



## Sandra G. Rizzo

November 26, 1960 - November 17, 2017

Sandra Germaine Rizzo, affectionately known as 'Sandy', was born on November 26th, 1960 in Detroit, Michigan to her parents Geraldine (Kasler) and the late Matthew Fleming. She grew up in Roseville with her Mom, Dad and older brother Denny (d. 2003) where she graduated from Carl Brablec in 1978. While in high school, she met and eventually married the love of her life, Mark Rizzo.

Together, over 36 incredible years, they built a life full of happiness and memories. They welcomed 3 lovely daughters, Amy (Jeff) Peterson, Amanda (Dan) Ryan, and Allyson Rizzo and became the proud grandparents of Olivia, Matthew and Daniel.

She married into a family who accepted her with open arms and loved her as their own, including her father and mother-in law, Vincent and Georgina (d. 2014) Rizzo, two sister-in-laws Regina (Michael) Soroka, Teressa (Darin) Farough and many nieces and nephews who love her dearly, Rachel (Jeremy) Bois, Carole (Jeffrey) Enger, Michael Soroka, Zachary, Tristan and Evan Farough. She is also loved by many cousins, friends and extended family.

To try and summarize Sandy in a few short lines is impossible - her life was a quote, a poem and a song - every part of it had meaning and purpose. She lived as fiercely as she loved and to know her meant that your world was a

better and brighter place. Her family and friends were important to her and you were always greeted with a smile and a hug. She never forgot a birthday and always found time to call and catch up, share big news, congratulate you or just say hello.

Although she fought courageously, she lost her battle to cancer on November 17th, 2017 at the young age of 56. She is no longer in pain and is currently spending time with beloved family and making new friends in heaven. Her legacy will live on through her smart, strong, beautiful and independent daughters and her loving husband. We can honor Sandy by sharing stories, smiling more, hugging more and by spreading kindness and joy to those around us.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking you make a donation in Sandy's name to this worthy non -profit that supports people with oral, neck and head cancer. <https://www.spohnc.org/>

Visitation Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. until a 6:00 p.m. Funeral Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mille Rd.) Shelby Twp.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV 21. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

### Funeral Service

NOV 21. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sandra G. Rizzo.*



November 21, 2017 at 09:25 PM



“ *I will miss our lunches. During the holidays Sandy would bring her mom. So I got to know her Mom pretty good. We laugh and cried together. RIP Sandy and know that you are forever in my heart.*  
*Kathy and Vince Ramus*

**Kathy Ramus** - November 21, 2017 at 04:05 PM



*I was missing my freind and tried to reach out to her a couple of times within the last 4 yrs with no connection. I am so sorry for your family's loss. You know how dear your Sandy was to me, one of the most amazing and memorable friends I have ever had. May she Rest In Peace 🙏*

**Donna Pinkerton** - September 16, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy, so sorry for your loss, so very, very sorry. Keep all the wonderful memories alive. Know she is not in pain any longer, RIP Sandy. Love and God Bless!*  
*The Faillas*



**dena** - November 20, 2017 at 10:01 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra G. Rizzo.



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November 20, 2017 at 08:24 PM

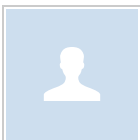


“ My loving sister from another mother!  
You're so beautiful inside and out. xoxo.  
"I love you" is what you always said, never good bye.  
My heart hurts for your beautiful girls, Amy, Amanda, and Ally who you were so very proud of and rightfully so. Together, you and Mark exemplified the meaning of family and extended that love to mine. Anyone who came to you always left happier.  
When the sun goes down the stars come out. I know you'll shine brightly my sweet, lovely friend. The endless memories that live on in those that love you will keep you with us always because the most beautiful things in life are felt by the heart.  
May the angels greet you in paradise.

Love you forever!  
Mary Ann and Jeff Marko and family

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**Mary Ann Marko** - November 20, 2017 at 02:13 PM



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November 20, 2017 at 10:24 AM

BD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Sandy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Barb Dueweke - November 19, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Sandy's passing we had many great times since 6th grade when we meet until we loss touch she had a great smile that made everyone smile. My prayers to the Rizzo family.

