



Sandra Louise McDonald

September 15, 1941 - March 20, 2020

Sandra 'Sandy' Louise McDonald, 78 of Charlotte, a woman who will be remembered for her positive attitude and warm smile, passed away on March 20, 2020 in Lansing, MI. She was born September 15, 1941 to Wendell and Dorothy (Coplin) Anderson in Charlotte. She attended Charlotte High School, graduating 1959 and earned an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Lansing Community College. On June 26, 1966 she married Scott McDonald.

Sandy worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Sparrow Hospital and Eaton Rapids Hospital for a few years. Following her nursing career, she went to work for Eaton Intermediate School District as a Para-Professional until her retirement. Her family will always remember Sandy as a person who influenced the lives of many young people in a positive way. Sandy enjoyed scrapbooking, creating wonderful stories using the family pictures. She also was actively pursuing her family genealogy, creating a wonderful keepsake family tree. She was active in the community as a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Maple City Chapter 218. Above all else, Sandy was most proud of her children and the way they turned out to be wonderful adults.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Scott; their children, Steven (Maria) McDonald of Virginia, Stanley (Nicky) McDonald of Kalamazoo, and Sheila (Kevin) Meyle of Kalamazoo; six grandchildren, Carolyn McDonald, Matthew McDonald, Rebecca McDonald, Ryan McDonald, Logan Meyle, Kyla Meyle;

sister Elaine Hansen of Indiana; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Wendell H. Anderson, Jr.

The family would like to thank the staff at Regency Lansing West and Mother Teresa House in Lansing for their wonderful care.

The family will be hosting a Graveside Service at Maple Hill Cemetery, Friday October 9, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

If desired, the family has suggested memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association, or a charity of your choice. Friends who are not able to visit are encouraged to support Sandy's family through calls, letters, and through Sandy's Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Sandra Louise McDonald



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 27, 2020 at 01:00 PM

GB

All we see is a still shot. Is there still a service planned?

Gwen (Firman) Bliss - March 27, 2020 at 02:13 PM

GB

I'll be with you again Sandy, one day! Love from Carol.

Gwen (Firman) Bliss - March 27, 2020 at 02:42 PM

GB

Mom, Dad and I DID listen! Matthew-that was a beautiful tribute to your Grandma! When my OWN Grandpa and Grandma died, I could not make a peep and you showed yourself a MAN and did your Grandma a great honor! We missed the first part due to my poor tech skills, but will immediately listen from the beginning asap. Beautiful service Pastor Gary! From the heart and saving truth when ALL of us need that right now! Could not get through Scott's tribute without tears too...It breaks my heart to not be able to be there in person and to see Stanley, Steve, Sheila and all the Anderson clan, but who knows: because there couldn't be a service, maybe more people will be able to hear the testimony of cousin Sandy's life, and how we can still have hope in the midst of any trial in life with Jesus as OUR own Good Shepherd too! Love and hugs from all of us here in Clarksville!!!

From Carol, Chester Firman, and Gwen (Firman) Bliss

Gwen (Firman) Bliss - March 27, 2020 at 02:50 PM

ED

I'm still unable to open it.

Ed Demerly - March 27, 2020 at 03:09 PM

ED

Any hints on how to open the video? I only get a black screen with a rotating circle.

Ed Demerly - March 28, 2020 at 10:32 AM

GL

“ *What a beautiful day for Sandy's memorial service. I'm sure she had something to do for it.*

We're so sorry we couldn't make it, but at 12:00 we stopped and said a prayer for her.

Let's stay in touch Scott, Carolyn and Matthew. Maybe breakfast once in a while.

We think of you all often and send heartfelt wishes for peace, knowing that Sandy is free of pain.

Please call us or message us if you ever need anything.

With much love,

Dan & Glenda

Glenda Levandusky - October 09, 2020 at 04:15 PM

SB

“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of our Cousin Sandy, she will be so missed by our families Bengson's and Dalby's. Stu remembers all the celebrated good times with holidays etc. Trips to Duck lake, lots of laughs and great meals. Though we haven't seen Sandy and the family in years our memories out surpass the lost times. Stu remembers Sandy and her dad (uncle Wendell) were the first to visit us when my sister Diane and the family move to Tucson AZ. Some of the last phone calls we talked about was the Anderson Family Tree. Sandy was intent on getting this tree finished, I am sure know this job will be completed by my sister Diane and her daughter Whitney with my help. My wife Wendie and I will pray for Scott, Carolyn and Matthew to help them get through this rough time... May God be with you, and Bless you...

