



Sandra Sterk

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Sandra Sterk Obituary In Loving Memory of Sandra "Sandi" Sterk

Sandra "Sandi" Sterk, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, passed away on January 1, 2024, at her home in Tulsa, OK. She was born on September 1, 1942, in Waco, TX, to proud parents Willie Lee Bledsoe and Opal Margaret (Thompson) Bledsoe. Sandi's journey through life was marked by love, resilience, and a spirit of adventure.

As a young child, Sandi's family relocated to Tulsa, where her father found employment with American Airlines after his World War II military service. Sandi attended and graduated from Rogers High School in 1960. Her pursuit of knowledge continued with education at Northeastern Oklahoma State University and the University of Tulsa. She dedicated five years of her professional life to the National Bank of Tulsa.

During the summer of 1961, Sandi's life took a beautiful turn when she met the love of her life, Jim Sterk, while he was on a break from college at OSU. Their love story unfolded with countless dates at the drive-in, and after thirteen heartfelt proposals, they were united in marriage in January of 1967 at The First Methodist Church in Tulsa, OK.

Together, Sandi and Jim embarked on a remarkable journey while Jim served in the United States Air Force, creating a life that spanned various locations, including Oklahoma, Georgia, Alabama, Tinker Air Force Base, Newport, Rhode Island, Germany, Omaha, Nebraska, and Washington DC. In 1991, they retired to Tulsa. During this time Sandi became actively involved in the military support system, embodying her dedication to serving others.

Sandi's love for art, particularly painting, was evident in the beautiful creations she shared with the world. She enjoyed playing golf, staying active with exercise, indulging in sewing, and cherishing her role as a devoted mother. Her passion for others allowed her to reconnect with old friends at various military functions.



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A woman of remarkable independence, Sandi was characterized by her quiet strength, forgiveness, and compassion. Her well hidden, slightly controlling nature was balanced by her love, making her a blessing to everyone fortunate enough to know her. Sandi Sterk was truly loved by all who had the privilege of crossing paths with her.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jim Sterk; son, David and wife, Brenda of Broken Arrow; grandson, Jake Sterk of Broken Arrow; sister-in-law, Sharon Sterk of Tulsa; brother-in-law, Tony Sterk and wife, Linda of Bartlesville; niece, Brenda Witt and her children, Tyler Allred and Derek Witt; nephew, Alex Sterk and wife, Anna, and their children, Graham and Ella Sterk of San Antonio, TX, and Andrew Sterk of Tulsa. Sandi was preceded in death by her sister, Jenny Lynn Bledsoe; and her parents.

A memorial service will be held at Rivercrest Chapel at Bixby-South Tulsa Funeral Service on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Floral Haven Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 5-8:00 PM at Rivercrest Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to www.fillingthevoidoutreach.com

Sandi Sterk will be deeply missed, but her legacy of love, resilience, and kindness will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew her.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Sandra Sterk, please visit our Tree Store.

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Bixby Funeral Service shared a **Video**.



April 22 at 7:27 AM



Tom And Randa Baddley posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Sandra Sterk by Tom and Randa Baddley. Plant a Tree We have been next door neighbors to Jim and Sandy since 1994. They were the first to welcome us to the neighborhood and a friendship started that day. We have prayed for each other through medical events and felt free to ask or offer help to each other. We will miss her sweet smile. Jim and David our prayers go up for the comfort of Gods Holy Spirit in this difficult time Tom and Randa Baddley

April 22 at 7:27 AM



Melinda & Mike Singleton posted:

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Kathy And Jim Peard posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Sandra Sterk by Kathy and Jim Peard. Plant a Tree We met Sandi at Hop Worship Center. She was a joy to see in service. Her smile was infectious - she made you feel welcomed and blessed by her presence. We will miss her. Kathy and Jim Peard

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Anonymous posted:

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Chad And Donna Acklin posted:

We are heartbroken for your loss and you all will remain in our thoughts and prayers!

January 4 at 6:02 PM



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SS

Sharon Sterk posted:

Sandi has been my sister-in-law since January, 1967. But, more importantly, she will forever be my "sister". A true blessing to our family, in so many ways. Always there for everyone; but, never asking for anything in return. Dear Sandi, I will miss you. For all the times I failed to say thank you, THANK YOU! For all the times I left you without a hug, I'm sending along a basketful. I've never told you how much admiration I've had for your strength and endurance through your many challenges, so quietly lived; but, many others have heard so from me. Just one favor, please. Could you keep an eye on Jim's golf game, and give the ball a nudge now and again? Love always, and fly high with your new wings ... until we meet again ❤️ Sharon

January 3 at 3:02 PM

SB

Sharlyn Ban posted:

Oh Miss Sandi we will miss you. Our prayers and condolences to you and your family, especially Mr. Jim your J's Hallmark associates

January 3 at 1:24 PM

TN

Tom & Karen O'neill posted:

The title, Air Force Wife, seems simple, but it comes with sacrifice and demands of being a full partner in the mission of defending the nation. Being a Wing Commander's wife came with even more demanding leadership challenges. Sandi was there for all the families all the time. She raised a family and helped raise the brand new AWACS Wing family. A real hero. I can't imagine anyone leaving this world with more love and respect from all who knew her.

January 3 at 11:20 AM

SO

Sandy Otero posted:

Bert and I had the pleasure to know the Sterks in Germany and Oklahoma. I remember her as a warm, lovely lady. We are both so sorry to hear that she has left the world too soon. Our thoughts are with her family and sending prayers up for them during this difficult time! May she rest in peace 🙏 Sandy and Bert Otero (NJ)

January 3 at 9:18 AM



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JB

Jim And Karen Buchan posted:

Don't forget that Sandi was a very talented artist!

January 3 at 3:12 AM

RG

Roland And Diane Gaasch posted:

Jim So sad to hear of your beloved Sandy passing to her heavenly reward. We share in your loss, and are lifting all up in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless, Roly. & Diane

January 2 at 5:28 PM

AV

Annette Verel posted:

My husband Bob and I met Sandi and Jim the first year David started at OSU. I worked with Sandi's sister-in-law and the three of us made several trips to Stillwater to meet Sandi, Jim and David. We've been friends since then. Sandi and Jim are a very special couple. Her gentleness and kindness radiated to those around her. She will be missed not only by her family and friends but by those lives she has touched. RIP Sandi. You have earned it.

January 2 at 4:13 PM

JH

Jerry And Donna Hedgecock posted:

Sandy was a sweet , wonderful friend. I knew her from church. She had a such a sweet spirit. She loved everyone. She will be missed greatly. We pray for Jim and David to be comforted. We pray it is a comfort to know they will see her again in Heaven. May God bless them. Jerry and Donna

January 2 at 2:08 PM

KS

Kelly Swan posted:

Can't say enough good things about the Sterks. Their entire family is a living legacy of kindness, generosity and selflessness. I'm honored to count them among my closest friends. Love to all -- Jim, Brenda, Dave and Jake.

January 2 at 1:05 PM



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MS

Mike Singleton posted:

Sandi was an introspective woman who loved her family and her friends unconditionally. She will be remembered for her kindness, her soul & for those of you who did not know, her artistry She was phenomenal! She will be missed by everyone who were fortunate enough to know her.

January 2 at 12:37 PM

CB

Chris Buhler posted:

I didn't know Sandi before I started going to church with her and her family. However, I as I started to get to her her a bit, I could tell she was a sweet person...although I just know she had an onery streak inside! She will be missed dearly, but her legacy will remain in the lives that she touched throughout her life.

January 2 at 9:56 AM



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