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Rena Elizabeth Sanderson, 77, of Chickamauga, Georgia, passed away on Sunday, March 30, 2025. She was born in Crossville, Tennessee, to the late Romy Harding and Grace Hamill. Rena was a lifelong resident of the Northwest Georgia area and was a member at The Gathering Church in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Rena worked for Red Lobster for over forty years. She has worked at the Dalton location since it opened many years ago. In 2023, Rena was awarded the Red Lobster District Employee of the Year. Her co-workers, customers, and family were very proud of her accomplishments. Rena never met a stranger and was always kind and big-hearted, willing to help anyone. She dearly loved her family and went above and beyond to ensure they knew they were loved and cared for. Rena was a very loving, sweet, kind-hearted person and will be dearly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Rena is preceded in death by her parents, Romy Harding and Grace Hamill; her son, Robert Dean Sanderson; her sister, Margie Hughes; and her life partner and friend, Margaret Hinson.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Tara Lynn Sanderson

of Chickamauga, David Mitchell Sanderson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Jimmy Lee (Susie) Hinson, Jr. of Tunnel Hill, Georgia, and Jeffery Leon Hinson of Chickamauga, Georgia; sister, Candy (Jeff) Johnson; granddaughter, Ashley (Matt) Wilson; grandson, Tyler Leon Hinson; great-grandchildren, Oakley, Kendall and Abigail; and several much-loved nieces and nephews.

The family has arranged for a time to remember and honor Rena. Friends and family are invited to join us on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The family appreciates your prayers and support during this difficult time.

An Online guest book can be found at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Very sorry to hear this news. Rena was always a pleasure to talk with at Red Lobster. She will definitely be missed by all who knew her. RIP Rena.* ”

David W Greeson - April 08, 2025 at 01:54 PM

BS

“ *Rena was ALWAYS the funniest and sweetest woman inside and outside of Red Lobster. She would come to the Mega Star gas station weekly to see a few of us and play her lottery tickets. But it would tickle us that ever so often she would bring us some biscuits from her work out of the kindness in her heart just to see us smile. May GOD bless her and the family.* ”

Bobby Smith - April 04, 2025 at 04:50 PM

DR

“ *Always a smile and never met a stranger. She will be greatly missed.* ”

dorothy retterer - April 04, 2025 at 03:42 PM

TG

“ *I only knew Rena for a short time, she was a very sweet woman, goodness I had no idea. Prayers for her family* ”

Tiffany Griffin - April 04, 2025 at 03:31 PM

FL

“ *Rena was a special lady and a friend to so many. When I worked I eat at Red Losber the same day each week. When I walked in her and Sherry would have out salad,tea and bread on the table waiting for us. She never complained about anything always jolly and encouraging. She will be missed by many. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.* ”

Frances Ledford - April 04, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rena Elizabeth Sanderson.* ”



April 03, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rena Elizabeth Sanderson.* ”



April 02, 2025 at 04:26 PM

MV

“ An amazing woman whom I had the pleasure of working with all these years. Time to time running into you at Krogers after work and shot the gossip. A true professional at your best every day you entered RL 0782.

You won't know how missed you'll be. Remaining in my heart always.

Praying for your family.

God Speed my Special Friend.

Love,

Melody



Melody Valencia - April 01, 2025 at 12:22 PM

KC

“ We knew Rena first many years from Red Lobster!! She was one of the kindest sweetest lady 🤗 We will miss her 😞 She is definitely an Angel 😊 Prayers for her Family 🙏🙏🙏
Tony&Kayanne Coggins



Kayanne Coggins - April 01, 2025 at 09:27 AM

JT

“ Rena, was a customer of mine. I will always cherish our conversations. She was a very sweet lady. I'm going to miss her. Praying for the family. That God would wrap his loving arms around each & every one of you & give you all peace & comfort during this difficult time.

Jennifer Tidwell - March 31, 2025 at 08:10 PM

WL

Rena was a go getter. A very nice lady that always had a smile and kind word as she stopped by the store on her way home. I will seeing her my deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Wilma Laymon - March 31, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Rena Elizabeth Sanderson.



March 31, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ Prayers for all of the family and friends of Rena. I worked with Rena in the Dalton Red Lobster location, she is going to be dearly missed.



Amy Neal - March 31, 2025 at 06:18 PM