ From- Chris and Craig Mishak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Powell.

From- Chris and Craig Mishak - December 31, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Powell.*



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“ *Shirley P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Powell.*

Shirley P. - December 30, 2025 at 05:19 PM