



Sonja Sandifer

May 7, 1926 - September 24, 2017

Mrs. Sonja (Lohr) Sandifer was born and raised in Vienna, Austria. She attended a private Catholic school which she paid for herself by working as a seamstress and other jobs. Her hobbies included crocheting, reading, writing and knitting sweaters. Her family was blessed with many gifts of afghans, tablecloths and blankets through the years. The pastime that brought her the greatest joy was being with her family. She treasured every birthday, holiday and any other time she could spend with her children and grandchildren.

Sonja grew up and survived during the Depression and World War II in Vienna and though many memories of that time haunted her, the experience taught her many lessons that she passed down to her children, including her undying faith in God, independence and never, never giving up.

She met the love of her life, William "Sandy" Sandifer in Vienna through a blind date set up by her sister Lori. She had told Sonja her mother had died to get her to come home from work to meet him. Service to the Army separated them for some time, but Sonja came to the states in 1957 and they were together the rest of their lives until Sandy's passing in 1982. Five children were born to them.

Mrs. Sandifer was the first female mail carrier at Fort Leonard Wood and spent many long hours proving she could work as long and as hard as any of

the men.

One thing we cannot forget is her passion for animals. An untold count of strays and dumped animals were brought into her home and loved and cared for the rest of their lives.

The family would like to thank two special friends, Patti Espinoza and husband Ferman. They devoted many hours offering help, love and friendship as she lived alone in later years. Our hearts cannot express our gratitude to them and the Hospice workers who made her final hours so peaceful.

Services were held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, September 29, 2017 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Father John Groner officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" were played. Several family members and friends recalled their wonderful memories of Sonja. Serving as escorts were Bobby Sandifer, Tom Sandifer, Grant Sandifer, Logan Sandifer, Tyler Kline and Ferman Espinoza. Serving as honorary escorts were Sandy and Marlon Sandifer. Burial followed in the Main Post Cemetery of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Sonja Sandifer and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Main Post Cemetery

Ft. Leonard Wood, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 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 Sonja Sandifer*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - October 04, 2017 at 02:52 PM



Selfishly my heart longs for you to be here with me , Momma, but more importantly my spirit can't wait to be there with you. Happy New Year!

Tammy Sandifer - January 01, 2018 at 11:57 AM



Thank you for loving me and supporting me in every ambition I had. I love you forever Mom.

Sandy Sandifer - November 25, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ *Sonja Sandifer*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



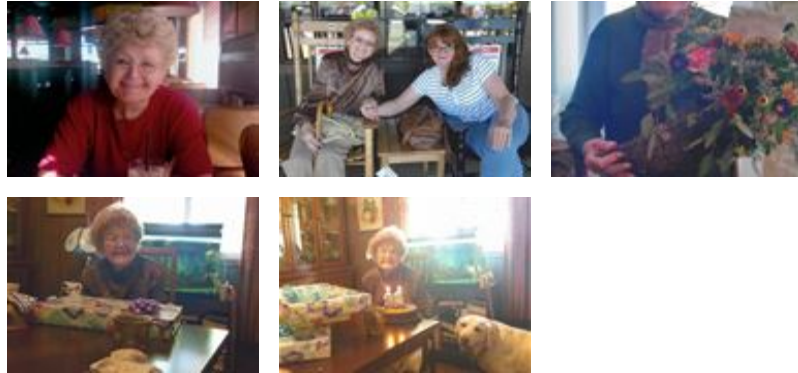
“ *Diana Powell Pennington lit a candle in memory of Sonja Sandifer*



Diana Powell Pennington - February 21, 2019 at 06:40 PM



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 29, 2017 at 08:20 AM



“ *Debby Myers lit a candle in memory of Sonja Sandifer*



Debby Myers - September 28, 2017 at 09:32 PM



“ *Laura Huffman lit a candle in memory of Sonja Sandifer*



Laura Huffman - September 28, 2017 at 12:14 PM

RW

“ *Ronnie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Sonja Sandifer*



ronnie wilson - September 27, 2017 at 02:14 PM

PA

“ *Patti lit a candle in memory of Sonja Sandifer*



Patti - September 26, 2017 at 07:38 PM

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“ *Patti lit a candle in memory of Sonja Sandifer*



Patti - September 26, 2017 at 07:36 PM

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Patti - September 26, 2017 at 07:34 PM

LC

“ *LINDA COLE-SCHONBOK lit a candle in memory of Sonja Sandifer*



LINDA COLE-SCHONBOK - September 26, 2017 at 04:14 PM

LC

Tammy so sorry for the loss of your mother "MUTTER"

linda cole=schonbok - September 26, 2017 at 04:17 PM

CG

Tammy, I am so sorry for your loss. I am sending you and your family lots of hugs and prayers for strength and peace. Love you!!!!- Christy Griffith

Christy Griffith - September 29, 2017 at 01:51 PM