



Sandra (Sandi) L Wooldridge

November 16, 1966 - March 17, 2022

Sandra (Sandi) Wooldridge, 55, of West Linn, OR died unexpectedly on Thursday March 17, 2022. An extraordinary daughter, sister, aunt, wife, and friend, Sandi was one of the kindest and most generous people you would ever meet - with her time, encouraging words, and thoughtful gifts. An avid hiker, she relished exploring uncrowded trails, mostly with her "Vestie" but often with other friends as well. Sandi was a talented photographer and we all looked forward to her posts of sunrises and waterfalls, unusual trees and mushrooms, and her favorite Mt. Hood. She loved her family fiercely, her dogs completely, and her truck washed and waxed. Sandi was born in Louisville, KY on November 16th, 1966, but found her way to Atlanta, England, Australia, Florida and finally Oregon through nursing and boating. She even crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a racing sailing yacht.

She is survived by her husband, Patrick Leonard, mother and stepfather Dianne Wooldridge and Dave Ballard, sisters Christina Elpers (Vince) and Theresa Wooldridge (Andrew Holbrook), step-siblings Vicky Shipley (Shane), Steve Ballard (Kathleen) and Julie Calagno (Mike), nephews and nieces Jackson, Joe, Mason, Thomas, Grace, Daniel, Michael, Anthony, Annabelle, and Blake, and a large family of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Sandi was preceded in death by her grandparents, her father, and her sweet black pug, Buddy.

Two separate Celebrations of Life will take place. The first one at Hillside Chapel in Oregon City, OR on April 5, 2022, at 1:30pm, and the second one in Louisville, KY (at a later date).

If you wish to honor Sandi's memory, please consider a donation to Pacific Pug Rescue, Portland, OR, or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life with Reception

APR 5. 1:30 PM (PT)

Hillside Chapel
1306 7th Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
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<https://www.hillsidechapelnh.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Hillside Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Sandra (Sandi) L Wooldridge*



Hillside Chapel - March 30, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Sandra (Sandi) L Wooldridge*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *The sea we crossed together with Sandi may keep us apart from you all today but the sea also brought us back together here by Southampton Water. I think she had a little chuckle at our attempts to beat the on shore breeze. Rest in peace beautiful Sandi.*



Katie Watts - April 05, 2022 at 12:16 PM

TS

“ Sometimes in life, if you're really, really lucky, you'll meet someone very special; someone like Sandi.

This happened in the spring/summer of 2004 when we were working in the US and when we first met Sandi. We were a crew of 4 Brits: The Skipper Rachel, the crew, Katie and Chris and me, Trish the First Mate. Sandi and her cousin Tara joined us for a trip and boy did we have some fun. From the moment Sandi stepped onboard we knew she was so very special: it was impossible not to fall in love with her infectious personality.

It was immediately clear that Sandi loved the sea, she loved boats, she loved adventure. She wasn't afraid of hard work and she embraced all the challenges that came with sailing a 67ft yacht.

Sandi saw the best in everyone, her zest for life and adventure was infectious, she was kind of heart, generous of spirit and had a smile and personality that never failed to cheer us up and light up her surroundings.

I remember that when we had finished our trip, Sandi and Tara booked into a hotel and Sandi wouldn't take no for an answer when she invited all four of us to come stay with them to spend just a few more hours together and allow us a little shore time at the end of the trip. Sandi insisted we stay and at one point, I remember us hiding in the bathroom, trying not to make a sound but giggling like children whilst Sandi calmly took delivery of an additional put you up bed from the hotel staff so we would have enough beds to go round.

Later that year, Sandi joined us once again in Newport and signed on as delivery crew to help us with a transatlantic trip to take the boat home to Southampton. We were absolutely thrilled to have her onboard with us, we already knew she was at home on the boat and her skills and background in healthcare were a huge bonus for us on such a long and demanding trip. Even when the weather was at its worst, which it frequently was on that trip, you'd find Sandi on

deck, smiling and laughing and doing her best to cheer everyone up.

When we arrived back in Southampton, after celebrations in the infamous Frog and Frigate pub and a night of dancing on the tables, it was time to say our goodbyes. When we all eventually parted company, it was as firm friends. Over the years, life has taken us all in different directions: I was absolutely thrilled to see Sandi and Pat at Katie and Martin's wedding and spend more precious time with her. I deeply regret that I didn't see her after that but, I am so very grateful that we all managed to catch up albeit on screen via Zoom last year during one of the lockdowns.

I always think the measure of true friendship is not in how much time you spend together but rather, that you can spend years apart and when you finally do see each other or catch up, it's like you were never gone; like you were just in the other room and you've popped back in to pick up where you left off. This is how it was with Sandi. I kept in touch with her on Facebook and loved hearing about and seeing photos of her trips: Sandi in a canoe, Sandi on skies, Sandi on a boat, Sandi walking in the mountains, Sandi with Buddy and Pat.

Sunsets, sunrises, nature and friends, that was Sandi.

I am so very sorry I cannot be with you all to celebrate the life of a very special lady but Katie, Martin, Chris, Rach and I will always remember her and join you from the shores of Southampton water to pay our respects.

Rest in peace beautiful lady, know that your smile will live with me forever ❤️

Trish Shaw - April 04, 2022 at 01:47 PM

TS

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Trish Shaw - April 04, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *I had the privilege to know Sandi from work at Kaiser Sunnyside. She made me laugh, every day! I so enjoyed working with her. I knew it was going to be a good day when she was scheduled to work. I was so happy to see her and Luzi hiking and enjoying nature. Her advocacy of helping Luzi during a rough time was inspiring. I will never forget her. Last time I saw her, Randall and I (my spouse) thought she had a 'glow' about her, she looked angelic and beautiful, like her soul.*

John Sanders - April 03, 2022 at 09:10 PM

KW

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Katie Watts - April 03, 2022 at 05:19 AM

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Katie Watts - April 03, 2022 at 02:57 AM

KW

“ Meeting Sandi was one of the best things that happened to our crew as we made our way up the east coast of the USA during spring - summer 2004. Sandi lit up the 67ft steel sailing yacht and our lives with her heavenly accent and zest for life. We met so many people that year as we took on board different crew to help deliver the yacht from one seaside town to the next but it was Sandi who came to my wedding three years later. She touched Martin and my life like no other.

After Sandi's 1st trip with Captain Rachel, First Mate Trish, Chris and I she was ready for so much more. She loved being on the sea and was so at home there. Having her onboard as my cabin buddy for our transatlantic crossing home from Newport to Southampton was meant to be. It cemented our relationship and her presence enriched everyone's experience. We had such a ball! And at the end of Southampton Water she met Martin who I hadn't seen for 5 months. She said 'he's a keeper girl!' and we danced on the tables of the infamous 'Frog & Frigate' bar, where many a sailor end their transatlantic crossing experience.

Two year's later, Sandi opened up her life to Martin and I as we became house guests of hers in Ft Lauderdale. We were there to run a 52ft race yacht. She delighted in showing us her neighborhood all lit up with Christmas lights. She helped us settle into our new life in Florida and jumped at the chance to help deliver the yacht to Key West. She was so comfortable and confident at the helm. She kept us sane amidst the stress of running the racing machine and celebrated with us when we got engaged. It was just wonderful to then have her with us for our special day her in England a year later where we met Pat and we've been plotting ever since how to get over to Oregon to see them both. Life, babies and careers got in the way and for that I'm deeply sad. Her memories shared on social media have kept us going over the years, lighting up and standing out from the general ramblings from others. We exchanged messages and had a wonderful virtual catch up online during the recent lockdown. It breaks my heart not to be with you all on Tuesday to say farewell to Sandi. Martin and I, Rachel, Trish and Chris will say our goodbyes from here in the UK.

Those that can will be at the shores of Southampton Water at 1pm on 5th.

Katie Watts - April 03, 2022 at 02:52 AM



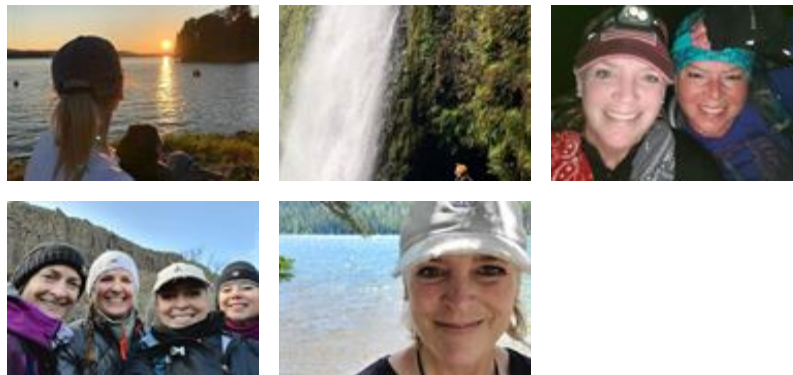
“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Sandra (Sandi) L Wooldridge.*



April 02, 2022 at 07:46 PM



“ *78 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Hillside Chapel - March 30, 2022 at 02:59 PM

LH

“ *Sandi was one of a kind. We laughed hard every time we were together. We walked our dogs and other people’s dogs- because each pup we met along the way was special.*

Sandi and I hiked so many trails... Mt. Hood was one of favorites. We did some CRAZY hikes and together we were fearless.

My BFF, hiking buddy , Vestie, chosen sister and challenger... I will miss your spirit for ever!

Luz Hedmann - March 29, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sandra (Sandi) L Wooldridge.*



March 29, 2022 at 12:42 PM

KA

“ *I cant believe Sandi is gone! She has always been full of life and adventure...
Our memories will live forever...*

katie - March 28, 2022 at 06:33 PM