



Sandra Lee Hunnicutt

June 13, 1946 - July 2, 2025

Sandra Hunnicutt of Wellington, CO, died July 2nd, 2025. She was 79.

Sandy was born in the summer of 1946 in the San Francisco Bay Area and grew up in Lassen County, CA.

She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing at CSU-Chico and later a master's from Columbia Pacific University.

For most of her adult life, Sandy worked for Santa Clara County's Public Health Department as a Public Health Nurse. A position she took great pride in; she became a supervisor and even the acting-director of the department for a time before retiring in June 1999. Sandy's leadership in Public Health was demonstrated daily as she mentored staff, chaired the Public Relations Committee, wrote grants, developed the first PHN Newsletter, "Univox," established a division-wide Disaster Response Program, and provided many creative in-service education programs, such as "Creative New Ways to Work." She once led a team of PHN volunteers in support of "mutual aid," assisting families during the Northridge Earthquake. She was very much respected and admired by staff throughout the Health Department.

In her spare time, Sandy was an avid gardener, spending time soaking up the sun while tending to her favorite flowers, Irises. She loved going to the beach

and attending musical theater. She was involved with her daughter in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, where she served on the adult Advisory Board of San Jose Assembly #5 for many years, later becoming Mother Advisor and ultimately Grand Deputy for District #32 (SJ#5, Willow Glen #199, and Blossom Valley #147). An advocate at heart, she nurtured the education, empowerment, and leadership of many young women. Later in life, she volunteered as a foster with Bounce Animal Rescue and was an active participant in her community's political environment.

Sandy was known for her caring nature, humor, and sarcastic wit. Quick-thinking, she loved debating, and she wrote prolifically. She was loved by so many good friends, who will miss her dearly.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents, Stephen V. & LaClede Warner, and her brother, Stephen A. Warner of Atwater, CA. She is survived by her daughter, Jessica Warner of Wellington, CO, and her dogs, Annie & Luna.

As requested, her ashes will be spread near a lake in Northern California. A celebration of life will be held later.

In place of flowers, donations may be made to Bounce Animal Rescue (bounceanimalrescue.org) or California Rainbow Girls (gocarainbow.org).

Tribute Wall

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“ Back in the 1970s and 80s when we were both Public Health Nurses in San Jose, Sandy was to whom I would flee for comfort, fun, and spiritual support in trying and good times. I loved her warmth, insight, and unfailing positivity. Our last shared adventure was in early 2017 (I think) to the original Women's March in Wash DC, although we couldn't meet up due to the crowds and distances between us. Jessica, I remember you back in those days as a wonderful and fun child although I haven't seen you since! I hope you are doing ok despite sorely missing your mom. Please take care and let me know if there is anything I can do.

Gayle Miller - July 12, 2025 at 02:00 PM

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Thank you, Gayle. She loved you very much!

Jess Warner - July 16, 2025 at 11:44 AM

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“ I’m so blessed to have many wonderful memories of Sandy. I’ve known her since the late 60’s when we were roommates in nursing school at Chico State (Travis Air Force Base Hospital). She was always friendly to everyone and it wasn’t unusual to entertain airmen in our apartment for dinner. When we had a hard exam it was traditional for Sandy to make chocolate chip cookies—honestly, I’ve never ever had such wonderful cookies!

We really got acquainted after nursing school on the East Coast (Connecticut) when we both found ourselves alone when our husbands were out to sea for months at a time—they were submariners.

You all know that Sandy was an accomplished nurse, involved in the theatre, Rainbow Girls, many things-- but she also had an adventurous side to her. I had the bright idea of sailing on the Long Island Sound in a flimsy 10 foot long boat—I thought I knew how to sail—well we got out so far that we had a horrible time getting back to shore. I still remember the terrified look on Sandy’s face.

Sandy and I had great fun going to antique auctions on Saturday nights to pass the time. We also once went water skiing using a fishing boat to pull us up. I don’t think that Sandy quite got up but she tried. She was always game for an adventure! Sandy was always caring and compassionate.

I remember returning to our little house after being gone for quite a while and waiting on the porch was a tiny Christmas tree stuck in sand with a note that said, “ Welcome home, you’ve been missed.” I am so grateful to have those wonderful memories of Sandy.

Love, Carol (Carol Redeker)

Carol Redeker - July 07, 2025 at 08:06 PM



Thank you, Carol. She loved you very much. I'm so glad you, Steve, and Gail were able to visit her this spring.

Jess Warner - July 16, 2025 at 11:45 AM