



Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala

February 18, 1930 - December 12, 2019

Thelma S. Butala, age 89, fondly known as Sandy, passed away on December 12, 2019. She was preceded in death in 2018 by her husband of 64 years, Edward. Sandy is survived by her two children, Sharon Kurkis (John) of Roswell, GA and John Butala (Mary) of Monroe, CT. Sandy is also survived by her four grandchildren, Dr. Greg Kurkis (Corinne), Caitlin Butala, Tim Butala and Noreen Butala. Sandy also leaves behind her sister-in-law, Josephine Hornung of Dodge City, KS, and Josephine's six children, Brenda, Joyce, Duane, Warren, Kay and Lonnie and their families. She is also survived by extended family and many life-long friends.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Sandy was the only child of the former Anne and John Spites. She graduated from Eastern High School, and completed many college and continuing education courses over her lifetime. She was active in girl scouting as a scout, camp counselor and leader. She met her husband, Ed, in Baltimore, and they had a long and happy life in Linthicum and then Severna Park, Maryland. Sandy had many careers, but her favorites were her roles of wife, mother and grandmother. She did clerical work, and then took many years off to raise a family. She became a special needs school bus driver, realtor, and then a bank teller, before finally retiring to enjoy family time and traveling. She was an accomplished cook and seamstress, and also enjoyed gardening, crafts, bridge and numerous social and church activities. After becoming severely disabled from an accident over 11 years ago, she and Ed moved to Georgia to be closer to family.

Sandy's life will be celebrated with a funeral mass on Thursday, December 19 at 10:30 am, at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church in Roswell, GA. She will be interred with Ed at a future date in Maryland, at the cemetery of Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church in Millersville, Maryland, where Sandy and Ed worshiped for many years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to either church, as follows:

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church, 11330 Woodstock Rd., Roswell, GA 30075

Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church, 1070 Cecil Avenue S., Millersville, MD 21108

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala.*



December 18, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *From, your friends at Theragenics Corporation purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala.*



From, your friends at Theragenics Corporation - December 17, 2019 at 08:33 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala.*



December 16, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala.



December 16, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala.



December 16, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala.



December 15, 2019 at 09:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala.



December 14, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala.*



December 14, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma "Sandy" Butala.*



December 13, 2019 at 10:53 PM