



Sondra Wahlman

August 27, 1937 - November 23, 2018

Sondra Wahlman, daughter of the late Wilbert H. Wahlman and Ruby G. Ogle (Wahlman) Benton was born August 27, 1937 in St. Louis, Missouri. She went home to be with her Lord on Friday, November 23, 2018 at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, Missouri having attained the age of 81 years.

As a young girl Sondra moved to Gerald, Missouri. On October 9, 1954, Sondra was united in marriage to Bernard Vandegriff, Jr. of Belle, Missouri and to this union four children were born: Kevin, Jimmy, Lisa, and Sondra. After the birth of her two sons, Sondra went back to school to complete her education and receive her High School Diploma. Due to Bernard being in the U.S. Navy, the family was transferred to different duty stations, including California.

In 1969, Sondra and the family moved to Iberia, Missouri where they lived for 4 years before moving to Waynesville in 1973. Sondra was a civil service employee for 32 years. She worked 2 years in California, then 30 years at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri before retiring in 1999. After retirement, Sondra moved to Springfield, Missouri. After moving to Springfield, Sondra worked a part time job at an attorney's office for a short period of time.

Sondra was a talented person. She loved music and singing! She played tenor guitar, ukulele, and learned how to play the organ after moving to

Springfield. She was a member of a country western band known as Tom Rose and the Skylighters. She also performed & sang at The Country Club in St. Robert, Missouri.

Sondra was also a creative person. She enjoyed watercolor painting and won several ribbons for her paintings. She made clothing to sell in order to supplement her income. She was an excellent seamstress and she could sew just about anything she put her mind to. During the last few years of her life, she also learned how to crochet.

Sondra enjoyed playing board games and she was the reigning queen of Chinese Checkers! She really enjoyed doing Crossword puzzles, too.

Sondra had made a profession of faith and was baptized, along with her two daughters, by Pastor Mike Prater. They were baptized in the Tavern Creek which is on her mother and stepfather's property in Iberia, Missouri. She was a member of Agape Chapel before becoming a member of Rock of Ages Church in St. Robert, Missouri.

Sondra will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory her four children: Kevin Vandegriff (Susan) of Springfield, MO, Jimmy Vandegriff of Lebanon, MO, Lisa Schulte (Mark) of Springfield, MO and Sondra Vandegriff of Springfield, MO; five grandchildren, Christopher Vandegriff of Greenville, SC, Ruthanna Reardon (Davis) of Athens, GA, Jacque Bogue of Louisville, KY, Master Sergeant Adrian E. Poke of Austin, TX, and Alex Poke of Springfield, MO; two great grandchildren, Adrian Michael Poke and Isaiah Daniel Poke; two sisters, Sherry Plowman and Wanda (Norman) Benedict, and one brother, Steven Benton; a number of nieces and nephews as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Sondra was preceded in death by her younger brother, Greg Benton.

Sondra was a very giving person during her life and even at her passing, she was able to give to others. She decided several years ago to become an organ and tissue donor. Her wishes were honored and fulfilled at the time of her passing.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, November 30, 2018 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Mike Prater officiating. The songs "To Where You Are" and "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban and "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me were played. Burial followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery of Waynesville.

Memorial Contributions in memory of Sondra Wahlman may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Sondra Wahlman*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 30, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ *Sondra Wahlman*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I worked with Sandy for many years at FLW. We had a lot of laughs. I am saddened we did not keep in touch after retirement. Phyllis Copeland*

Phyllis Copeland - November 29, 2018 at 10:39 PM



“ *Leslie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Sondra Wahlman*



Leslie Edwards - November 29, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 29, 2018 at 03:15 PM

DE

My love thoughts and prayers are with you! Our God and your mothers love will carry you through!

Debbie - November 30, 2018 at 08:27 AM

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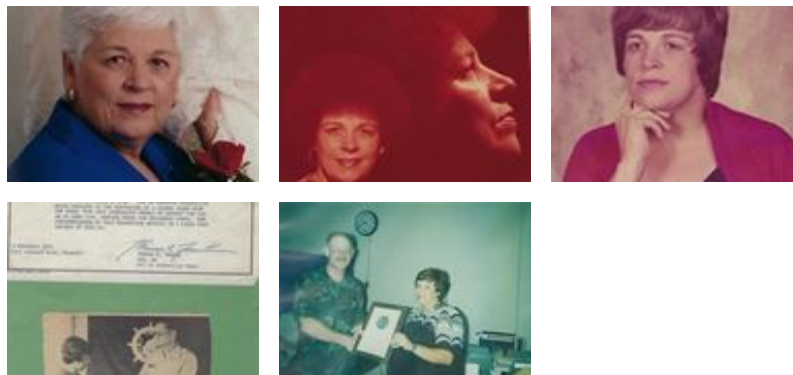
“ *Lisa Schulte lit a candle in memory of Sondra Wahlman*



Lisa Schulte - November 29, 2018 at 11:24 AM



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 29, 2018 at 09:49 AM

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“ Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Sondra Wahlman



Pulaski Camp Gideons - November 28, 2018 at 12:12 AM

MC

“ She did make the best chili ever! I would always ask for the recipe and she never would give it up. 😂

Marcy Cavalier - November 27, 2018 at 08:08 PM

LD

“ Where do I start with the memories I have of Sandy? Met her in 1973 when we were both going through divorces. She helped me through mine. We had such a great time together. She could always make me laugh and we laughed so much. We could sit and talk for hours. She invited me to her house to have cows tongue. I guess it was something she cooked because at the time it was cheap (not anymore). I couldn't eat it. But, she made the best chili my daughter and I have ever tasted. She taught me the secret of making taco meat go farther. She could dance her socks off. And she could touch her toes while sitting on the floor. I thought that was amazing. I never could do that. When she moved to Springfield, we kinda didn't see each other as much and now how I wish we had. Such a strong, loving woman! She will be missed. I'll see you later Sandy!!!!

Linda Daniels - November 26, 2018 at 10:34 PM