



Sandra Lovell (Perry) (Holahan)

September 19, 1933 - September 29, 2019

Rochester, NY. Sandy passed away peacefully on September 29, 2019. She was a caring and bright woman; a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

Sandy was born on September 19, 1933. She grew up in New Bedford, MA and summered in Rockport, MA. An avid skier and sailor, she matured into an adventuresome and spirited young woman. Sandy graduated with a BA in Economics from the University of Vermont in 1955, where she participated on the ski team and became fluent in French. A pioneer at the Harvard-Radcliffe Business School, she was one of the first women to complete their business program in 1956. Upon graduation, Sandy worked in retail management in Boston, MA.

Sandy met her first husband and father of her three children, Jay Holahan while skiing in Conway, NH. In 1958, Sandy relocated to Jay's hometown of Rochester, NY, a place she grew to love and where she remained the rest of her life.

Sandy's greatest joys in life were dear friends and family. She loved vacationing in Rockport, MA, and enjoyed sailing in the family's classic wooden sailboat, Fantasy, on Lake Ontario. Her favorite activities included gardening, skiing, tennis, sailing, swimming, and golf. She had a passion for classical music and enjoyed playing the piano. She also volunteered her time at many non-profit organizations and held positions as the President of the Junior League, Chairman of TWIGS, Board Member of Rochester General Association, Chair of Channel 21 Auction, and as a senior mentor at the Small Business Association.

Towards the end of her life, Sandy continued to treat everyone she met with grace and kindness. One of her remaining consistent joys was being able share a meal and conversation with her family and friends. She discovered a new talent for painting and despite her profound memory loss, she maintained her quick wit and sense of humor until the end.

Sandy is survived by her three children, Carolyn (Sam) Holahan Bick, Linda (Chuck) Holahan Sandor, John (Jennifer) Jay Holahan. In addition to her children, she is survived by 9 grandchildren, Louise Bick (Robert Christiansen), Jay Bick, Kaitlin Sandor, Nicole Sandor, Charlie Sandor, Gibson Holahan, Riley Holahan, Maguire Holahan, Beck Holahan; and great-granddaughter, Julie Christiansen. Sandy is predeceased by her husbands, Jay Holahan and George Lovell; her partner, Robert "Bucky" Lawless; and her sister, Gail Davis.

The family would like to thank Sandy's longtime friend and caretaker, Kitty Meier; nurse, Nick and the compassionate staff at Maplewood and Glenmere Nursing Homes.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, November 16, at Christ Episcopal Church, Pittsford. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Rochester General Hospital Association, 1425 Portland Ave., PO Box 197, Rochester, NY 14621 or the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740.

<https://www.whalingmuseum.org/>

Comments



“ Linda, so sorry about your mom's passing. Just knowing about this today for some reason. Bless her heart in heaven. Carolyn

Carolyn Walker - October 11 at 06:18 AM



“ Linda. I am so sorry to hear about your mother. She was an amazing woman. Our prayers are with all your family.
Jim Nelson

Jim Nelson - October 10 at 01:21 PM



“ Our thoughts are with Sandy's family at this time of sorrow. May you find comfort in fond memories of your loved one.
Tracy Schleyer
Goodwill of the Finger Lakes

Tracy Schleyer - October 07 at 10:15 AM



“ Sandy was such a lively, lovely lady who loved my uncle Bucky. She added so much to everyone's life who was lucky enough to know her. I am so sorry for your loss.

Dorothy Roach - October 05 at 12:49 AM



“ Dear Carolyn, Linda, and John,

I can't tell you how sorry I am about your Mom. She was a very special lady - in so many ways. And she was such a dear friend to my Mom. I loved being in her company - so fun, smart, witty, and always genuinely interested in what was going on with others. I consider myself very lucky to have known her - and for so long. Pickwick Drive brings back very fond memories.... Please know that I am thinking of you and hoping that you find peace and comfort during this tough time. Much love to all of you.

Missy (Erbland) Hofmeister

Elizabeth Hofmeister - October 04 at 07:13 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Sandy's passing. She was a great part of our extended family, and I was so proud to be related to her. She was beautiful, intelligent and kind, and she had a wonderful joie de vivre that always brought joy to our family gatherings. I loved seeing her and all of you throughout the years, and I wish you comfort and condolences during this sad period. Love, Candy (Perry) Hall

Candace Hall - October 03 at 11:17 AM



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Carolyn Bick - October 03 at 07:06 AM