



## Charlene "Char" Marie Orolin

May 29, 1941 - September 30, 2025

Charlene "Char" M. Orolin  
(née Dsida)

Age 84, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at Serenity Estates in Morris, IL. Born on May 29, 1941, in Chicago, IL, to Lawrence and Lucille (née Hughes) Dsida, Charlene's life was a testament to resilience and unwavering strength. After losing her parents at a young age, she was lovingly raised by her grandmother, Agnes, whose care and devotion helped shape the remarkable woman Charlene became.

On May 27, 1961, Charlene married the love of her life, Edward Francis Orolin, at St. Mary's Church in Coal City, IL. Together, they shared nearly 30 years of marriage until Edward's passing in 1990. Their bond was one of faith, love, and dedication to family and community.

Charlene was a woman of extraordinary perseverance. In 1980, she endured a devastating, life-changing accident, yet she faced it with courage and determination, choosing not to be defined by hardship but by her ability to overcome it. She built a long career at Morris Paper Mill, working in Quality Control, and she also shared her gifts and passions in many ways—teaching country line dancing lessons, volunteering with Hospice, and faithfully serving as a Eucharistic Minister at Immaculate Conception Church in Morris, IL. Alongside her husband, she co-owned and operated Colonial Catering, leaving many with warm memories of food and fellowship. She was also a proud member of Moose Lodge #544 in Morris, IL.

Charlene's greatest joy, however, was found in her family. She is survived by her loving son, Edward (Pam) Orolin of Wilmington, IL; her sisters-in-law, Anna and Sandra Orolin; two beloved grandchildren, Eric (Carly) Koehn of Morris, IL, and Todd (Marissa) Koehn of Minooka, IL; and five treasured great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Emerson, Quinn, Zoey, and Hudson, who were the light of her life. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Edward, and her sisters Mary Lou Baker, JoAnn Ferrari, and Wanda Bertoglio.

Visitation will be held at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood, IL, on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 12:00 p.m to 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will begin at the funeral home at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceville, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lightways Hospice. To share memories or offer condolences, please visit Charlene's online guestbook at [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory  
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336  
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# Cemetery Details

## Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road  
Braceville, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
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Braidwood, IL 60408  
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## Service

OCT 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
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## Inturment

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OCT 11 (CT)

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7295 W. Braceville Road  
Braceville, IL

# Tribute Wall

PD

“ Char was a lovely woman. My deepest condolences to the family  
Patricia Dooley

Patricia Dooley - October 13, 2025 at 05:36 PM

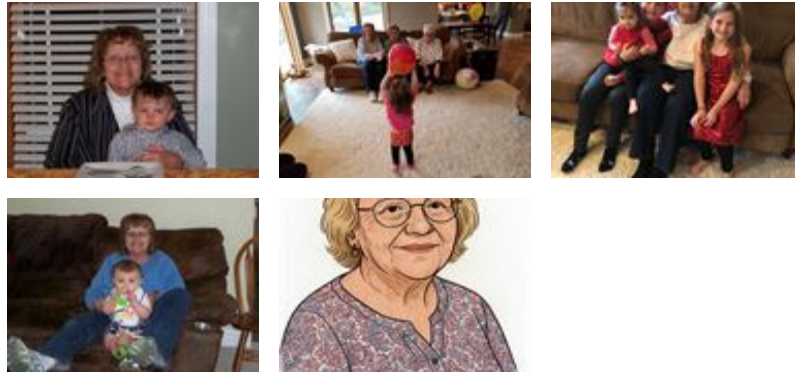
MC

“ Sorry for your loss.....Char was such a kind person and so  
thoughtful of others feeling....RIP 🙏

michaeleen Clavey - October 11, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - October 10, 2025 at 04:10 PM

CB

“ Eddie, Pam, and the entire family. My sincere condolences on the  
passing of Char. She was a very active person and not afraid to  
speak her mind. The world would be a better place with more  
people like her. Prayers to the family

Cal Brainard - October 07, 2025 at 07:57 PM

JF

“ So sorry to hear she passed, she was such a loving & caring person. I always missed our lunches together after Walmart closed the sandwich shop inside.  
*Joyce Ferrari*

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**JOYCE M FERRARI** - October 07, 2025 at 04:13 PM

GL

“ So very sorry to hear of her passing. I am glad I got to meet and talk with her. My sincerest condolences to your family.



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**Gabbie Larson** - October 06, 2025 at 01:30 PM

DM

“ Ron and I want to express our deepest condolences to Char's family. We will remember her as smiling and really caring of other.  
**RON AND DIANNE MARKETTI**

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**Dianne Marketti** - October 04, 2025 at 11:06 AM

SP

*Char was a very loving and outgoing person. She will certainly be missed by everyone. RIP Charlene. You are now back with Ed.*

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**Sharon and Rob Pickles** - October 08, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JM

*Rest in peace, Char. And condolences to her family. She was a wonderful person, and I enjoyed our conversations. She was a blessing to those around her.*

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**Jeanne Millsap** - October 09, 2025 at 01:23 PM