



## Dr. Sandra June (York) Woods

November 15, 1943 - September 21, 2021

Sandra June (York) Woods, age 77, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2021 following a brief illness and a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Sandra was born on November 15, 1943 in Butler, Missouri to James Allen and Betty June (Highley) York. Raised in the same general area, including Amsterdam, Missouri, Sandra graduated as valedictorian from Miami R-1 High School. The family moved to Bolivar, Missouri in 1961 where she continued her education at Southwest Baptist College.

Sandra had a life-long love of learning and a commitment to share that love of learning with her colleagues as well as the students she taught. Sandra received numerous degrees from Southwest Missouri State University including a BS Degree in Special Education, Summa Cum Laude; MS in Education in Remedial Reading; and a Specialist Degree in Elementary Administration with a certification as Director of Special Education. She taught special education from 1974 to 1993 at both Republic R-III School System in Republic, Missouri and Dallas County R-1 School System in Buffalo, Missouri. In 1994, she became the Elementary Administrator and Director of Special Education for Dallas County R-1 and served in this position until her retirement in 2005. In 1999, Sandra reached her life-long goal and earned her Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Sandra also taught at the college level as an adjunct professor at Southwest Baptist University for a number of years.

For many years, Sandra was an active member of the adult choir at First Baptist Church of Bolivar, Missouri and also a member of Kappa Kappa Iota Sorority, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Polk County Library Board, and the Bolivar Community Choir as well as numerous professional organizations. Reading was her favorite spare-time hobby, although each spring she enjoyed ridding her yard of dandelions. Sandra was noted for her breadmaking, an art form that was enjoyed at many family gatherings. She loved to travel and made several visits to Europe and Asia as well as all 50 states, Canada and Mexico.

In her later years, Sandra relocated to Marietta, Georgia to be near her daughter Donna. But she remained a Missouri girl at heart.

Above all was Sandra's love and commitment to her family. She is survived by her daughter Donna and husband Tim Hornbrook of Marietta, Georgia (granddaughters Abbey and Hannah), her son Richard and wife Carrisann of Branson, Missouri (grandchildren Marilyn, James, Clara, and Elisabeth Grace), one sister Linda (York) and husband Wayne York of Marshfield, Missouri, one brother James Allen York II and wife Shirel of Overland Park, Kansas, two aunts, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors and colleagues. She looked forward to reuniting with her beloved dogs Molly and Suzi, who missed their mistress and the many walks they took together.

A graveside service will be held at a later time at Crescent Hill Cemetery in Adrian, Missouri.

"The moving finger writes; and, having writ, moves on; nor all your piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it." -Omar Khayyam-

# Cemetery Details

## **Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory**

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Sandra June (York) Woods*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sandra was in my graduating class. I have wonderful memories of going to school with her. Sending comforting prayers to her family. With love  
Connie (Van Slyke) Gibson*

connie Gibson - October 03, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ *Sandy came into my life 20 years ago when I became her 1st granddaughter Abbey's nanny. Over the years I came to know her as the sweet kind lady that she was, that adored her family. She was well traveled and educated and we had many stimulating conversations over the years. I grew to love her very much as did so many others. She will be greatly missed. RIP sweet Sandy.*

Linda Woodie - September 30, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Joycelyn and Larry McCollester purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Sandra June (York) Woods.*



Joycelyn and Larry McCollester - September 30, 2021 at 05:23 AM

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“Sandy was the very definition of a woman of courage and grace. Intelligent, witty with a bite, and “take no prisoners” strong. She became “my big sister” when I wedged my way into her family by way of adopting her younger sister, Linda as my best friend over 55yrs ago. I can’t even begin to estimate the number of children she, as a teacher has influenced. She was truly amazing. I can only pray for 1/10 of her grace under pressure.

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**Rosemary Cantrell** - September 28, 2021 at 06:43 PM

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*I went to school with Sandy. She was a sweet girl. She had a beautiful voice. We sang in choir together. She will be greatly missed. Praying for her family.*

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**Betty Miller Anderson** - October 05, 2021 at 07:04 PM