Maggie Rollinger - November 19, 2017 at 04:18 PM

MM

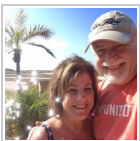
Our deepest sympathy to the Rizzo family. Sandy was such a fun loving kind hearted soul. Praying you all seek comfort knowing she is resting comfortably.

Mark and Lori Meadows - November 20, 2017 at 09:14 AM

KK

Mark, you and your family are in our prayers. Our entire "Kowalski" family is so sadden to hear of her passing. I know in my heart she is pain free like Diane and both of them are talking each others ears off! We are here for you if you need anything. All our love, Rick and Karen Kincaid

Karen Kincaid - November 21, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ I am so saddened to learn of Sandy's passing. We had great times in high school. My heart goes out to Mark and her family. She was taken way too soon 😭

Virginia Unwin - November 19, 2017 at 03:07 PM

EB

“ I am heartbroken and so sorry for all of your loss. Sandy was like a second mom to me and I know many others. She always was there whenever we needed her and took me and so many of us kids into her heart and treated me and many others as her own. So many great, fun, and amazing memories of all the pool parties, vacations, all the Mom and daughter shopping days when we got to skip school to have lunch and shop all day. The memories are endless and I am blessed to know and be apart of the Rizzo family. I will forever hear her amazing giggle/laugh, her warm and bright smile. I cherish those memories and hold them close to my heart. I love you all so much, Rest In Peace Sandy, she will missed forever and impossible to forget. 💕💕💕💕💕

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**Erin Bernath** - November 19, 2017 at 01:07 PM

DO

“ Hey Sandypants...you are and will be forever with us. You hold a special place in all our hearts which no one can ever take or ever replace. I will continue to cherish all our vacations, parties, and times that are forever imprinted in our memories and hearts. I know some of your days were so long but the years were too short. Because we shared our most intimate spiritual believes, I do know you are in paradise today and forever. Life on earth is so short compared to the eternity we will share together. You are forever with us because it would be to difficult being without you. Until we can physically embrace and spend eternity together I know you will be the angel you are and look after mom, your one and only precious Mark, your amazing precious daughters, and most of all, your most precious grandchildren you so longed for and blessed with. Until we embrace again, I love you my friend!

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**Debbie Ostrand** - November 19, 2017 at 10:37 AM

LD

“ *i Will miss you sandy. God graced us with you and all that knew you were better because of it. There are no words to describe how beautiful you were. Rest In Peace my friend I know your in a better pain free place now and that you fought for a long time. Rest and I will always love you. And I will never forget your smile and your laughter Lori Danek*



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**lori danek** - November 18, 2017 at 11:35 PM

KM

“ *My Sandy (land), thank you for accepting me and my family as your own.*

*You were the rock that held the family together through the years.*

*I will miss your beautiful smiling face, love ya lots.*

*We shall see each other again*

*Kent*

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**kent muravchick** - November 18, 2017 at 07:43 PM

JL

“ *Beautiful picture of my dear friend! Always happy and smiling. She was beautiful from the inside out. I'm so blessed to have called her my best friend for almost 4 decades. Sandy had a way of making everyone feel special. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her! xxoo*

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**Jennifer Lauer** - November 18, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ Amanda can vouch for how much I love Sandy and Mark. In high school I confided in them freely and frequently; for many years I would likely go to them before anyone else. In high school, they would pack extra "treats" in Manda's lunch that I could never get in my own packed lunch :) Sandy was one of the most open-hearted, outgoing, and open-minded people i have ever known. She didn't judge; Sandy laughed and she loved, and she did both NON-STOP. Although its probably been close to 10 years since I saw her in person, I pretty much lived in her home for 5+ years. I was never uncomfortable there; they made their house a home, for myself and so many others. My heart hurts today, and it aches for Mark, Amy, Amanda, Ally, and your families. Your family was such a huge part of so many of my memories--thank you Sandy, for making them wonderful thoughts to look back on. You will forever be missed. <3 Love, Kate (Katie, as Sandy always called me, just like my family <3)

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**Kate Bazy** - November 18, 2017 at 05:48 PM



“ Love this picture of Sandy- this is how I always will remember her- smiling, laughing, never having an unkind word for anyone. My dear sister- how you will be missed by all!

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**Gina Soroka** - November 18, 2017 at 04:00 PM