



Marcia Joleen Sand

October 15, 1970 - October 24, 2024

Marcia "Marci" Joleen Sand was born on October 15, 1970 in Coon Rapids to Swede and Gen Sand. Sister to Caroline and Doug, Marci was the baby. Due to a brain injury during the birth process, Marci endured several physical and mental deficits that would remain with her for her entire life. She was not expected to live and was baptized upon birth by nurse Judy at Mercy Hospital, due to her heart stopping a couple of times and the expectation that she was not going to live. But she made it! Marci did not walk until she was four due to slight cerebral palsy among other neurological issues. But she would not let that get in her way! She was fiercely independent - to a fault sometimes - and made sure she told you that she did not need any help. What we loved about Marci, also made us worry about Marci because she could get anywhere and do whatever she wanted because no one was going to tell her different and she had no boundaries. Marci died at Mercy Hospital on October 24th due to a severe head injury she sustained on October 23rd when she was hit by a car while riding her bike.

Marci graduated from Coon Rapids High School in 1989 and worked at various jobs throughout her life. She really liked her current job at Walmart and she was in the best place than she had been in a few years. She was happy. She did not have a driver's license, so her mode of transportation involved bus (she knew the MTC routes better than the MTC dispatchers), NorthStar train, her feet and her beloved blue three-wheel bike. She would

amaze all of us with her whereabouts and we always wondered 'how did she get THERE?'. There were "Marci sightings" all over and both friends and family would let us know that they saw Marci somewhere. She loved playing poker, doing a bit of gambling, along with being devoted to the Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Wild.

Her biggest devotion was to her family. Especially her nephews, Noah, Lane and Isaac and her niece, Kylie. They were her life, and she always wanted to know what they were all up to, how many fish they caught, talking sports and just being with them and her family. She was a loyal friend and neighbor and was always willing to help those that needed - or SHE thought they did - help. With the help of her parents, especially her mom, Marci was able to have a life that, although had many challenges, allowed her to be independent and have the love and utmost devotion needed to allow her to live as happy a life as she could. Marci's legacy will live on because she chose to be an organ donor. She will save up to eight people and help upwards of 150 more. What a blessing and a gift.

Marci had her way of doing things. Plain and simple. But our lives are forever changed because she will not be with us at family meals, holidays, playing Left Right Center, hearing her yell "Seven Come Eleven" when playing a dice game or whatever we do as a family. When you watch a Vikings game and hear "SKOL" think of Marci, when you hear "Scoring for the Minnesota Wild" think of Marci, when you see a blue three wheeled bike think of Marci. We will. God bless Marci. She is walking and talking and laughing with her dad, Swede, and she is perfect. God has her and she is in good hands.

Cemetery Details

Epiphany Cemetery

10955 Hanson Boulevard
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ I knew Marci from Friday night poker. She always met me with a smile and went out of her way to make conversation when I came in. She had a kind heart and I will miss her smile and energy. I know she is in heaven having one heck of a coming home party. Always remembered.

~Jill

Jill Brindamour - November 09, 2024 at 12:29 AM

JC

“ Sorry to hear that Marci passed. I truly know how you are feeling as I lost my wife Danette last year (9-23-2023) My best to your family. Sincerely Jan Crenshaw

jan crenshaw - November 02, 2024 at 12:08 AM

JD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Marci. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of loss. Marci was a truly wonderful person, and her warmth and kindness touched everyone she met. I hope you find comfort in the cherished memories you have of her and the love that surrounds you.

John Davis

John W Davis - October 31, 2024 at 10:46 PM

BE

“ We lived on the same road as kids. I am so sad to hear of her passing. Sorry for your loss. Bonnie Endicott (Featherstone),

Bonnie Endicott - October 31, 2024 at 08:48 PM

TF

“ The Barton and Janet Brown Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcia Joleen Sand.

The Barton and Janet Brown Family - October 31, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ I only knew Marci for a short time. She was my neighbor in coon rapids these past few years. She was always willing to help people and start a convo. When I saw her riding her bike I would wave and she would smile back. I feel horrible hearing about this tragedy. She was taken too soon.

Maria German - October 31, 2024 at 01:01 AM

JS

I used to play Texas Hold 'Em a lot and Marcus was often there with her happy attitude and great giggle. She was a kind soul and my condolences big out to her family. She was taken far too soon
Jude Stephens

Jude Stephens - October 31, 2024 at 10:23 AM

SC

“ I remember seeing her riding her bike, I did not know her. She sounds wonderful, she is now perfect in heaven. Deepest sympathies to your entire family.

shari compton - October 30, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Marci was my BFF as she put it and lived it. We met in 1986 at my Aunt Carol's funeral and just hit it off. Marci and I share so many memories together, I cannot write them and give them justice. My kids will miss her greatly as well...Auntie Marci. She was an individual that truly cared about every detail most people overlooked. She was independent and lived life to the fullest. She taught me how to love unconditionally...even in her passing with the gift of life to so many others. Love and will miss you, M. Enjoy heaven sweet angel.*

Kay Nord - October 30, 2024 at 12:46 PM



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October 30, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcia Joleen Sand.*



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DH

“ My heart hurts for your family.
I met Marci several years ago playing poker at the Legion.
Even though I knew her only through poker, I feel her honest
outgoing personality allowed me to see her gifts. She was always
positive, kind, inquisitive, and caring.
Thank you for sharing her story. It seems she lived her best life,
doing what she loved despite the challenges she faced.
I will miss her so much.

Deb Humann - October 30, 2024 at 11:38 AM

JB

Marci will be forever in my mind! I'll miss her friendly smile and helpful
way. Gen and Swede have been friends of ours for many years. I
remember the day Marci was born. She was very special.

Janet Brown - October 31, 2024 at 09:59 AM

DK

“ David Fallon fam. Sharon Mitch & Kerry
purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the
family of Marcia Joleen Sand.



David Fallon fam. Sharon Mitch & Kerry - October 29, 2024 at
02:30 PM

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David Fallon fam. Sharon Mitch & Kerry - October 29, 2024 at 02:30 PM