



Sandra Joan Zimmerman

May 30, 1936 - June 17, 2020

Sandra Joan Zimmerman, passed away comfortably at home with her family at her side on Wednesday, June 17th 2020. She was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in April 2020 and was able to remain at home with family and Suncrest Hospice care.

Sandy was born May 30, 1936 in Des Moines and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1954. She attended Iowa State College and graduated from Drake University in 1958 with an Art degree. While at Iowa State College, Sandy met Glenn Zimmerman and celebrated 62 wonderful years together raising three boys. They enjoyed spending time with family and friends at Lake Panorama, their home in Fort Myers Beach, Florida, and in Iowa. Sandy enjoyed golfing, gardening, her clubs and organizations, along with sharing her love of art with her family. She was a former member of the Polk County Commonwealth Charter Commission and a Past President of the Des Moines Metropolitan League of Women Voters.

She is survived by her loving husband, Glenn of Clive, IA; sons, Jeff of Faribault, MN, Doug (Shannon) of Clive, IA, and Mike (Linnea) of Naperville, IL; grandchildren, Zachary (Madeline), Colton, Maxwell, Grace, Evan, Taylor and Savannah. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Patricia Pigott, and brother, Richard Pigott.

Sandy's family asks that in lieu of flowers or a memorial service that you share a special memory or thought on diamondmemorial.com.

"Remember me as I was", Sandy.

Tribute Wall

BT

“ I am very sorry to hear of Sand’s death. I will always remember her fondly for her kindness, creativity and love of life. Thank you and Glen for being such good friends with Mom and Dad. I will treasure our memories of summer get togethers growing up and as adults in Florida. I am sending love to the family.

Beth Thomason - June 28, 2020 at 12:41 PM

WS

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Aunt Sandy’s passing. She was truly a remarkable woman and ahead of her time. I always admired how intelligent, strong and forward thinking she was. As a child, I always appreciated the fact that she talked to me like an adult and always took time to find out what was going on in my life. She was a very special person and I feel lucky to have had her in my life for so many years. Lots of good memories growing up with all of you... Birthdays, holidays and fun times at your pool. I’m so sorry for your loss and wish you peace and strength during these difficult days. With much love, Wendy

Wendy Stenberg - June 26, 2020 at 09:36 AM

SH

“Sandy had the warmest and most infectious laugh. It was always great fun being around her and the Zimmerman gang. I will always remember the days at Panorama, the pool get-togethers at their home in WDM, and the opportunity to work with Sandy during a few summers prepping Piggot office supplies. Mostly, I will look back fondly at the kind of friendship she and Glenn had with the folks. Thank you for these, and many more, memories Sandy. You are an inspiration to many and will be missed.

My condolences to Glenn and the Zimmerman family.

Scott Hicks

Scott Hicks - June 22, 2020 at 01:34 PM

TW

“Sandy was kind and mischievous, soft spoken but with a wonderful laugh. A talented artist and a terrific cook. What yummy gourmet meals are group had together. Some of our best remembered moments! We remember her as she was. Glenn you and your family are in our thoughts.

Tom and Diann Weinman

Tom and Diann Weinman - June 21, 2020 at 02:48 PM

MH

“What I remember most is Sandy’s big smile and deep laugh when she looked at me straight in the eyes like, “Okay, how are going to react to that?”. She was so cool to have as my best friend’s mom when I was growing up. I have so many great memories of the Zimmermans. Our families had so much fun together.

Marty Hicks - June 21, 2020 at 11:47 AM

LA

“ I was so happy to have a friendship with Sandy. We were both Chi Omegas and we both enjoyed racquetball at West Courts. Our paths crossed often and I am sure they will again someday. If I could send one message I would tell her to say HI to my hubby who passed away on March 17.

Liz Albrecht - June 20, 2020 at 08:13 PM

JS

“ I remember Sandy: I remember gourmet dinners and a ski trip or so. Happy days!!!
Best wishes to Glenn and the boys!

