



Mrs. Sandra Wetzel LaHouse

June 4, 1945 - November 2, 2015

Mrs. Sandra Wetzel LaHouse, age 70, of Roswell, died November 2, 2015. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Michael Wetzel in 2003. She is survived by her husband, Deacon Edmund LaHouse; daughters, Ann (Brad) Schroeder and Linda (Terry) Howard; sons, John (Lori Leech) Wetzel, Ed (Mary) LaHouse, Jr., Thomas (Anita) LaHouse and William (Lori) LaHouse; sister, Denise (Steve) Perlaky; brother, John (Judy) Ruhling; and 9 grandchildren.

Sandra was a loving mother and wife that dedicated her life to her faith and helping others. As a young woman, she left her mark on the equal rights movement helping to secure equal pay for women in the case of *Wetzel v. Liberty Mutual Co.* which was ultimately decided in the Supreme Court of the United States. The birth of her two grandchildren, Michael and William, brought Sandra immeasurable joy; she and her husband frequently traveled to Jackson, Wyoming to visit them. For many years, Sandra worked closely with Habitat for Humanity. More recently, she devoted her time and energy working with Family Promise and volunteering at North Fulton Community Charities. In 2011, Sandra was interviewed by her son, John Wetzel, for the NPR series Story Corps and can be heard at <http://m.wabe.org/post/lahouse-wetzel>.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, November 6, at 11:00 AM at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Monsignor Dan Stack celebrant.

A reception will immediately follow the Mass in the church social hall. Interment will be in Green Lawn Cemetery. A Vigil will be held at the church on Friday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Family request that in lieu of flowers please make donations in her memory to either St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 535 Rucker Rd., Alpharetta, GA 30004 or the North Fulton Community Charities, 11270 Elkins Rd., Roswell, GA 30076.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Mass

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Sandra Wetzel LaHouse*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

CM

“ ***I just heard of Sandra's passing yesterday from a co worker.*** ”

The first time I met Sandra was when she interviewed me in Bob Patton's office @ The South Terracesshe ONLY asked me 3 questions and I had not handled any claims in the area she was inquiring. I answered no to the first 2 and then on the 3rdI looked at her and answered...NO. She put down her pen and pad...looked at Patton and said she had no more questions. I got an offer the next day and accepted the job w/ Sandra as my Supervisor.

2 weeks into the job and being young and lacking intelligence....I went to her cube late one afternoon.....I stood by her desk and she looked up...." I have a question for you." She put her work aside....."You really didn't have any say in hiring me did you?" She asked....why do you think that? I saidwell, you asked me 3 questions about my experience and I had not handled any cases like the 3 you ask me about.

"Why did you answer no?" I hadn't handled any cases/files like that and I was afraid what the follow up question would be.

She looked at me and smiled.....that's why I hired you. I had everything to do with hiring you.....you gave me an honest answer and that is what I was looking for. I read your resume...I knew you had not handled any cases like that.....I just wanted to see how you would answer the questions.

I cannot tell you how much Sandra taught me over the years....she believed in me and gave me complex files to handle which opened the door for me for future opportunities.

I have always said she could probably write the CGL policy from memory.....and I don't know anyone else that could....

You will be missed...

Charles H. Moore, CPCU, AIC

Charles H Moore - October 26, 2017 at 09:51 AM

TS

“ I am so sad to hear of Sandra's passing. She was my supervisor for many years and I will never forget her. She was an extremely intelligent being, but at the same time very humble, she never made you feel inferior and always found a way to lift you up with simple wisdom and humor. I will always remember her "kiss" approach to a problem, I can still hear her say "Keep It Simple Theresa". Sandra always had a funny story to share and because of her many stories of Willie, I will not get a Jack Russell as much as I want one. When I was having trouble sleeping, she shared a tip that a nice hot shower when I wake in the middle of the night will help you relax and go back to sleep, I do this often now and thankfully think of her. But most importantly Sandra helped me through a most difficult time in my life. When I first lost my father, I grieved inconsolably. Two months later, Sandra became my supervisor and she was a God send. She was compassionate and caring. She listened and shared her faith with me. I planted an amaryllis bulb in honor of my favorite boss, a tradition I learned from her. She was a great lady and I will miss her. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ann, John and Ed. I am so sorry she went home so soon, but we will all see her again one day.