Stu & Wendie Bengson

Stuart Bengson - April 25, 2020 at 06:51 PM

AT

“ AG TWITCHELL lit a candle in memory of Sandra Louise McDonald



AG TWITCHELL - March 31, 2020 at 08:04 AM

GB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Gwen (Firman) Bliss - March 28, 2020 at 10:59 AM

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Gwen (Firman) Bliss - March 28, 2020 at 10:56 AM

KF

“ *Beautiful service! Sandy would be proud of all of you Scott, Matthew and Carolyn. Prayers continue to the entire family. We are here for you all. Gonna miss her laugh and hugs! Peace be with you Sandy*

kim firman - March 27, 2020 at 02:50 PM

MA

“ *Gone from our sight, but never forgotten. Aunt Sandy will always be remembered for her big heart, gregarious laugh and generous hospitality. We will always cherish those afternoons sitting on the back porch reminiscing and watching the kids play in the yard.*

The Andersons -

Mike, Rebecca, Gabriel and Mikayla

Mike and Rebecca Anderson - March 27, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sandra Louise McDonald.*



March 26, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ *Dear Scott and family,*

Please accept my condolences on your loss. Sandy and I first met as elementary school children and were friends throughout our entire school experience in Charlotte. Even though I moved away after high school graduation, she did a good job of keeping us informed about her life and family during our class reunions. I was always very fond of Sandy. When I think about her, I remember how pleasant and good-natured she always was. I can still hear the sound of her laughter in my mind and that is how I will remember her.

Sincerely,

Leila Whiting

Leila Whiting - March 26, 2020 at 06:21 PM

CD

“ My prayers are with you Scott, Matthew and Carolyn. I met Sandy in August 2010 when I adopted one of Sandy's Sheltie puppies. She recommended the Groomery in Charlotte for grooming. (I live in Lansing). Since then I would take my Tippy for grooming about every six weeks. Afterward Tippy and I would go to the McDonald's for a play date with his mom and brother (her two dogs). I would have coffee with Sandy and Scott and visit. The McDonald's would take Tippy when I I was on a vacation or visiting my daughter in Ohio. I was invited to Matthew's Eagle Scout ceremony and was blown away. Sandy was a special lady. That smile! I just want to thank Sandy and the family for sharing a part of their lives with me. She is with Jesus now and we will miss her. God bless you!

Curt Dykhuizen - March 26, 2020 at 10:36 AM

CB

“ Dear Scott and Family: Our deepest sympathy, Pastor Gary called us in Florida. Our prayers are with all of you at the loss of your sweet wife, mother and grandmother.



Carroll & Marilyn Briggs - March 26, 2020 at 10:11 AM

LC

“ I worked at Meadowiew School with Sandy back in the 70's. She was a wonderful lady and a great addition to the classroom! In later years I would often see her at the Eaton Place with her 2 grandchildren.
May she Rest in Peace.
Linda (Jardot) Cobb

Linda (Jardot) Cobb - March 25, 2020 at 04:21 PM

SM

“ Steve McDonald purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sandra Louise McDonald.



Steve McDonald - March 25, 2020 at 01:21 PM

GB

“ Gwen (Firman) Bliss lit a candle in memory of Sandra Louise McDonald



Gwen (Firman) Bliss - March 24, 2020 at 10:15 PM

GB

Our flowers should be delivered tomorrow.

Gwen (Firman) Bliss - March 24, 2020 at 10:17 PM

JB

So sorry Scott and family. Your wife sounds like a wonderful woman I would have loved to meet her. Sending thoughts and prayers to you all.

Joan Bailey - March 24, 2020 at 11:49 PM

GB

“ My cousin Sandy was such a bright, shining, cheerful woman. She was always full of joy and smiles and when she laughed, she didn't hold back. When she saw you coming, she welcomed you with the sweetest, exuberant HUG that just made you feel loved all the way down to your toes! My heart aches that she got sick after all the care and work she put into planning that family reunion last year. Scott, would you please consider letting us help and having another reunion just the way she had planned it in her memory THIS year? It would be so sweet to see the cousins all together again! Love you all and hope to see you after this crisis. Thank You God for Sandy and the legacy of faith she carried on to our generation!

Gwen (Firman) Bliss - March 24, 2020 at 10:14 PM

KN

“ Sandy, along with Scott, Matthew, and Carolyn are among some of the nicest and most sincere friends that I have from my days in Charlotte. When I first met them, Matthew was only in 1st grade. He was a Cub Scout with a silent desire to learn and progress through the Scouting program. If it were not for both Sandy and Scott, I believe Matthew's dreams of being an Eagle Scout would have fallen short. Sandy constantly provided me and our entire Scout Family with positive and encouraging guidance and motivation. I will greatly miss you Sandy. God bless you!

Kevin M. Nichols - March 24, 2020 at 04:56 PM

SA

“ Dear Scott and family. I spent many childhood days at the Anderson home. Elaine was in my school class and we shared many experiences at Lawrence Avenue Methodist Church. Sandy fought such a brave battle with illness. And yet every time I saw her she always had something positive to say with a sweet smile. May God hold you and your family in his arms for comfort in the coming difficult days.