Jane Swanson - June 20, 2020 at 11:14 AM

AL

“ Heaven is much brighter today with Sandy's arrival. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Glenn, and also with your precious family. We loved the years we were neighbors at the Palms. Andy and Jim Lassaux

Andrea Lassaux - June 19, 2020 at 01:05 PM

JM

“ My heart is broken! Love and strength to all the family.

Janet Millis - June 19, 2020 at 09:06 AM

AE

“ To Glenn, Doug, Jeff, Mike and family,
So sorry to hear of your loss with Sandy passing. She was always so kind, fun, caring and supportive of Chris and I back in my “Pigott days.” All great memories of a terrific person and our good times together at work, dinners, parties and celebrations. My thoughts are with all of you.
Alan in Cedar Rapids

Alan Evan-Schwartz - June 18, 2020 at 09:48 PM

TI

Glenn, Doug & family - my thoughts & prayers are with y'all as you mourn the passing and celebrate the life of Sandy. She was truly special and always made it a point to take interest in everyone's life. I have such fond memories of her from back in the Pigott work days as well as more recent times spent with our extended families together at the beach in Ft. Meyers. She will truly be missed and never forgotten by our family. Tim Heide in Austin

Tim - June 18, 2020 at 11:19 PM

DA

Our hearts are sad and we hold you close 💔 in our prayers, Glenn, Jeff, Mike, Doug and grandchildren. We have so many good memories of times shared with Sandy. She and you, Glenn, were always up for something fun and new adventures...biking trips, camping, exploring. Conversations with Sandy were always interesting and enlightening. We know you all will miss her.....a lot. We will too. With love and hugs, Denny and Judy

Denny and Judy Applegate - June 19, 2020 at 08:24 AM

RG

Glenn, Doug, Mike, Jeff & Family....our thoughts are with you in your time of loss. Sandy always had a positive attitude and was very enjoyable to be around. Some of our favorite memories were sharing our annual "Decoy Five" dinners with Glen & Sandy, Kirk & Barb, Denny & Judy and Jim & Pat.....Great Memories.....she will be missed. Rich & Rose

Rich Gardner - June 20, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JF

“ I shall remember Sandy as a dear, dear friend. We went on many bike trips, and played various golf courses together. We thought of each other as a sister. Sandy, I shall sorely miss you. Jane Flagler

Jane Flagler - June 18, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ My Aunt Sandy was an intelligent and lively woman. She was always interested in and willing to discuss a variety of subjects. She had a wonderful knack for choosing gifts always accompanied by a sweet card. At Christmas we would often open our presents from Iowa first because they would always be so much fun!! You will be missed Aunt Sandy---Love to you Uncle Glen! -----Jill Shain

Jill Shain - June 18, 2020 at 09:19 PM

RC

“ Sandy, was a Wonderful Person! I enjoyed being in her company at The Palms! Thoughts and Prayers to you and your family! Paul and Roseann

Roseann Cole - June 18, 2020 at 08:25 PM

SC

“ A bright light has left us. Sandy just sparkled. Whether it was mahjong, cards, or hood gatherings, I loved to be close to her. Sandy was the one who encouraged me to play 18 holes of golf. So today, when I came to the 10th hole, I offered it up to her...and I parred it. Glenn, you are surrounded by neighbors who love you and will be there for you in any way you need us-just please let us. You are all in my thoughts and heart. 💔

Shelly Cook - June 18, 2020 at 08:20 PM

CG

Sandy and Glenn were one of the first couples we met when we moved into our new neighborhood. They were both so welcoming and fun. We will miss Sandy and her zest and joy. May she rest in peace and her memory be a blessing to her family and all who knew her. 🙏❤️🙏

Connie Griffith - June 20, 2020 at 10:38 PM

SM

“ *My favorite memory of Sandy (Glenn, I will throw you in there too!) is an evening they were over for dinner with my parents (Terry and Janet Millis). I was a senior in high school (yes, a few years back) and I was trying to convince my parents to allow me to go on a canoe, camping trip with friends. Sandy said, "oh Janet let her go, you have raised a good kid". :-)* I still have a lovely sculpture she made for my high school graduation.

