



## Sandra Marie Barnhart

January 5, 1941 - June 22, 2010

Sandra M. Barnhart, 69 died peacefully on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at Swedish American Hospital. Born on January 5, 1941 in Winchester, IN; daughter of Raymond (Josephine) Barnhart. Graduated from Lee L. Driver High School, in Winchester, IN; attended Indiana University. Moved to the Rockford area in 1975. Married Demetri "Jim" Sawchuk on August 17, 1991. Sandra worked for Swedish American Hospital, Maple Crest Nursing Home and Anam Care. She was active in the Rockford Boys Club. Member of St. James Catholic Church. Sandra was very giving and caring to those in need. Loved and missed by family and special friend Don Kammerer. Predeceased by parents; husband Jim; brothers, Steve and Bill; step-son Victor Sawchuk. Survived by sisters: Terri Logan of Richmond, IN Beverly Rector Indianapolis, IN; sister in law, Mimi Barnhart of Louisville, KY; step children; Katrina Edward of Belvidere, Dominic Sawchuk of Belvidere, Marcus Sawchuk of Indianapolis, IN, Anthony Sawchuk of Loves Park, Teresa Tice of Cherry Valley; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Private Services will be held in Indiana. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, Rockford is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a condolence or share a memory online please visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation Rites will be accorded**

# Tribute Wall



“ Donald (Don) Kammerer lit a candle in memory of Sandra Marie Barnhart



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**Donald (Don) Kammerer** - June 13, 2019 at 03:29 AM



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**Don Kammerer** - March 05, 2019 at 02:08 AM



“ Candle lit by



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**Peter Cohen** - July 28, 2010 at 09:59 AM



“ I'm really sad to hear about Sandy's death. I've known Sandy for many years now and lost track of her after Jim died. Sandy was such a precious person and truly touched my life in so many ways. I was absolutely taken back when I read her obituary and ashamed that I let so much time pass between the two of us before being in contact again. I have wonderful memories of Sandy and will keep them in my heart forever. I am going to miss Sandy and her gentle voice. She never really understood how easy it was for people to love her just for being her. I'm sorry I didn't get to say goodbye Sandy, but I'll see you again in heaven. Cleta

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**Cleta Berryhill** - July 01, 2010 at 06:42 PM



“ I had the good fortune of working with Sandy from 1980-83 at Project Jericho, a program for troubled youth. I was right out of college and Sandy was such a superb mentor. Most of our clients had little in the way of possessions and Sandy probably gave away much more than she earned to help others. She had a tremendous impact on my life.

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**Mark Stodola** - June 30, 2010 at 03:30 PM



“ Sandy was a co-worker at Project Jericho and my neighbor!!! She was the best! I haven't seen her in many years but have thought of her so often! She loved and loved some more...gave and gave some more! There are a lot of kids from Project Jericho and co-workers that loved her right back!

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**Connie Fjeldheim** - June 30, 2010 at 02:52 PM



“ *Sandy was a beautiful person, inside and out. I enjoyed working with her for many years at SwedishAmerican and will always remember her gentle ways and special smile.*

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**Diane Gordon** - June 27, 2010 at 06:18 PM



“ *Candle lit by*



**Donald (Don) Kammerer** - June 25, 2010 at 11:21 PM



“ I dropped Sandy off at Heritage Woods, the assisted living facility she was living at, one night. She asked me if I knew of a place she could buy a pizza and have it delivered for \$5.00. I kind of laughed and said no. I don't know of any place like that. The next day when I went to pick her up she had a small pizza box. It couldn't have been more than 12 by 12 inches. She handed it to me. She said eight nurses. Which I guess she meant eight people had a bite or piece of the pizza. When I opened the box, sure enough, there was a piece for me. Sandra was always glad to share what she had.

Sandy was the type of person that if you asked her for money, and she only had a dollar, she would give you the whole dollar. She'd have a smile on her face because she was glad to help someone. She never held back, thinking about what she would do tomorrow.

Once, when I went going out of town. Sandy was staying at Heritage Woods at the time. So I made arrangements for a friend of ours to take Sandy out to lunch and spend time with her. I had agreed to pick up the tab for the lunch and other expenses.

Before the two went to lunch, Sandy called me to ask if I would give her some money so that she could pay for lunch. Sandy didn't know of the lunch arrangements between our friend and me. I had another friend take Sandy twenty-five dollars. Our lunch friend said Sandy gave her the whole twenty-five to pay for their lunch. Sandy liked to pay her own way.

She didn't ask for much. She just wanted to be, in the group, on the team, and be loved. Even after her stroke, she didn't lose her personality. I guess these are some of the reasons why I loved so much.

Don

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Donald (Don) Kammerer - June 25, 2010 at 10:41 AM



“ *Brandi Alberts sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandra Marie Barnhart*



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**Brandi Alberts** - June 25, 2010 at 01:34 AM



“ *Sandy was a fun person to work with. I can remember her falling backwards in a chair and cracking up. She was loving, kind, and hardworking. I know she is with God now and also with Jim. Her family is in my prayers. Brandi Alberts*

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**Brandi Alberts** - June 25, 2010 at 01:31 AM



“ *With a heavy heart I received the news of Sandy's passing. My intention was to write a line or two, however, Sandy was much more than a line or two in my life. As I thought of her the memories rushed forth. I admired her style, her mystery, and her ability to dance. I remembered our trip to Europe, our vacation to the east coast, our bowling team sponsored by Jo's Shoppe, and many, many fun times. She was a leader and made a place in her life for many of us. When she moved away it definitely left a hole in my world. The years and miles may have taken her from my life, but not from my thoughts or my heart. I am so sorry for our loss. Judy Gulley Osborne*

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**judy osborne** - June 24, 2010 at 03:43 PM



“ *Sandy and I had several great times growing up in and around Winchester. She will always be a warm and loving place in my heart. Hugs to all her family. Betty Jessup*

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**Betty Jessup** - June 24, 2010 at 12:09 PM



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**Betty Jessup** - June 24, 2010 at 12:08 PM