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Diamond Louise Pierson Skowronski Dayhuff, age 101, of Decatur, Illinois, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2026, surrounded by family.

Diamond was born on December 13, 1924, in Sullivan, Illinois, to William Thomas Pierson and Lucie Francis Kidwell Pierson. She lived a remarkable life spanning more than a century, marked by deep faith in God, devotion to family, resilience through loss, and a love that touched all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husbands, William Skowronski and Edgar Dayhuff; her cherished children Nancy Skowronski, Bill Skowronski, and Kathy Skowronski Grider; her siblings Thomas Pierson, Velma Kane, Cleo Fifer, Deward Rieder, and Paul Powell; and her son-in-law Randy Harlin. Though she endured many losses, Diamond's strength and faith never wavered, and she remained a steady and loving presence for those around her.

She is survived by her children Karen Skowronski Harlin of Walnut Creek, California, Vicki Manship (Jay) of Mt. Zion, Illinois, and Son-in-law, Kenneth/Ray Grider of Maroa, IL. Diamond was a proud grandmother to Lyndon Harlin (Amanda) of San Diego, California; Casey Harlin (Nicole) of Walnut Creek, California; Tina Knox (Kris) of Farmer City, Illinois; Angela Ronk of Farmer City, Illinois; Scott Skowronski (Patty) of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; and Michael Auton (Kim) of Decatur, Illinois. She is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren, all of whom were a source of great joy and pride to her.

Diamond was a hardworking woman who believed deeply in faith, service, and community. She worked for General Electric for 11 years and Mound Middle School for another 11 years. After retiring, she continued serving others by volunteering at St. Mary's Hospital for 27 years.



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A devoted member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Decatur, Diamond lived her faith through action. She also volunteered with Catholic Charities, visited friends in nursing homes, and consistently helped those in need throughout the community. In 2010, she received the DAR award for Excellence in Community Service and a State Of Illinois Community Service Award.

Known for her joyful spirit and love of dancing, Diamond was the life of the party and affectionately called “Lady Di.” She will be remembered for her resilience, her deep love for God and her family, and the lasting legacy of strength, kindness, and love she leaves behind.

Services will be held on January 17, 2026, at Graceland Fairlawn, 2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by the service at 12:00 p.m. Private interment will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt Zion United Methodist Food Pantry or New Life Pregnancy Center.

There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they are gone, the light remains. Our sweet mom will continue to shine her light, but now she’s the brightest star in the sky—shining bright like a Diamond.

Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

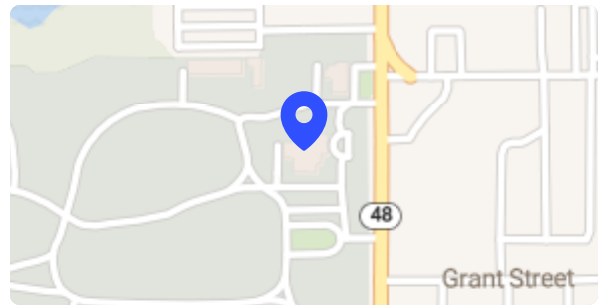


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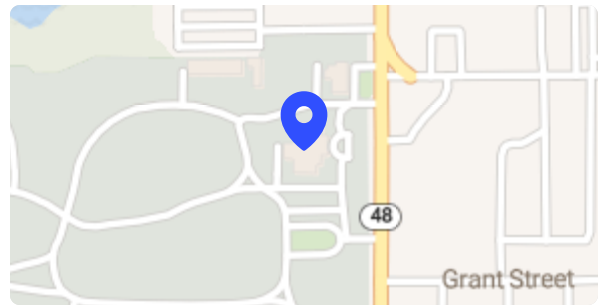
Visitation

- 📅 **Saturday**, January 17, 2026
- 🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- 📍 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



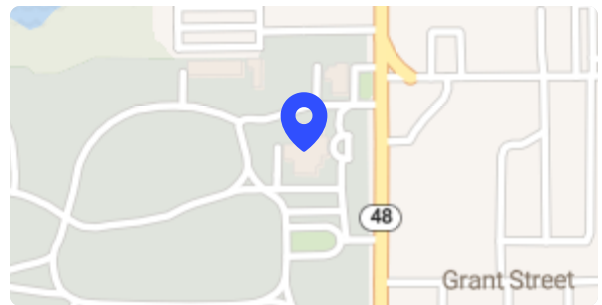
Funeral Service

- 📅 **Saturday**, January 17, 2026
- 🕒 12:00 PM CT
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Cemetery Details

- 📍 **Graceland Cemetery**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526
- 📞 **(217) 615-0724**





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Dayhuff family.



January 16 at 1:48 PM



Mike Spinella planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Diamond.



January 16 at 1:48 PM



Patti Price posted:

I worked in the pharmacy at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, IL and Diamond was a volunteer. She always brightened my day when I would happen upon her on my rounds delivering medications. We had so many people in common. Her grandson and his wife are good friends with my daughter in San Diego and I am friends with Diamond's daughter Karen. Diamond was a joyful wonderful person. She will be missed.

January 8 at 7:59 AM



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Rod Rambo posted:

Where do I even begin with Diamond? For starters she was a true saint! I met her at St Mary's Hospital when she volunteered. She went out of her way every morning to make my day special. Throughout the years I got to know her personally and a friendship developed. What a special child of God I soon found out she was. We had lots of talks throughout the years. I later found out her granddaughter Kim was a classmate of mine and we stayed in touch even after graduation. Diamond enjoyed the connection I had with her granddaughter. Diamond, to me, I would place with the Saints of the Bible. Yes, I mean that! We had many talks throughout the years and she always had the perfect words that actually spoke to me no matter good or bad the topic was. Her words also changed my life. I'm sitting here smiling remembering when she had nothing to drop off in the department I worked at, she always stopped in for a little chat about life. She said "I have nothing for you today, but I wanted to just say hello and see if you have an updated picture of your dog on your computer?" Her laughter following was beyond measure. We ended up talking about life and the Blessings God has given us. I would give anything to have let Diamond know that God Blessed me with you here at the hospital which I never told her. I don't think I needed too because we both knew it. What a true Saint of God she was. I do thank God for allowing me to share the mornings with her. She was a breath of fresh air to me. Kim, my heart breaks for you and your family. Please know this, Diamond was one heck of a God loving woman. My prayers are with Diamonds family.

January 7 at 8:42 PM



Kimberly Auton January 9 at 9:38 PM

Thank you Rod! Love you!!



Sandra Stiverson posted:

Always a beautiful smile on her face . I enjoy spending time with her at Salvation Army women's group. Rest in peace my friend.

January 7 at 7:49 PM



Sandra Stiverson posted:

You always saw a smile on her face at Salvation Army! Always looked so lovely.

January 7 at 7:47 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Diamond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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