



Sandy

June 12, 1937 - May 17, 2011

Sandra Rita Minor, beloved wife, mother, aunt, niece, cousin, sister and friend.

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Sandy passed away peacefully Tuesday afternoon at her home in Beavercreek with her loving husband by her side. She lived her life to the fullest despite unfortunate health problems with which she always dealt gracefully.

Sandy was born and raised in Tampa, Florida to Simon and Angela Fernandez. She was their only child. As a kid she enjoyed roller skating up and down the sidewalk in front of her home in Palmetto Beach, playing clarinet in her high school marching band, and going to events at the Centro Asturiano, a social club created by and for immigrants of Spanish descent, specifically from the province of Asturias in Northern Spain. She was tremendously proud of her Spanish heritage and was passionate in conveying as much knowledge and pride of “all things Spanish” to subsequent generations.

After high school she studied to be a teacher at the University of Tampa. At the urging of her mother, she finished her degree in three years and graduated in 1958. She landed her first teaching job at Lois Elementary in

Tampa. She had the heart of a teacher, and never missed an opportunity to teach her kids or grandkids.

In 1961 she married Lawrence Arlen Minor, a handsome and charming Army pilot who she met on a blind date. Larry was the oldest of six kids, and Sandy quickly became a sister and even mother-figure to the younger siblings. Sandy continued to teach for a couple of years until the arrival of their first child. Since that time, Sandy worked hard as a mom, wife and homemaker. Larry's career in the military kept her on her toes, establishing a new home in a different state every four years or so. In the 1980's, when the kids were in their teens, she and Larry Sr. owned and operated a small furniture manufacturing company in Sacramento, California. In 1992, the Minors relocated to Beavercreek, Oregon to establish a "Homestead" on 27 acres they had purchased some twenty years prior. Despite the fact that her heart strings remained firmly attached to Tampa, she considered Beavercreek her home.

Sandy enjoyed warm sunny days when she could mess around in her garden for as many hours as her health would allow. She was deliberate about making time to spend with her kids and grandkids. She was the driving force behind "Camp Minor", a yearly three-day camping event filled with fun activities for her and Larry to do with the six youngest grandkids. Since 2001 Sandy and Larry had been very involved in the 79er's chapter of the Good Sam RV club. She shared many laughs and good times with their special friends and fellow RV enthusiasts. The 79er's brought a lot of happiness and joviality to her life, even when she wasn't feeling top notch. People will remember Sandy for her smile and cheerful disposition, which she managed to share gracefully regardless of how she felt physically.

July 7, 2011 would have been Larry and Sandy's 50th wedding anniversary. Despite her absence, the celebration has not been cancelled. Friends and

family will still gather to honor the marriage that impacted so many lives. The proof of her legacy is found in the strength of her family. She is survived by her husband, Larry Minor Sr.; daughter Rebeca Gallegos and son-in-law Eddie Gallegos; son Larry Minor Jr. and daughter-in-law Tina Bialas; son Mitch Minor; daughter Rachel Kleser and son-in-law Dan Kleser; and son David Minor. She also leaves behind ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, including one born today, May 19, 2011. In addition to her descendents, she will be deeply missed by her brothers and sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews, as well as numerous long-time friends.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sandy*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Happy Mother's Day, Mom. I have missed you terribly on this special day. I look forward to the day we will meet again in Heaven. Abrazos. Tu hija, Raquel.*

Rachel - May 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Sandy's family. She was a good daughter, mother, grandmother and friend. We will miss her smile! Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Con mucho cariño para la familia de Sandy. Un ser humano maravilloso.

Mini & Jeff Estrada - July 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Happy Birthday, Mom! Thinking of you and missing you everyday.*

With love,

Rachel

Rachel - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Larry and family,

We have sent a card expressing our sympathy, but wanted to express our condolences here as well. After viewing the online obituary, seeing Sandy's smiling face and reading the many moving testimonials, we can only add that we, too, will miss her as a very dear friend, and someone we were blessed to meet in 1981.

May she rest in eternal peace.

Gail and Jerry

Gail and Jerry Mohlenbrok - June 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Sandy.

June 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Larry,

I am so sorry to learn about Sandy, I can still remember having long conversations with her in Spanish....beautiful smile.

Warmest Regards.

Martha Minor

Martha Minor - June 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ It's been a long time since I've seen Sandy, but I always remember her as being positive, happy and smiling. She loved children, especially hers and her grandchildren as well. She was such a wonderful person. I know how much she will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Kathleen Hagans Jeskey - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *What is a Mother*

A Mother is your bestfriend.

