



Sandra Ratchford

June 21, 1946 - March 1, 2009

Sandy was a wonderful wife, accomplished homemaker, an excellent mother to five children- Lauri, Crislyn, Robert, James, and Thomas. Grandma to ten: Jennifer, Andrew, Allison, Justin, Jonathon, Joshua, Sara, Emily, Robert, and Christopher.

She was a kind and generous spirit, with many talents: decorating a cake, fixing a wedding dress, mending a broken heart.

How many were warmed by her knitted clothes, and blankets? Comforted by gifts while serving abroad? Enjoyed homemade chocolate houses? Comforted by kind words? Felt her love and wisdom in some way? How many children were born because she spoke to their mothers?

Mom sought always to serve the Lord: all that she did was done in His name. Christ calls us to be servants- she was a servant to everyone she met. She praised God with her life until the end.

Please pray for the causes dear to her heart.

Previous Events

Burial

MAR 5. 12:00 AM (ET)

Melville Cemetery
490 Sweet Hollow Road
Melville, NY 11747

Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra Ratchford*

November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *May you feel God surrounding you at this difficult and sad time. Our prayers are with your family and thanks given to God for Sandra's presence on Earth.*

Sincerely,

Laurie Allard (OBB member)

Laurie Allard - March 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a member of Operation Baby Blanket, I read with great sadness of the loss of your mother. My deepest condolences to the entire family.*

Linda Sperling - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ It's people like Sandi that make the world a much better place. I am an active duty army spouse, and apart of the Operation Baby Blanket. Her generosity for our military makes me so thankful. Sandi was able to touch the lives of families all over the world. That is truly amazing! Not too many people can say they've done that. My prayers are with you.

Jennie Manning

Jennie - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Sandi had a wonderful gift that she shared with so many. May the family be wrapped in beautiful memories and comfort knowing she is at peace in His loving arms. For those of us that only knew her through our group, Operation Baby Blanket, she will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ratchford family.

Karen Williams - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dear Justin and Family:

All of the Licari team wishes to express our heartfelt sympathy at the loss of your grandmother.

Mrs. Licari - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ All of our lives have been enriched by Mrs. Ratchford. For me, on a personal level, she was an endless stream of support. I am one of Jim's high school friends and when my life got very difficult I became very close with Mrs. Ratchford and she made my hardest days that much easier. I will miss her, the world is better because of her.

David Goldberg - March 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Leo & family, I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts & prayers.

Marlene

Marlene Brigantino - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ To my wonderful Brother and your beautiful family.

Your loss is felt 3000 miles away. Sandy was a wonderful woman. We pray you find peace in the wonderful memories you all have. She is resting and smiling down on us now.

Love,

Tom & Linda Martin

Tom & Linda Martin - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I only had the pleasure of meeting you and talking to you one night but I was left with the impression that you were an extraordinary woman. May the lord hold you in his loving arms and may he give you family the strength to get through this difficult time. Rest in eternal peace.

Kayriann Molloy - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Ps. 116:15

Adrienne Kromm - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Dear Dan, Lauri and family, my deepest condolences on the passing of Sandy. She was a remarkable women and will be missed greatly. May you take comfort in knowing she is now with God.

Bob Lindsay - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ My heart goes out to your family during this very difficult time. She will be forever in your hearts.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

With love,

Lisa Lefkowitz

Lisa Lefkowitz - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Leo and family, May you find that our God is a caring god that will see to our needs all of our days, until He calls us home. Sandy will be missed as will her lovely smile, calm disposition and stately presence. Our families condolences on her passing to you and your family. The Payton's

M/M Joseph Payton - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ My Deepest Sympathy to you . You all have a very special angel watching over you . God bless her with the Peace of Christ .

Annmarie

Annmarie - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Dear Lauri and family-

Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your mother. I remember how welcome she always made me feel whenever I visited. Her home was warm and inviting, and I was always happy to be there. I know your warm and loving memories of her will bring comfort in the days ahead, and please know her spirit will always be close by, surrounding you with love and guidance.

Love

Maura O'Hagan Olivo

Maura O'Hagan Olivo - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dear Bobby and Family,

Our hearts cry for you in the loss of your beloved Sandy. We wish we could be with you in the celebration of her life. Know that we will be with you in spirit and in prayer. Cherish the memories of your life together, as we cherish the memories of your visits to Montrose. Our love to you always.

Aunt Rhea and Barbara

Rhea Resh & Barbara Law - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ *Even though we didn't speak very often, Sandy was one of my oldest and dearest friends.*

We were friends since we were both 10 years old. My standing joke was that she introduced me to "all my (2) husbands. She was a very, very dear person and I will miss her. My heart goes out to her entire family.

George-Ann O'Connor - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Sandy was always so supportive of not only her children, but their friends as well. She was always there to help whether it was marching band or another school function. I am sure she will be greatly missed by many. While I am too far away to attend any services, she will most definitely be in my prayers as she safely returns home.*

Laina Longarelli - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We only met Ms. Sandra once but she was a very fine lady. You and you're families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jonathan and Cristy Goodwin - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Lauri,Danny and Family:

*I am very sorry for your loss, may God be with you during this time.
Carol*

Carol Fitzsimons - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Leo and family,

May God's presence and power be felt in this time of loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Pastor Brian Garver - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ To Leo and Family How greatful I am to have meet Sandy she was warm and welcoming to me. I sewed marching band flags with her and she was so determined to make each one the best. We had fun talking and laughing together I loved her, she is very special and will always be remembered. You will always be in my prayers God Bless You...

pat tully - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ *To Lauri, Danny & Family, and the Ratchford Family*

We are so very sorry for your loss of your Mom. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless your Mom and your Family.

Dina, Frank & David Vigorito - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Praying for God's comfort for all your family. Special memories of Sandy and Leo's friendship over the years.*

Pastor Bud and Peggy Smith - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *To my dearest friend Crislyn and family,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you as always. I am so thankful that Mom is now at peace.

Love, Tracy

Tracy - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Sandy is in our prayers.*

Ronald Ratchford - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this sorrowful time. We are here if you need anything! With our deepest sympathy.

Eva, Matt, Matthew & Nicole DiPietro

Eva and Matt DiPietro & Family - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dearest Family,

It is with deep sadness and pain in our hearts that we cannot be with you at this time of tragic loss for you. It is a loss for us too. Although we always want to ask why, we can only accept God's plan. May cherished memories sustain all of you in the coming days, months, and years. Know that we will be with you in spirit and our prayers are for strength and courage to stand strong for each other through this ordeal. Peace, love, and gentle hugs.....

Dan and Carolyn

Dan and Carolyn Herne Stone - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ You were an enormous influence on my teenage years. I know that your love of Christ will live on forever in those you touched with your love and grace.

Nicole Liegey Noakes - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ It is with a very heavy heart that we offer our thoughts and prayers to Leo and his family. While this time is very sad for those that Sandy has left behind, there is some comfort in knowing that she is with God now. Rest in peace.

John and Denise Zazula - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM