



Sandra "Sandie" Morris Duerksen

August 16, 1942 - December 22, 2024

Sandra Morris Duerksen, of Aiken, SC and formerly a long-term resident of Wexford, PA and Granger, IN, passed away peacefully in her home on December 22, 2024. She was 82 years old. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday night for visitation from 5 to 7 o'clock. Celebration of Life Services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Posey Funeral Chapel. The family wishes to invite all those in attendance following the service for refreshments at the Posey Cottage.

Known by her friends and loved ones as "Sandie," she was born August 16, 1942, in Cleveland, OH to Mary Louise (Graitge) and Curtis Benjamin Morris. She and her older sister, Elaine Louise Morris, grew up in Pittsburgh, PA and Fairview Park, OH. In 1964, Sandie graduated from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. It was at Westminster that she made lifelong friends with her Chi Omega sorority sisters and met the love of her life, Dennis Rae Duerksen. The pair married in 1964 and settled into the suburbs of Cleveland, OH where Sandie taught the fourth grade. Shortly after having their children, Bruce and Chrissie, the couple moved to Pittsburgh, PA. After returning to teaching, she was a successful realtor at Prudential Realty for many years.

Throughout her life Sandie was a consummate volunteer in her community. In Pittsburgh she was active in the Junior League, Meals on Wheels and her children's schools. Living in Singapore she volunteered with equine therapy

for disabled youth. In Granger, IN she earned her “Master Gardener” designation and volunteered in her local garden club. In South Carolina she served as President of Carolina Hills Garden Club, President of Aiken Garden Club, President of Aiken’s Garden Friends and President of North Augusta Garden Council. She served as the Third Vice President and the Scholarship Chairperson and Membership Chairperson for the Garden Club of South Carolina. She promoted the scholarship program and loved assisting aspiring students with their higher education.

Arts and crafts were Sandie’s passions. She was an accomplished quilter, knitter and rug hooker. The Caraway Rug School will never be the same without her! She also had a beautiful singing voice and was a member of several choirs throughout her life. She punctuated everything she did with a laugh and a smile that will be missed by so many.

A loving wife, sister, mother and grandmother, Sandie is survived by her husband, Dennis; her son, Bruce Clayton Duerksen and his spouse Denise; her daughter, Christine Duerksen Sant and her spouse, Alexis; her grandchildren, William Dennis Duerksen, Caroline Dee Duerksen, Gretchen Lee Sant and Molly Elizabeth Sant and her sister, Elaine Louise Morris.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the “Sandie Duerksen Scholarship” with the Garden Club of South Carolina. Donations should be addressed to GCSC as following:

Ms. Marian Soule, Treasurer
Attention: “Sandie Duerksen Scholarship”
Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
701 Gervais Street
Suite 150-142
Columbia, SC 29201

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803)
278-1181.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Celebration of Life

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Reception Following the Celebration of Life

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Posey Cottage
107 Sidereal Street
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Sandra "Sandie" Morris Duerksen



Posey Funeral Directors - December 28, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Sandra "Sandie" Morris Duerksen



Posey Funeral Directors - December 26, 2024 at 03:13 PM

MK

What a beautiful and touching pictorial tribute of a beautiful person!

Mary Lou Kuhns - December 26, 2024 at 09:55 PM

MK

Thank you so much for sharing this. I will miss her.

Melissa Hartley, Sindar Kennel - December 27, 2024 at 12:14 AM

AG

So beautiful as was Sandi . It showed her love for life and so many people she touched.

Alice Glaser - December 27, 2024 at 03:21 PM

SN

The tribute was beautiful. It reflected her love and zest for life.

Sheila Sanders Neumab - December 28, 2024 at 12:37 PM

DB

My name is Donna Berger. I have been a member of my garden club, Lady's Island Garden Club for 25 years. I met Sandie through SC garden club meetings in the State. I saw her many times when I was President of my garden club. I have such wonderful memories of Sandie! She had such an amazing personality. She brightened up the room when she entered. Her laugh and smile was unforgettable. She will be deeply missed by all those whose lives she touched.