A Mother is an Angel from heaven.

A Mother is always there for you.

A Mother is loved by all who knew them.

Mom

You were loved by many.

You will me missed by all who knew you.Mom you had a huge loving heart.We are proud to be your children grandchirdern and greatchrildern.We know you are in heaven looking down on us thinking I did good for myself and family.

We love you Mom.

Mitch Minor - May 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Mom,

Thank you for teaching me many things. I think one of the most valuable lessons I have learned from you is that we get to choose how we face each and every day.

You always chose kindness, cheerfulness and productivity to carry you through your days. No matter how you felt.

With some help and a few prayers I hope to do the same as my years go by.

You will be missed, but your lessons and spirit will be with us always.

Love you,

Larry Jr.

Larry Minor Jr. - May 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Larry, Words cannot express the sorrow I have for the loss of your wife, Sandy, and Mother of your children. She was, from Day one a special person in my life. You brought her home with you as your wife and we were awestruck by her beauty inside and out. While our memories of Sandy will remain with us here on earth, she will be with our God who will be with her forever. May you find peace in the beauty around you, and strength for the days to come.

Your loving Sister,

Karen

Jerry and Karen Wilce - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ We will miss this very special LADY! Though fragile in health she was a WOMAN of STRENGTH to us all!

Wayne and Mary Swanson - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ A voice from the past.....Larry, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Hugh Dayton

Hugh Dayton - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Sandy thank you for your love to us Minor syblings. You were truly one of us. I hardly remember a time when you were not there. Mom and Dad loved you and thought what a wonderful wife for Larry. You brought so much to our family, more family!

I'll see you in heaven, dear dear sister. love, Kathy

Kathy Kennedy - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ We are so sorry to hear of Sandy's passing. We remember her as a sweetheart, and good friend. Larry, you and all your family are in our prayers. You have our deepest sympathy.

Jim & Sandy Keller - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Larry, I am sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. I am thankful that we were able to have the visit in Dec. 2009. My sincere condolences. Bill McPhersonaagml

Bill McPherson - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ Sandy

Fred & Susan Patterson - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Larry and Family:*

Our hearts go out to you during this time of grief. Always remember that Sandy's bright spirit and her loving and caring heart will be with you always.

John & Patty McCullough

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John & Patty McCullough - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dear Larry and family,*

We are so sorry to hear that sandy passed away. She was a special person to all of us and will always be remembered.

John & Sug Cline

John & Sug Cline - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *My deepest sympathies, Larry. Sandy's life sounds like a symphony.*

Bob Ginn - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ WE HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF SANDY --- THE KODIAK BEAR HUNTING TRIP!!!COCTAILS READY WHEN THE BOYS RETURNED FROM HUNTING ----DUKE THE DOG!---WE HAVE HAD SANDY AND LARRY IN OUR THOUGHTS SO MANY TIMES OVER THE MANY YEARS-----IT BRINGS TEARS TO OUR EYES THAT WE NEVER RECONNECTED. SANDY WAS A SPECIAL PERSON AND WE WILL ALWAYS TREASURE THE TIME WE SPENT WITH HER.

AL and JUTTA ALLISON - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ you will be missed. you were my suegra,and i love you dearly. thank you for being my suegra

eddie gallegos - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Was so sorry to hear of Sandys passing. Please accept my deepest sympathy. She will be missed by all.

Christina Streeper - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Larry,

Sorry for your loss.

I have lost both my parents in the last 5 months and I know it's not easy to adapt.

God bless.

Duane Jeffs

duane jefts - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Gosh Mom, I miss you! I know you don't want dad to be sad. We'll stick together like you always told us to! Chevy Lezelle was born today and you'll have more new grandkids and great grankids to meet. We can't wait to see you again.*

Rebeca Gallegos - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We see Sandy's beautiful smile and send our prayers to Larry and the family.

Hawton and Bob

Bob Dunn & Hawton-Hill - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Larry I am so sorry to hear about the devastating lost of your loving wife. You and your family are in our prayers.

Bill Gottschalk - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Mom, It seems impossible that you are gone. Mere words cannot express my gratitude that God chose you as our mother. You continued to be an example of how to live with style and grace all the way to the end. Thanks for teaching us the importance of family. You are loved and missed tremendously by yours. You don't need to worry about anything anymore. We will stick together and take care of each other. I am already looking forward to the day we see your smile again.

Abrazos y besos,

Rachel

Rachel - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *I MISS you honey but know you are in a better place. If It's crowded up there wear a funny hat so I can recognize you, If not, I'll just follow your glow.*

Larry - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM