



Sandra Gersbach

July 1, 1942 - May 5, 2016

Sandra S. Gersbach, age 73, of Rensselaer, Indiana and formerly of Hamilton, Ohio, passed away Thursday, May 5, 2016, at I.U. Health University Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. She was born on July 1, 1942, in Hamilton, Ohio, to Lawrence and Thelma (Kroeger) Gersbach. Sandy graduated from Notre Dame High School of Hamilton with the Class of 1960, and went on to graduate from the University of Dayton in 1965. Sandy was a teacher and had retired from the Rensselaer School Corporation in 2012. She previously taught at St. Augustine Catholic School in Rensselaer and St. Victor's in Calumet Park, Illinois. She was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church of Rensselaer. Sandy enjoyed the time she spent volunteering for Hospice and CASA, reading, cross stitching and bird watching. Her favorite activity was time spent with family and friends. Surviving are her loving siblings, Annie Gersbach, Linda Gersbach and Larry (Nancy) Gersbach all of Hamilton, Ohio and her seven nieces and nephews, Michele Cooper, Kristie Hagg, Joey Flowers, Andy Gersbach, Lauren Gersbach, Elizabeth Manford, and Emily Clark. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mary Beth Gersbach-Schuder.

Friends may call at the Chapel on the campus of St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer on Sunday, May 15, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.CDT. Memorial services for Sandy will be held at 3:00 p.m. CDT on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the St. Joseph's College Chapel with Father Rick Nagel officiating. Memorials may be made to the St. Augustine Catholic School, 318 N. McKinley Ave.

Rensselaer, IN 47978.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Saint Joseph College Chapel
2500 South Hwy 231
Rensselaer, IN

Celebration of Life

MAY 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Tim & Linda Shide lit a candle in memory of Sandra Gersbach*



Tim & Linda Shide - May 16, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ *Oh dear Sandy! We will miss you and your laughter. You were always so much fun to be around and you made our days brighter whenever you were around. Rest in Peace. We love you and we will see you again in Paradise.*

Angela Sargent - May 15, 2016 at 05:54 AM

RH

“ *Rich & Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of Sandra Gersbach*



Rich & Dale Huhn - May 12, 2016 at 01:12 PM

DH

“ *Sandy I miss you already my dear friend. I will remember the first day I joined the Tops group, you welcomed me with opened arms. You taught me a lot over the years, I learned it all from you all the "sassiness." I love you, Sandy. Until we meet again. RIP my friend ♡*

Dale Huhn - May 12, 2016 at 01:10 PM

SM

“ *Sandy Miller lit a candle in memory of Sandra Gersbach*



Sandy Miller - May 10, 2016 at 02:09 PM

LP

“ *You'll be missed. Always a smile on her face. She loved her kids. Our condolences to her family. May she rest in peace.*



Lib and Ron Prohosky - May 10, 2016 at 12:09 PM

AS

“ *Our prayers are with all the Gersbach family. I am remembering all the times we were together growing up. i did not know about the passing of Mary Beth until today. Will keep my cousins in my thoughts.*
Andy and Joan Sabo

Andy Sabo - May 10, 2016 at 11:04 AM

MJ

“ *Sandy was a good friend to me and I will miss her. Sandy helped me when I was going to Hammond and Merrillville and didn't want to drive by myself. We drove around Hammond to figure out where Goldblatt's use to be. Sandy even went with me up north to the cousin lunch. She will be missed by many. Mona*

Mona Jagoda - May 10, 2016 at 08:59 AM

GG

“ I taught with Sandy...she was one of my role models in the earliest years of my teaching career (St. Victor). She taught me to be out of the ordinary and to enjoy the kids. Very sorry to hear that she has passed...she was unique in all the world...RIP Sandy.

George Grenchik - May 09, 2016 at 11:21 PM

DH

“ My condolences to the family. So sorry to hear of Sandy's passing. She was a good cousin and I liked be around her. I always enjoyed talking to her and joking around with her. She will be missed.
Cousin Dave Holmes and family

Dave Holmes - May 09, 2016 at 07:58 PM

JS

“ Sandy was such a great light to all. Family and friends will miss her and and her beautiful warm smile and loving heart. I will take comfort in knowing that she is with the Lord and sharing in the heavenly banquet that he has prepared.Til I see you again love and peace. Your Cousin Joe

Joseph schneider - May 09, 2016 at 01:19 PM



Michele
Cooper

“ So blessed to have called her my Aunt for 47 years!!! She never forgot a birthday, gave me the reading bug, the love of jig-saw puzzles and the love and compassion for animals and so many more things in my life! I will miss her warm hugs, smile and most of all her laugh! We love you so much Sandy and I know you and MB are reunited with Grandma and Grandpa and sharing so many stories. Hug them for me and until we meet again... I love you!!!

Michele Cooper - May 09, 2016 at 11:13 AM

AR

Michelle-I'm so sorry that Sandy is gone. I'm from Lexington and was one of the friends of Mary Beth. Sandy's visits were like a beam of sunshine. If you are up to it, would you mind telling me if Sandy had been ill for a long time and how she died? I hadn't heard from her in quite a while and was just thinking about her the other day, before the sad news came. I am completely certain that she and MB are up there in heaven whooping it up. My heart goes out to you and that whole wonderful family of yours.

*Anne Riffey-Buckner
Lexington VA*

Anne Riffey-Buckner - May 10, 2016 at 11:00 AM

RN

“ *Rose Nesius lit a candle in memory of Sandra Gersbach*



Rose Nesius - May 09, 2016 at 10:44 AM

ST

“ *Steph lit a candle in memory of Sandra Gersbach*



Steph - May 08, 2016 at 08:06 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Sandra Gersbach*



Judy Burvan - May 08, 2016 at 01:26 PM

SW

“ Your be sadly missed frist time I meet you at tops you welcome me in warm arms and also welcome everyone with your joy and warm and your also be in my heart and never forget you I know your looking down at all use we love ya and see you again and with your smile and welcoming use with warm and joy.until we meet again



Stacy waling - May 07, 2016 at 11:33 PM

SU

“ SANDY I will miss you I have joined you and I thank you for all the things you got for me after my brain surgery. I pray and ask that I mean you again

susan - May 07, 2016 at 09:02 PM

MD

“ So sorry to loose such a Great Person. Have known Sandy for years and we sure could change insults with one another. Always a smile on her face. R.I.P. Sandy

Martha Deno - May 07, 2016 at 06:21 PM



“ Sandy you were a bright spot in everyone's day wherever you went. We are going to miss you.

Melissa Widner - May 07, 2016 at 11:22 AM

DO

“ *Doris lit a candle in memory of Sandra Gersbach*



Doris - May 07, 2016 at 09:17 AM

DO

I've known Sandy for years. I first met her when I started working at St. A school about 30 years ago. She was the principal. Our lives have crossed paths many times since then. We worked together at the Rensselaer Adult Learning Center. I found Sandy to always be upbeat and happy, but took important things seriously. I'm sure she will be missed my many - including me.

Doris - May 07, 2016 at 09:47 AM

LS

Ms. Gersh was the best principal and science teacher I could have ever dreamed of for elementary school. I loved her and always respected her. She will be missed. Gersh was one of a kind in the best sense.

