



Sandra Kay Freeman

June 23, 1940 - June 26, 2022

Sandra Kay (Bradford) Freeman died peacefully on Sunday, June 26 from a brain aneurysm. She was born on June 23 in Billings, Montana to parents Elmer Bradford and Louise Leathers Bradford. Sandra was raised in Laurel, Montana and graduated from Laurel High School in 1958 after which she moved to Billings and worked at People's Finance and the Vaughn and Ragsdale department store.

The daughter of a railroader, she and her family spent summers fishing and berry picking in Yellowstone National Park. She had a great love of the outdoors and was a life-long wildlife enthusiast. She could spot a buffalo behind a tree from 600 yards!

In August 1960, Sandra married the love of her life, David Freeman, of Glendive, Montana and they began an adventurous, travel-filled life. Sandra came from a small town with big dreams; she lived beyond anything she could have ever imagined.

Over the next several years, Sandra and David lived in Pittsburgh, Washington DC and Denver before moving to Fort Collins and establishing their life-long home in 1967.

The ultimate mom, Sandra exuded a radical and passionate love for her

family; her family included not only her husband and then kids and grandkids but also cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbors, friends, kids' friends and so many more.

For many years Sandra was actively involved with the International Student Association at CSU and welcomed, cared for and eased the transition of newly arrived students and their families. Her house was always open to everyone and people from around the world enjoyed her generosity, hospitality and goodwill. It wasn't uncommon for her Thanksgiving table(s) to seat 25 guests.

Sandra had a wide variety of hobbies and interests. She was an avid rock-hound and made beautiful stone jewelry featuring Montana picture jasper and moss agates. In her "spare time", Sandra gardened, sewed, embroidered and quilted-making blankets galore for all of her grandkids. She loved to read a good mystery but mostly she loved spending time with her family.

Sandra is survived by her husband, David, children: Brent (Renea) Freeman; Bradford (Sonya) Freeman; Arshi (Rob) Nisley; Bryan (Nicole) Freeman; Rebecca (Ryan) Mantz and Rakhshi Rizwani Hamid, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Marlene Bradford. Sandra was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Bradford and sisters Joyce Louise Anderson and Victoria Marlene Allen.

The internment will take place at Grandview Cemetery at 1:30 pm on July 6th with the memorial service following at 3:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church 1005 Stover Street 80524 in Fort Collins. Reverend Cynthia Paquette will officiate. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Joseph's Indian School (saintjosephs@stjo.org) and/or Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains (plannedparenthood.org).

The memorial service will be live streamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/1687830/15800dbfc2>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 6. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery
1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

KA

“ So sorry for your loss. Myself and siblings went to school with you all and have fond memories of your mom.
karla huttenmeyer

karu - July 05, 2022 at 11:24 PM

JZ

“ Joe Zubrenic purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sandra Kay Freeman.



Joe Zubrenic - July 05, 2022 at 04:00 PM

JS

“ Oh David, Bonnie and I were deeply saddened to find out about Sandra's passing. She was an amazing women that we both admired greatly. I remember her chasing a little one in diapers through the middle of a seminar you were holding in your home - and one of my fondest memories was the many times she would look at me and roll her eyes as you began what she felt was a little more than needed detailed explanation of your viewpoint on a topic being discussed. We fondly remember the evening we spent with you two in our Tipi - what a great time we had. We will see you at the Memorial Service - John and Bonnie Stegner

John and Bonnie Stegner - July 03, 2022 at 09:54 AM



Thank you for sharing, John ~ we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

R - July 04, 2022 at 07:19 PM

JK

“ Dear Mr. Freeman,

I believe you were the couple at Olive Garden Saturday the 25th, and we were seated behind you. We are so sorry for your loss and you have been on our minds constantly and prayed for her recovery. She sounds like an amazing woman and our condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely,

*Garth & Jean Korfanta
Fort Collins*

Jean Korfanta - June 29, 2022 at 11:20 PM



Dear Jean and Garth, thank you for your message, thoughts and prayers. How kind of you to reach out.

R - June 30, 2022 at 05:46 PM

JW

Dear David,

With great sorrow, I have come to hear today of the passing of Sandra in late June. My heart goes out to you and your three sons and daughter, a wonderful family. I have many memories of Sandra at gatherings at your home, and of course the many times we traveled as a team during the short courses in the 80s and 90s. Sandra was a very lovely and accomplished person. I hope there will be an opportunity to visit with you in the near future, and will of course attend the Memorial Service on July 6th. With deepest sympathy,

John Wilkins-Wells .

John Wilkins-Wells - July 03, 2022 at 09:55 PM



Thank you, John, for your thoughts; we look forward to seeing you at the service.

R - July 04, 2022 at 07:14 PM



Sandra was one of a kind. She kind of took care of us as graduate students. I remember well drinking her famous sangria at the Freeman household, as she kind of "mothered" Dave's students. I haven't seen her in years, but I remember her kindness to us all.

Robby Laitos.

Robby Laitos - July 05, 2022 at 12:08 AM