



Sandra Mary Albrecht

March 24, 1948 - June 20, 2022

Sandra (Sandy) Mary Albrecht, of Fort Collins, passed away peacefully June 20, 2022 at the age of 74.

Sandy was born on March 24, 1948 in Marshall, Minnesota to John & Esther Schrunk. Her father died of polio when she was young, and she was later adopted by John (Jack) McLaughlin when her mother remarried. She graduated from Holy Redeemer School in Marshall in 1966 and Sioux Falls School of Practical Nursing in 1968, where she received her LPN license.

In 1970, she met Richard J (Dick) Albrecht and they were married on June 5, 1971 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Marshall, Minnesota. They then moved to Beaumont, Texas for Dick's job where daughters Gretchen and Rachel were born. In 1976, they moved to Fort Collins, Colorado and set down roots where daughters Sarah and Elizabeth were born. When Dick passed away in 1986, Sandy stayed in Fort Collins and raised her 4 daughters herself.

Sandy loved going on walks, gardening, her dogs, spending time with her children and grandchildren, and traveling both with family and to see her family in Minnesota. She also loved her time at Associates in Family Medicine where she worked for almost 20 years. She was a devout Catholic and was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church and John XXIII Catholic Church

throughout her time in Fort Collins.

Sandy's smile and laugh were contagious to all who met her, and she had a heart of gold. Some of Sandy's favorite sayings were "Don't sweat the small stuff", "One day at a time", and "You gotta laugh" – these were phrases she lived by and they have been passed down to her daughters and their families. Sandy was an amazing mother and grandmother who loved to spend time with her grandchildren, always playing with them, reading to them, and supporting their sports & activities.

In more recent years, Sandy's Alzheimer's diagnosis made it harder for her to be with those she loved, but her smile and positive attitude continued to brighten the lives of her family. She enjoyed participating in many of the activities at Brookdale and Lemay Avenue Health & Rehab, and always had a word search book in her hands.

Sandy is survived by daughters Gretchen (Christopher) Goodwin of Aurora, CO, Rachel Peterson of Fort Collins, CO, Sarah (Christopher) Grosboll of Johnstown, CO, and Elizabeth Albrecht of Fort Collins, CO; grandchildren Braden, Connor, Abigail, Mason, Hunter, Lily, and Emma; sister Kathryn (Paul) Blad of Hector, MN; and 8 nieces & nephews and their families. She is preceded in death by her husband Richard (Dick) Albrecht; parents Esther McLaughlin, John (Jack) McLaughlin, and John Schrunk; and siblings John Schrunk, Janet Salhus, Thomas Schrunk, and Kellie Julian.

A rosary service will be held on Monday, June 27 at 6:00 PM at Bohlender Funeral Chapel (121 W. Olive Street, Fort Collins). A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, June 28 at 10:00 AM at Saint John XXIII Catholic Church (1220 University Avenue, Fort Collins), followed by a reception at The Agave Room (149 W. Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins).

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Alzheimer's Association in honor of their mother.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN **27**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Funeral Mass

JUN **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

St. John the XXIII Catholic Church
1220 University Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Sandy's passing. I worked with her at AFM. She always greeted co workers and patients with that huge smile on her face. I never remember seeing her upset or cross. She was a lovely lady. My condolences to you all.*

Pam Harrold

Pam Harrold - June 28, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Garden Bench - "Gone yet not forgotten..." was purchased for the family of Sandra Mary Albrecht.*



June 27, 2022 at 10:06 PM

MP

“ *Sandy was such a strong and beautiful person! The faith your mom and dad had it letting me take care of you 4 girls when they would go on trips meant a lot to me (I am sure it helped that my parents were 1/2 a block away, and Pat was right behind if I needed anything!) But she always made me feel like part of the family. I pray she is at peace, sitting with your dad, watching you all with love and waiting patiently for the day she is with all her family again. I pray for all of you that the pain of your loss subsides and leaves you with only wonderful memories of your mom. I wish I could be there for you all, but I am with you in my thoughts and prayers! Much love to you all, Gretchen, Rachel, Sarah and Elizabeth.* ❤️😊🙏



Mimi Stears Parkerson - June 27, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra Mary Albrecht.*



June 27, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra Mary Albrecht.*



June 27, 2022 at 10:25 AM

VJ

“ I worked with Sandy at Associates. She was a good friend and always had a smile on her face. She loved her girls so much.



Virginia Johnson - June 27, 2022 at 08:12 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sandra Mary Albrecht.



June 26, 2022 at 05:08 PM

JS

“ Sandy always energized me with her infectious smile and laugh. My deepest condolences to her family!

janet Stears - June 26, 2022 at 05:00 PM

JS

“ Janet Stears lit a candle in memory of Sandra Mary Albrecht



janet Stears - June 26, 2022 at 04:55 PM

TF

“ *The Nesbitt Family purchased the 72 Nibblers Gift Basket for the family of Sandra Mary Albrecht.*



The Nesbitt Family - June 26, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra Mary Albrecht.*



June 25, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ *Love and prayers to you all. Take comfort in all your precious memories of Sandy. Her lovely traits carry on in each of you.*



Karin Evenson - June 25, 2022 at 10:51 AM

KS

“ *Kris Salhus purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sandra Mary Albrecht.*



Kris Salhus - June 24, 2022 at 07:27 PM

KS

“ *Kris Salhus lit a candle in memory of Sandra Mary Albrecht*



Kris Salhus - June 24, 2022 at 06:39 PM

EB

“ *Erin Blad-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sandra Mary Albrecht*



Erin Blad-Johnson - June 24, 2022 at 04:14 PM

IP

We were part of the “neighborhood” just living down the street. I worked with Dick at the Chamber and thru that we got to know your family. A wonderful experience! Ingrid and Virg Parsons

Ingrid and Virg Parsons - June 28, 2022 at 01:48 PM