



Sandra Rowell Sendzik

June 16, 1941 - September 3, 2019

GORHAM — Sandra “Sandi” (Rowell) Sendzik, 78, passed away peacefully at her home on September 3, 2019. Sandra was born on Rowell Mountain in Solon, Maine, on June 16, 1941 to dairy-farming parents Galen and Ruth (Corson) Rowell.

Sandi attended Harmony schools and graduated from Farmington State Teachers College. She made a career as an educator, focusing on special education and early childhood education. She founded special education programs in both MSAD 6 and Scarborough, and was a teacher in special education classrooms in the Gorham and Westbrook school systems over the course of her career. During her family-raising years, “Miss Sandi” operated the Pla-Pen, a home-based preschool, for 15 years.

Being involved in 4-H was a meaningful part of Sandi’s life from the time she was a young woman. Together with her husband Charles (“Skip”), she founded the Merry Makers 4-H Club in Gorham in the early 1970s, an organization that continues to be active today. She was influential in developing young leaders by establishing the Cumberland County 4-H Youth Leadership Club.

Sandi was a loyal member of the United Methodist Church, and along with Skip served in leadership and administrative roles within the church in the ’70s and ’80s.

Family was the most important facet of Sandi’s life. Nothing pleased her more than filling her days with time spent with her husband, four daughters, eight grandchildren and many lifelong friends who became part of her family. Trips to camp, picnics, birthday celebrations and family vacations were a continuous source of joy and celebration to her. She made sure that special friends were welcomed as part of her family, and if anyone was in need, she generously made room in her life to provide a safe haven. Even in her final days, she treasured the time spent with her family and friends, and all of the memories shared helped to comfort her and provide her peace.

Above all, she cherished her marriage of 56 years to Skip, who celebrated their anniversary on August 31 with a renewal of their vows to love each other eternally. The commitment, devotion, sacrifice and service to each other have been a source of inspiration to everyone who has witnessed their love.

Sandi was predeceased by her brother, Richard Rowell. She will be dearly missed by husband Charles (Skip) Sendzik of Gorham, Maine; daughter Michele and her husband

Rich Miller of Windham, Maine; daughter Tami and her husband Scott Baker of Candia, N.H.; daughter Regina and her husband Todd Newcomb of Gray, Maine; daughter Stacey and husband David Sanborn of Standish, Maine; and grandchildren Dylan Lefebvre and Haley Tetreault; Anna, Monica and Haley Landry; Alexandria and Isabella Baker; and Nicholas and Colby Sanborn.

The family would also like to recognize special lifelong friends Marie Chase, Sarah Libby, Barbara MacDonald and their families and many nieces and nephews who were dear to Sandi's heart.

A celebration of her life will be held at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road in Gorham, on Saturday, September 7, at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery on Huston Road in Gorham. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made in Sandi's name by mailing Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road, Gorham ME 04038, or Cumberland County 4-H, 75 Clearwater Drive, Falmouth ME 04105 To express condolences or to participate in Sandi's online tribute please visit www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com

Cemetery

Hillside

Huston Rd.

Gorham, AK, 04038

Events

SEP

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Celebration of Life

01:00PM

Cressey Road United Methodist Church

81 Cressey Rd., Gorham, ME, US, 04038

Comments



“ Sendzik Family,
My sincere condolences in the loss of your beloved Sandi. I met Sandi through my older sister, Mary L. St.Peter. They were best friends in college, possibly roommates. (can't quite remember!) Sandi came to my parents house in East Madison many times and also to my sisters house in Madison after they were both married. I'm pretty sure I met most of the Sendzik children when they were babies! When my sister, Mary, was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 45, Sandi was the first college buddy to come and visit her. It was evident they shared a very special friendship. I have no doubt that Mary's name would have been listed in Sandi's obituary as a "special lifelong friend" were she still alive.
My heart goes out to all of you.
Susie Lagasse
Winslow, ME

Susie Lagasse - September 10 at 09:01 AM



“ Dear Skip and family,
We are so saddened to hear Sandi passed while we've been away. Your love for each other was precious and a wonderful model for the rest of us. Our condolences to you and your family.
With love,
Scott and Lis Sorenson



Lis - September 08 at 08:34 PM



“ Sending love and blessings at this very sad time. I was a classmate with Sandra at Farmington State Teachers College and have wonderful memories of our time together. May your beautiful memories give you peace during this sad time.

With love,
Sandra Tilton McGonagle

Sandra Tilton McGonagle - September 07 at 01:40 PM



“ Michelle and family, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your beautiful mom. Her life sounded amazing, and I wish all who knew and loved her peace and comfort in her memories.

Holly Richio - September 06 at 08:25 AM



“ A beautiful woman inside and out! I have been blessed to know Sandi. My thoughts are with Sandi's family and friends.

Lewana Stendel - September 05 at 05:34 PM



“ Charlie and girls, I am so sorry to read of your family's great loss.

Jean Davis

Jean M. Davis - September 05 at 03:42 PM



“ Sincerely, Gene St. Cyr and Catharine Fox purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sandra Rowell Sendzik.



Sincerely, Gene St. Cyr and Catharine Fox - September 05 at 01:44 PM



“ Dear Stacey and family. I am so sorry to hear off your mother's passing. She seemed like a wonderful lady. My deepest condolences to you all

Vickie Clarke - September 05 at 01:23 PM