Donna Berger - December 29, 2024 at 09:21 AM

ID

Sandie was my sister's friend first from their days as roommates at Westminster College. Years later when my husband's job moved us to the Pittsburgh area, I knew what real estate agent to use--Sandie of course. If a long, tiring home search could be a "blast", ours was that. We had so much fun looking at houses, I was sorry when we found "the one." She was "one in a million".

Isabelle Davis - January 01, 2025 at 06:27 PM

CR

“ It was definitely a blessing in my life to know Sandi! Wonderful laugh, the best hugs, and a great smile! She was so good at everything she did! I will treasure the beautiful stitched pieces that she shared with me! Sending prayers for you all. May her memory always be a blessing.

Connie Rule - February 03, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandie" Morris Duerksen.



January 02, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sandra "Sandie" Morris Duerksen.

January 02, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ I will miss your smile and laugh, your friendship, your positive attitude. Rest in peace my friend. We have many memories to share Prayers for you and your family. Anna Sheets

Anna Sheets - December 27, 2024 at 01:45 PM

JT

“ I first met Sandie in 2013 when she joined the Carolina Hills Garden Club in North Augusta. She quickly became my trusted friend and mentor and we shared many, happy memories of our garden club’s activities through the years. Sandie had the unique ability to show off her HUGE personality while being ever the brilliant diplomat at the same time! She freely shared her many skills and talents with her friends and community and encouraged many students to participate in the GCSC scholarship program.

I am very grateful to have known Sandie and learned from such an amazing teacher!

My deepest sympathy and thought and prayers go to Dennis and her family.

Jean E. Timmons



Jean Timmons - December 26, 2024 at 09:36 PM

CS

“ I met Sandie at Caraway Rug School. Her warm personality and bright smile welcomed me each year.
May her family be comforted by her memories and may she rest in peace

Cynthia Jensen Sweeney - December 26, 2024 at 06:54 PM

LW

“ Sandie was my best friend and confidant beginning with our years (1960-1964) in college at Westminster, PA. We were busy now making plans to go to the Caraway Rug School in Sofia, NC, our favorite rug hooking camp. She will be so missed by me and so many other Chi Omega sisters and hooking friends we have made together. We were planning on participating in the French Market at camp with her beautiful handmade items. Of course we were planning on wearing our berets and mustaches and trying to keep a straight face at the same time. Our lifelong friendship with Sandie and Dennie is a treasured relationship that is to be cherished forever. There just are not words to express how much I will miss this amazing woman and how lucky I was to know her and have her in my life for as long as I did. My thoughts and prayers are with her wonderful family and especially Denny, the love of her life at this time and always.
Mizpah, Lee

Leonore Williams - December 26, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandie" Morris Duerksen.



December 24, 2024 at 01:14 PM



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ME

“ Sandie and I met by the swimming pool of our apartment block in Singapore in 1995 and just "clicked" instantly. We spent many happy hours together and when we returned to England, our friendship continued by sharing several wonderful holidays in USA and Europe. Sandie was full of fun and laughter, loved dear Dennis to bits and was so very proud of her family. I shall miss her funny comments on Facebook and send love to Dennis, Bruce and Chrissie.

Mary Earp - December 24, 2024 at 10:23 AM

DH

“ Sandi's laugh was infectious. I had the privilege of knowing her through the Garden Club Of Aiken and Garden Friends. She reached out to everyone. I last saw Sandie when I went to pick up my perishable, she had stored for me after the hurricane because she had no electricity. She was a neighbor and good friend. She will be sorely missed. 😭.

diane rincones hess - December 24, 2024 at 08:41 AM

ES

“ Eric and Diana Santos purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sandra "Sandie" Morris Duerksen.



Eric and Diana Santos - December 23, 2024 at 08:55 PM

JD

“ I have very fond memories of Sandy enjoying the performances at the APA series shows. She was always so enthusiastic and appreciative of the performances. She was a delight to be around and we will miss her dearly.

Jody Duggan - December 23, 2024 at 08:19 PM

HC

“ Hank, Angie, Benjamin and Ryan Cochran purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Sandra "Sandie" Morris Duerksen.



Hank, Angie, Benjamin and Ryan Cochran - December 23, 2024 at 07:42 PM