



## Sandra Kay Parish

September 10, 1952 - April 9, 2020

Sandra Kay Parish, an outspoken friend to many, passed away on April 9, 2020 at the age of 67 at her residence in Charlotte, MI. Born in Charlotte on September 10, 1952 to Glen and Bertie (Corbin) Burt, she remained in the area with her family and graduated from Charlotte in 1970. On March 27th of 1982 she married the love of her life, Dean Parish. Sandra worked at Hayes Green Beach Hospital and later for Spartan Motors in data entry until 1997. Sandra was a "caregiver", willing to help everybody she could. She was never afraid to speak her mind or use her sense of humor to tease a smile from those around her.

Many may remember Sandra as the mom who helped develop and watch over Charlotte's first skate park, built in the parking lot of one of the local churches. She would be there keeping track of the kids and selling snacks to help raise funds to maintain the park's equipment. This later led to the development of the community skate park in Charlotte.

Sandra would want to be remembered as a huge supporter of her children and their friends attending numerous games and concerts over the many years. You would see her in the stands or behind the counter of the athletic boosters selling popcorn and hotdogs to raise funds to support band or the sports teams. She was always one of the "not-so-quiet" workers there supporting "the kids."

Her skill as a baker was celebrated all year long as she would bake thousands of treats over the years. Her families' favorites were her Holiday cookies. They were a special treat. One of her proudest moments was baking hundreds of cookies to sell to support RISE Recovery Community (A post treatment program to ensure the success of participants transitioning back into society after rehabilitation).

Above all else, family and friends will remember Sandy as a strong woman with a big heart.

She always opened her door to immediate family, distant family, "adopted family" and anyone who needed a safe place to go. She was truly "mom" to many.

Sandra is survived by her husband, Dean; three sons, Wesley (Karrie) Burt, Dean (Angela) Parish Jr, Nate Parish; Daughter, Annie (Corey) Clarke; four brothers, Allen Burt, Jim Burt, Fred Burt, Doug Burt; three sisters, Judy (Don) Thornhill, Lois Kettner, Margaret (Ed) Johnson ; Grandkids, William Burt, Gavin Batey, Nate Batey. She was preceded in death by brothers, Larry Burt, Gary Burt, and Jerry Burt; sister, Marlene Davids; and her parents.

Due to current quarantine and sheltering guidelines, a celebration of life for Sandra will take place later. The family will send out information at a later time. In the meantime, please go to [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com), and click on Sandra's Tribute Page to share remembrances and condolences with the family. If desired, the family suggests memorial to RISE Recovery Community and Sparrow Hospice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 16 at 01:02 PM



“ You will be missed sister! Now you can spread your wings and fly! I love you so much, and I am missing you terribly! I loved you yesterday, I love you today, and I will love you always! Be free my Angel!

**Margaret** - April 17 at 12:15 PM

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“ 40 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 16 at 01:03 PM

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“ Angela, we are so sorry to hear about your mom's death - more difficult in this very difficult time of social isolation. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Craig and Sandy Bledsoe Lipscomb University

**sandy bledsoe** - April 15 at 03:23 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sandy always brought a smile to everyone's face. I remember her taking care of my brothers and I while my Mom worked. She was the best cook, baker and friend. I have so many wonderful memories of her from my childhood to my young adult life. I will remember her as she was in this picture with her beautiful smile.

God bless Dean, her children and grandchildren though their loss. May peace be with you in the coming days.



“ My deepest condolences go out to the family... New Sandy from dating one of her brothers for quite some time. Sandy was a fun loving lady which cared for anyone human being. Whenever we could we would spend quality time together just sitting around a wood stove or a campfire having the best time talking about anything and everything, whatever came to mind. RIP Sandy you will be missed by many...

Barb Kinnison - April 12 at 10:59 PM

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“ Dean I an so sorry to hear this. I always enjoyed talking to Sandy or seeing her at the office. She will be missed. Thinking of you all Donna (Sleight) Davidson

Donna Davidson - April 11 at 07:51 PM



“ So sorry to hear this. We were friends in high school. She was so much fun and always had a smile. RIP Sandy, you will be missed by many.

Linda PRATT Newland George - April 11 at 08:20 PM

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“ Sandy and I went through Grade School junior high and high school together as good friends. We had so many laughs together so many fun times. I remember when we all went over to Olga's house for a sleepover. She will be missed. Sending love comfort and prayers to the family

Jolinda - April 11 at 06:43 PM

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“ My sister, where do I begin. I know that we were apart from each other for sometime. But it was the best for both of us. I never waivered on my love for you sister! But I will carry a regret with me for the rest of my life! And that will be I should have came to see you or just talked to you the Tuesday before you left us! I cannot say enough on how I regret that now! But always know Sandy that I always loved you and I will miss you terribly! Rest in peace my love! Will be with you one day! Give all a big hug from me! And I will miss you! Prayers to your family! God bless you!

Margaret Johnson - April 11 at 06:02 PM



“ Margaret I am so sorry for your families loss. Donna (FCS)

Donna Davidson - April 11 at 07:52 PM