



Sandra L Dillon

August 3, 1948 - June 23, 2024

Sandra L. Dillon peacefully entered the kingdom of God on June 23, 2024, with her husband, four children and sister right by her side in The Villages, Florida.

Sandy was born August 3, 1948, in Austintown, OH to Wilbur and Harriet Jones. She is survived by her husband Kenneth Dillon of The Villages, FL, her older brother Jim Jones of Newark, OH and her younger sister Margie Vollenweider of Valdosta, GA.

Sandy was a mother to four children Mark Dillon (Dreema) of Philadelphia, Brett Dillon (Abby) of Columbus, Allison Young (Matt) of Columbus, and Erin Gurtner (Dan) of Columbus.

She was a proud grandmother to 10 grandchildren Brody and Beckett Dillon; Samuel, Anna, Mara, Joseph Dillon; Oliver and Finnegan Young; Jackson and Lincoln Gurtner.

Sandy graduated from Austintown Fitch High School and was a proud member of the Marching Band and the Warren Junior Military Band. She played the Clarinet and performed in the Flag line. Sandy later attended Youngstown State and was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority where she made lifelong friends.

Sandy has been married to the love of her life, Kenneth Dillon, for the past 53 years. They met each other on the campus of Youngstown State University where they both graduated and moved to Cortland, Ohio where they lived for the next 39 years. Sandy later went on to earn her master's degree in education. In Cortland, Sandy was a charter member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. In The Villages, she further committed to her faith as a member of Hope Lutheran Church for the past 11 years.

Sandy made her mark on the world in many ways. She was a teacher in her professional career at Seaborn Elementary in Mineral Ridge, Newton Falls Elementary and at numerous schools as a substitute teacher for over 25 years. Her life was not defined by work but by her eternal love for her husband, children, and grandchildren. Sandy rarely missed one of her children's sporting events while shuttling kids to the many ballfields around Trumbull and Mahoning County, OH. You could always count on seeing her in the stands cheering and supporting her children in their many athletic pursuits.

Sandy and Ken left Ohio in 2013 to live out their retirement dreams in Florida. Her home in Florida was where she enjoyed a community of new and old friends. She was deeply involved in the Art Guild, Fused Glass Club and Quilt Guild. Until her last day on Earth, Sandy said that her Villages home was her favorite place in the world to be.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, July 19, 2024, 10:30AM at Hope Lutheran Church, 250 Avenida Los Angeles, The Villages, FL 32162, followed by a brief fellowship gathering.

In lieu of flowers, donations are warmly accepted to her grandson's charity called Finn's Fans for the Columbus Buddy Walk. <https://tinyurl.com/FinnYoung>

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **19**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Hope Lutheran Church
250 Avenida Los Angeles
The Villages, FL 32162-3607
(352) 750-2321

Tribute Wall

MT

“ I met Sandy in Warren Ohio 48 years ago and knew her great talent as an artist and with crafts. Here in the Villages so many years later, we golfed, ate great meals, and enjoyed many laughs. It was especially fun working with Sandy on her glass shows and hearing her share her expertise with so many. Barry and I send our love and our prayers to Ken and her family, especially all the grandkids who she loved so much.

Marty Taylor - July 01, 2024 at 04:27 PM

BO

“ Dave and I met Sandy and Ken shortly after moving to Warren, Ohio in 1971. We became very close friends. I had a baby shower for Sandy when she was pregnant with Mark. Unfortunately, she was in the hospital delivering Mark the day of the shower. The shower went on as planned with her sister opening all the gifts. We always had a good laugh about that.

Bobbie Meyers

Bobbie - June 28, 2024 at 11:40 AM

AB

To the Dillon family: Tim and I send our condolences to all of you. May God comfort you and give you peace.

Anita Beaumont

Anita Beaumont - June 29, 2024 at 04:31 PM

LB

My condolences to Sandy's family. We had many good times at Prince of Peace, babysitting club, and Bible study. She had many talents and adored her family.

Lynne Bleier - June 29, 2024 at 07:27 PM

JI

My condolences to Ken and family. Sandy was a wonderful lady. My prayers are with you all.

Jeanine Isaacson - July 05, 2024 at 03:39 PM

DO

I am so sorry for the loss of Sandy, wife/mother and friend. She and I became friends during our years at YSU studying to become teachers. Her husband Ken graduated from Girard High School the year before I did. My husband at the time (Paul) and I had gotten married the same day as you did and ended up living for several years in next-door apartments at Carnegie Arms in McKinley Heights, Niles. We met all your children and you met our two daughters when all six were very young.

My heart goes out to all of you at the death of Sandy.

Diane (Maggs) Oliva

Diane Oliva - July 06, 2024 at 07:50 AM

DN

“ Sandy and I are cousins. Grew up around each other, but in years went separate ways. Always loved her enthusiasm, she made me laugh. I can still hear her calling "Donna Jean" she's the only one who could call me that. Love and Miss her dearly. Now she is with our Lord, happy and pain free. GOD SPEED SANDY

Donna Nezbeth - June 28, 2024 at 10:27 AM