Theresa Stewart - November 11, 2015 at 09:12 PM

DN

“ Dan & Adrenna
Sandy was an inspiration to everyone she touched. We didn't see them often but when we did she and Edd always made us feel like family. Sandy's excitement and love will truly be missed.



Dan & Adrenna Nicholas - November 06, 2015 at 01:46 PM

WS

“ *Wes and Kathy Shiplett purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Sandra Wetzel LaHouse.*



Wes and Kathy Shiplett - November 04, 2015 at 10:04 PM

AR

“ *Dear Ed and family,*

Mary and I were deeply saddened to learn of Sandy's passing and wish to extend our sincere condolences to you and your family. We will always have fond memories of the good times we were able to share with you and Sandy during your visits with Joan and Ed in FL. She was a very special person and will always remain in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,

Art and Mary Raposa

Arthur & Mary Raposa - November 04, 2015 at 06:36 PM

DP

“ Everyone should have a big sister like Sandy. She led the way by example and I always admired her judgment and ability to remain unflappable and get into action under any circumstances. I loved getting her "here she goes again" expression as I relentlessly introduced her as my "older sister" - even if it was true by just 14 months. Sandy was intensely private about her faith. She lived it rather than discussed it. She was generous to all but in the most quiet and humble manner. Sandy was a calm and gracious hostess - all gatherings appeared effortless. And finally, Sandy was the queen of positive - she always saw the best of people and situations. This was the case even as she faced cancer for the second time. Thank you, Sandy, for always being a fabulous role model and a loving sister. I will always love you.
Denise Perlaky

Denise Perlaky - November 04, 2015 at 06:27 PM

BB

“ SHE WILL BE MISSED - CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY.

BARBARA M. BAKER - November 04, 2015 at 12:14 PM

YF

“ Your Terrapin Beer Company Family purchased the *Sentimental Dreams* for the family of Mrs. Sandra Wetzel LaHouse.



Your Terrapin Beer Company Family - November 04, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Wetzel LaHouse.*



November 03, 2015 at 09:03 PM



“ *We are thinking of you as you celebrate Sandy's remarkable life and the memories you shared. We want to express our sympathy and let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy & Steve Gustin*

Gustin Family - November 03, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Wetzel LaHouse.*



November 03, 2015 at 12:24 PM



“ *Sandy was so lovely & greeted me with open arms every time I saw her. She was funny, strong & courageous. She was a great mother & I'm so fortunate to have known her. Sending the Wetzel & LaHouse family love and lifting you up in prayer. Peace be with you, Claire Webber*

Claire Webber - November 03, 2015 at 12:05 PM

EQ

“ Thinking of you with a heavy heart. Sending our prayers and sympathy. You will be missed. Jim & Ellie Quinby

ellie quinby - November 02, 2015 at 10:02 PM

GS

“ We had the best of times with Sandra at our monthly Bunco nights....rolled those dice like a professional.... Will miss you very much....so many years...so many memories...wishing you a "joyous reunion" with loved ones who left before you....rest well. Much love....Gloria

gloria severit - November 02, 2015 at 09:13 PM

MS

I feel a deep personal loss from Sandy's passing. I practically lived at the Ruhling home when we were in high school, and Sandy was like a big sister to me. I can't imagine that someone with such a zest for life is gone. I will always keep her in my heart. I know Sandy is in a good place now. I will pray for those of us who loved her so that we may bear our grief with grace.

Marilyn Sheck - November 03, 2015 at 06:22 AM

CM

So sorry to hear this news. I've always idolized my Aunt Sandy! We will never again meet a more kind and delightful person. She always shared a great story, that always included a fabulous adventure and hearty laugh. I will miss her. Christy Wetzel Modzelewski

christy wetzel modzelewski - November 03, 2015 at 08:07 AM

CM

Sandra was a delightful person with an open heart and a deeply spiritual soul! We will miss her so much at church! She and Ed generously allowed us to stay in their beach house when I was ill with cancer. We send our prayers and desire for peace to Ed and her entire family! Blessings, Carol and John Mallon

Carol Mallon - November 03, 2015 at 09:20 AM