



Sandra A. Halstead

March 12, 1944 - January 17, 2026

Sandra A. Halstead, age 81, passed away on January 17, 2026. She was born March 12, 1944, the daughter of William and Emily (Berenda) Halstead.

Sandra was born in Newton Township, Jasper County, Indiana and grew up in Mount Ayr, Indiana. She graduated in 1962 from Mount Ayr School. She earned her master's degree in mathematics with a minor in physics from Indiana State University.

Sandy taught math and physics for two years at Hanover Central High School in Cedar Lake and thirty years at North Newton Jr./Sr. High School. She experienced great joy as students mastered math and physics skills that they previously thought impossible. The pride demonstrated by students learning how to use Ohms Law to solve a Kirchhoff mesh, solve a matrix, solve a quadratic equation, learn to do proof by induction, differentiate a sine function, etc., was a great reward.

Sandy's hobbies included tending to her flower garden, monitoring the bird feeders and birdhouses in her yard. She enjoyed reading and appreciated the services provided by the Jasper County Library. She relaxed by knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, working on crossword puzzles, and writing letters to family and friends living a distance from Rensselaer. Sandy was also a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church.

As the family of cousins grew, she much enjoyed watching the little ones grow into mature, responsible adults. She loved being with them during holidays and birthday celebrations.

Sandy was preceded in death by maternal grandparents Anna (Dudek) and Joseph Berenda, paternal grandparents Emily Deldlee (Ascue) and Chester Halstead, parents Emily (Berenda) and William Halstead, and brother Thomas Halstead.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. A funeral service will be held at 12:00 PM at the chapel with Deacon Joe Van Schapen officiating. Interment at Weston Cemetery, Rensselaer.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church, Sandra Halstead Education Fund, or Dunns Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5626

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

JAN **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EC

“ I really enjoyed Miss Halstead's class and being one of her special students.

Eric Castongia - May 09 at 10:52 PM

BW

“ Bill And Candy Wiseman lit a candle in memory of Sandra A. Halstead



Bill and Candy Wiseman - January 25 at 05:24 PM

LE

“ Lois Evers lit a candle in memory of Sandra A. Halstead



Lois Evers - January 23 at 05:39 AM

ML

“ Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Sandra A. Halstead



Martha Langley - January 22 at 11:13 AM



“ 122 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 21 at 03:29 PM

JW

“ *Sandy was a wonderful neighbor and co-worker at Saint Joseph's College. Our sympathies to her family and friends.*

Jody and Peter Watkins

jody and Peter Watkins - January 21 at 07:56 AM

EB

“ *Sandy was my college roommate and she became my forever best friend. She adopted my family as her own, and we in turn adopted her as ours. My children called her "Aunt Sandy" and she never missed any important day in our lives. My heart is truly broken with her passing, but I know she is with all of her loved ones that have gone before. RIP Dear Sandy. I do plan on seeing you again.* 💔 😊

Ellen Baker - January 20 at 09:29 AM



“ *You were one of my favorite teachers. May you rest in peace.*

Donald Templeton - January 20 at 09:06 AM

DD

“ She was a awesome teacher. She had such beautiful plants. She gave me one. I killed it in a matter of a few weeks. She told me she was never going to give me another one. I told her I was sorry. You will b missed.

Deborah (Koch) Doyle - January 19 at 10:56 PM

SC

“ Ms. Halstead was definitely one of the pillars of North Newton. Looked forward to her class and her wittiness (who can forget silly sauce)! RIP

Sheryl Leach Casey - January 19 at 09:56 PM

TA

“ rip Miss Halstead you were one of my favorite teachers you will be missed by many

tammy - January 19 at 08:40 PM

LY

“ Sandy was a wonderful next door neighbor to my parents, Lyle and Ruth Harrington, many years ago. They thought the world of her. Sandy was truly a special and caring lady.

Lila Yoder - January 19 at 07:18 PM

SZ

“ *I will miss you so much, Sandy.
Her jokes that no one else could get.
Her sharp intelligence.
Her love for animals.
Her fierce independence.
Her love for teaching.*

Your Greenshoes will never forget.

Sarah Zak - January 19 at 06:55 PM