Sue Cheney Ayotte

Sue Cheney Ayotte - March 24, 2020 at 02:59 PM

DC

“ I may have only been touched by Sandy's warm heart a few times, but she was a wonderful lady. She will be missed by many. Sending prayers to her family.

DeAnna Clark

DeAnna L Clark - March 24, 2020 at 02:31 PM

CH

“ Sandra was cherished by all in their own special way. I cherished Sandy in lots of ways. One of the ways was when Elaine, Sandy, and I would go to the Saline Antique Show during the summer and fall months. After the show, we would always eat a luncheon. The sisters would get to sharing and laughing so loud! Sometimes they would embarrass me. One Saline luncheon fell on September 15. I got to pay for that luncheon by paying for just my meal. Since 2001, Christmas Eve was always spent at Sandy's. Sandy and Elaine would always exchange the same Victoria Calendar to each other. Again, these Christmas Eve times were a lot of loud laughing times!

Brother-in law Chuck Hansen

Chuck Hansen - March 24, 2020 at 01:01 PM

MN

“ Sandy was such a bright light. She went to bat for her kiddos; especially Matthew and Caroline. She was determined to see that you always got the best; especially when it came to your education. She will continue to make a difference in your lives as her imprint on your heart and soul will have a positive impact on your life throughout your life journey in this world. These next few months will be a difficult journey. your greatest resource will be drawing on the strength from God that she modeled for you and lived out while with you. Joe and I will be praying for you and are looking forward to when we come together as a community to celebrate her life.

Mary Ann Novetske - March 24, 2020 at 12:29 PM

MB

“ Condolences to the family at the loss of this wonderful woman. Sandy will always be remembered for her love and caring ways. Please know that my prayers and thoughts will be with you. Wish I could be there to share the memories in person. God be with you.
Max (Maxine) Burkhardt

Maxine Burkhardt - March 24, 2020 at 12:17 PM

SC

“ Sandy will always be a special memory in my life! We were able to share the adventures of our daughters for years...My love to Scott, Sheila, and the boys....plus all who will miss the sweetness of such a terrific wife, mother, grandma, friend....

Sherri Crandell - March 24, 2020 at 12:15 PM

JA

“ To my cousins and Uncle Scott I am very sorry for your loss. I have many many memories of us all at Grandpa's house in Charlotte when we were kids. I also have fond memories of my mom Aunt Sandy and Shelia making our yearly trip to Frankenmuth and what wonderful fun and laughs we had at the truck stop on the way home. My family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Love Jennifer and Jim

jennifer ansell - March 24, 2020 at 11:52 AM

ED

“ May God comfort you, Scott, and all of Sandy's family in the difficult days, weeks, and months ahead. Though I didn't know Sandy too well, I certainly enjoyed her annual Christmas letters. Thanks to you too, Scott, for the many Demerly family funerals you have attended in the past. If there is a memorial service in the future, I hope that I can attend. God's blessings.

Ed Demerly - March 24, 2020 at 10:02 AM

SC

“ *Scott lit a candle in memory of Sandra Louise McDonald*



Scott - March 24, 2020 at 09:01 AM

CE

“ *Chuck and Elaine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandra Louise McDonald.*



Chuck and Elaine - March 23, 2020 at 07:20 PM

GL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to you all. Scott, we will treasure the memories of Sandy. She had a smile and laugh that was contagious. Carolyn and Matthew, I hope you know how much she loved you. She loved all of her kids and grandkids, but her eyes would shine when she talked about you. You will be in our prayers.*



Dan and Glenda Levandusky

Glenda Levandusky - March 23, 2020 at 04:17 PM

SC

Accept my condolences my dear Carolyn I wish Sandy a safe passage on her path... May we meet again

Scott - March 24, 2020 at 09:00 AM

EH

When I was born, it appeared in the Charlotte Republican Tribune that mom and dad had had twins. The writer was half right-- we were born on the same date. Except he neglected to say we were born five years apart! Yes, I was Sandy's fifth birthday present. Over the years we even sent each other the same birthday cards a few times though we lived in different towns and shopped in different stores. I will miss my sister. I have such wonderful memories of us on road trips antiquing as well as her helping to chaperon my students on our trips to Spain and Mexico. We laughed often even in public until tears rolled down our cheeks and we embarrassed ourselves. Sandy, you are definitely missed and you will always be in my heart.

Elaine Hansen - March 24, 2020 at 12:36 PM

BJ

My condolences to the family. I worked with Sandy at Meadowview at Eaton ISD from 1974 to 1978. She was a blessing to me. Such great love emanated from her. I will always remember her smile, laugh and kindnesses. Rest in Peace, Sandy.

Bonnie Jackson - April 11, 2020 at 05:32 PM