



## Sandra "Sandy" Kaper

July 1, 1941 - July 13, 2021

Sandra "Sandy" Kaper, age 80, of Niles, Michigan, formerly of DeMotte, Indiana was called to her heavenly home on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 after her struggle with a prolonged illness. Her devotion to her family and her strong belief in her Lord, Jesus Christ, supported her throughout her struggle and gave her peace.

Sandy was born July 1, 1941 in Evergreen Park, IL, the daughter of Morris and Nellie (Heitmeyer) Van Swol. She married her first love, Robert Kaper, Sr., who preceded her in death.

Sandy is survived by her three children; Bob, Jr. (Tara) Kaper, Maureen (Mark) Horrell and Michelle (Jeff) Howe. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren: Rachel VanVlyman, Brent Kaper, Diana Robinson, Alexandra Rush, Christopher Howe; 2 step-grandchildren: Matthew Horrell, Sarah Bailey; and blessed with many great-grandchildren. Her greatest joy was just being with her family. She taught us to be brave and grab hold of this life while being thankful to Our God for his plenty.

Sandy enjoyed volunteering at First Reformed Church in DeMotte as well as Buchanan First United Methodist Church. She especially loved helping with vacation bible school and Sunday school. Sandy was a devoted Girl Scout Leader and affected many young women's lives with her stewardship. She loved her travels and being able to share that experience with those around

her.

Sandy will be buried in Holland Cemetery next to her husband in a private ceremony with immediate family. The family gratefully declines flowers and donations but covets your prayers. There will be a Celebration of Sandy's life at a later date. "We will miss sharing our joys and struggles with her until we meet again at the foot of our Savior"-the family.

# Cemetery Details

## **Holland Cemetery**

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ *Sandy was the first person to befriend my husband, Bob, and I. She enjoyed sharing all the best places to go and dining suggestions. We took her on a trip from Spokane WA through Glacier MT and Waterton CA. Best traveling companion we've ever had. She was a truly generous and loving friend and we miss her.*



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**Robin Oos** - November 02, 2021 at 07:46 PM

LN

“ *Mrs. Kaper. Where do I begin? So many warm memories of growing up next to the Kapers. Of course, Mrs. Kaper kept a close eye on the shenanigans Michelle and I would stir up! What do you expect from kids who were told to play outside all day, every day????*

*Her laugh, her baking, her love of the pond/nature, her "will do" response when my mom asked me to call (987-3313) to borrow a cup of sugar, her love of Girl Scouts, her sarcasm, love of God, her knitting (I have 2 blankets she knitted!), her resting on Sundays, her beautiful hair, her toughness when life threw a few punches...gosh I could go on and on. To have her as a neighbor was a true blessing.*

*She lived a full life and I know she will be terribly missed by her children along with all their off spring. Sandy, what a life well done!*

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**Laura Hardy Noel** - July 18, 2021 at 05:02 PM

JG

“Sandy was our neighbor for many years. She and Bob were very gracious to allow our kids to have access to their pond so they could swim and fish, thus creating many great childhood memories for our boys. I always respected her as a grand lady. To my friends, Tara, and Bob, and the rest of the family, I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Jackie Getz** - July 17, 2021 at 02:27 PM

BS

“Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other is gold.”

We shared so many memories of our years in Girl Scouts.  
Barbara Shelhart-Ash

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**Barbar shelhart-Ash** - July 15, 2021 at 01:37 PM

PS

“We had a pinochle group of six couples, we met once a month. We'd play (none of us were experts), talk & laugh a lot. Then we'd eat, coffee, sandwiches, salads, & of course, something sweet. Such good memories!

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**Pat Seegers** - July 14, 2021 at 07:23 PM

SS

Sandy was my cousin from the Heitmeyer side of the family. Please keep me informed of the memorial service. I will pass this information on to the few remaining family members. So sorry for everyone's loss.  
Sofia Grace Heitmeyer-Studer.  
sofiastuder@comcast.net

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**Sofia studer** - July 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM

LO

*Fond memories of Sandy and Bob. They were very gracious to all who knew them. She was my girls league leader as well bringing fun and leadership to our group. Sending our prayers for the family for the loss of a wonderful mom, grandma and grandpa. Also a friend to all who knew her. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God give you peace as you mourn a wonderful lady. Ken & Lois DeYoung*

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**lois** - July 17, 2021 at 08:25 PM

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“ Susie lit a candle in memory of Sandra  
"Sandy" Kaper



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**Susie** - July 14, 2021 at 06:56 PM

KP

“ Sandy was our Girls' League leader when I was in high school.  
Such a nice person and good memories of those days!!

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**Kathy Boezeman Payton** - July 14, 2021 at 06:17 PM