My deepest condolences. Sandy was a wonderful person to engage with as a young adult. (Glenn, you are pretty good too) Hugs to you all.

Shelley Millis-Wight

Shelley Millis-Wight - June 18, 2020 at 08:04 PM

BD

“ *Sandy was such a sweet talented lady. I got to know her through PEO. I last saw her at the PEO style show at Lake Panorama. Please accept my sympathy. Bette Donahey.*

Bette Donahey - June 18, 2020 at 08:02 PM

DA

“ *Condolences to the Zimmermans and Pigotts and all who are saddened by Sandy's passing. Such a sweet and stylish woman. Peace to all.*

David - June 18, 2020 at 08:00 PM

LA

Such a dear friend. We met in the early 80s as two Chi Omegas! Me from ISU and her from Drake. We played lots of racquetball at Oakmor. I am going to miss her a lot!

Liz Albrecht - June 18, 2020 at 08:31 PM

NA

Sandy will be missed so as such a thoughtful lady with a very special smile! Whenever I see Lillies of the Valley I will think of her love of flowers and be thankful she always shared with me! I will surely miss giving her a wave when walking the trail!Glen we are there for you to hope in any way!

Tom and Nancy Nichols

NancyNichols - June 18, 2020 at 09:03 PM

DG

Sincere condolences to all the Zimms and Piggotts. Special lady.

Darren Giese

Darren Giese - June 18, 2020 at 10:37 PM

LJ

I have enjoyed my association with Sandy and Glenn for many years at the Palms. and once, up in Iowa. I am so very sorry to learn of Sandy's, passing. She was always a fun person to be with. My deepest sympathies to Glenn and his family.

Lois Jorgensen - June 19, 2020 at 03:16 PM



Sandy made everyone in her life feel welcomed and included. I treasured our conversation in the pool at the Palms. The love Sandy and Glenn shared could only be admired. She'll be missed by so many.



Barbara and Paul Hogan

Barbara Hogan - June 20, 2020 at 09:07 PM

JR

From the old days at Kinderhaus to our book club in more recent years, I have such good memories of time spent with Sandy. A great lady and a wonderful friend. Her absence from our book club gatherings will be deeply felt and greatly mourned.

My heartfelt sympathy to all the Zimmerman family.

Judy Lonning Robertson

Judy Robertson - June 21, 2020 at 11:56 AM

DW

Sandy was our wonderful neighbor and together with her husband Glenn make everyone's life more enjoyable. Our condolences go out to Glenn and the Zimmerman family. She will be missed greatly but not forgotten. Kathy and Dave Westhoff.

david westhoff - June 21, 2020 at 12:49 PM

KS

I've known Sandy for many years through book club. I enjoyed her company and her intelligent and thoughtful insights as well as her humor in our discussions. She was a delight to be around. Such a lovely person! She will be greatly missed.

Sending my sympathy to all of Sandy's family.

Karen Skovgard

Karen Skovgard - June 21, 2020 at 08:12 PM

AL

Sandy brought color and light whenever she appeared and I feel blessed to have gotten to know her through our neighborhood gatherings. Her spunk, laugh and shine will be truly missed in our group. Sincere sympathies to Glenn and the family. I hope your great memories will bring you comfort now and always. Glenn, please lean on your neighbors in the tough times. We will all miss her light.

Anna Lampe - June 23, 2020 at 08:47 AM

BB

I was fortunate to grow up in a Des Moines neighborhood in which neighbors felt like family. Sandy was one of the wonderful neighborhood moms. She was always warm and welcoming and genuinely interested in what I was thinking or had to say.

Bill Blakely - June 23, 2020 at 12:06 PM