Liz Steiner - May 08, 2016 at 12:45 AM

RO

What a woman! What a Joy... to my life and to the lives of so many. That smile and big heart took in everyone and every creature on this earth. Oh, Sandy, you will be so missed but enjoy the heaven you so deserved. God is holding his sides laughing as you are telling your tales. Enjoy, my good friend. Blessings on your family. I hold them in prayer. Love, Rosemarie Moenster

Rosemarie - May 12, 2016 at 02:58 PM

BE

“ *Sandy was a great woman, with a sassy personality that always made you smile. She will be missed.*

Beth - May 07, 2016 at 09:10 AM

AJ

“ Remmeber how she sounded when she was amazed or excited??? Can you imagine how her JOY exploded when she first glimpsed HEAVEN?? Her laugh must have been the thunder that peeled last night. Sandy, you suffered so much this past year... "Free at last..."

Anita Jordan - May 07, 2016 at 07:50 AM

JO

“ We will miss you so very much.



Jovita - May 07, 2016 at 07:40 AM

CP

“ I only knew Sandy for 7 short years but what a joy it was to have her in my life.

We'd get in the car and she would ride along with me to fun places.

The last time we were together Sandy showed me where there were some Blue Heron's nests and this great old barn that she knew I'd love.

I will always remember Sandy's laugh and the joy she spread to all.

I admired how she wanted to help the kids and the sick. Her love of reading was infections and made us want to read more.

Big hugs, my friend, and.....I'll paint that barn for you!

Claudia Pletting - May 07, 2016 at 07:20 AM

JK

“ *Janett Kingman lit a candle in memory of Sandra Gersbach*



Janett Kingman - May 07, 2016 at 06:18 AM

CM

“ *Chris And Sarah Mahnesmith lit a candle in memory of Sandra Gersbach*



Chris and Sarah Mahnesmith - May 06, 2016 at 11:48 PM

PC

“ *Sandy will never believe I am doing this. I have never done face book before.I just want all of you, blood family and extended family, to know how grateful to Sandy for sharing all of you with me through the years. You have been so warm and kind to me,my dog,friends etc. that I brought into your lives. Sandy was a unique person,one of a kind. I do not say good-by to her but hello to her new form, the Gersh Spirit . She was and is a gift to us all.I have cried and then laughed with several of you in the past two days. It still does not seem real and it makes me very sad, but I know we as a group, we will keep the new Gersh Alive for years to come. Love to each of you and thank you Life, for letting us each know Sandy Gersbach.
Patrice Cassil*

patrice cassil - May 06, 2016 at 09:14 PM

LP

“ A special friend when I first started working in the Rensselaer area schools. Sandy had such a big heart and love for children. She also know how to work with students with challenging behaviors or learning problems. Sandy was a friend to Ryan and me. She will be missed.

Lavonne Pelsy - May 06, 2016 at 08:41 PM

PB

“ You will be greatly missed



Penny Bardoczi - May 06, 2016 at 07:50 PM

LN

“ Some of my best memories were 8th grade at St. Victors! we were always happy that we were going to get Miss Gersbach as a teacher! She has always fun, caring and we just loved her class! But however dont make her mad! LOL. You knew she was mad when her face would turn red and then we saw the yardstick! She became best friends with my dear mother and the rest is history! She is family! She followed us to rensselaer and made a mark forever on many peoples heart! I will miss her so so much! She was always there for me. I love you Sandy! you and mom have fun!

lisa Nagel - May 06, 2016 at 07:29 PM

MM

“ *Sandy, I will miss chatting with you.... Rest in peace my friend.....*



Mary Molenaar - May 06, 2016 at 06:03 PM



“ *Sandy you will be deeply missed. RIP Claude and Kim Grow*



Claude-Kim Grow - May 06, 2016 at 05:16 PM

GN

“ *Sandy was the " best of the best"! She gave her whole heart to everything she did and to everyone she knew and loved. We feel truly blessed to have had her in our lives. Her hearty laugh and beautiful smile will forever be remembered! God Bless you Gersh
Love Glenda, Ryan and Jenna Nagel*



Glenda Nagel - May 06, 2016 at 04:31 PM

AG

thank you for your kind words and thoughtfulness from all of us in the Gersbach family

Annie Gersbach - May 08, 2016 at 11:55 AM