



Sandra May Berthene

March 23, 1932 - November 9, 2022

Berthene, Sandra May died peacefully on November 9, 2022 at 90 years of age. Sandra met her husband, Victor, in college at the University of Illinois Urbana where they were both students. Victor graduated with an engineering degree, Sandra with a sociology degree, summa cum laude. After they married, several moves, and three children, they settled in the Minneapolis area of Minnesota in 1962. Sandra went back to college at the University of Minnesota for two years and then enrolled in law school receiving her Juris Doctor degree with high honors, summa cum laude, in 1976.

Sandra had a passion for learning, writing, reading and music, specifically singing. She had been a member of the Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity since 1989 as a soprano and received the sword of honor.

She was very active in her church, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, as well as her local community in countless capacities, the least of which as an election judge. She accomplished so much in 90 short years and received many accolades, awards and well deserved recognition.

Sandra is survived by her children Steven (Wanda) Berthene, Ralph (Jacquelyn) Berthene, Theresa Berthene Sayers (Robert), five grandchildren Annette Murphy (Marc Mann), Eric (April) Berthene, Laura Dobratz (Patrick), David Berthene (Megan Hoffman) and Krysten Baron (Blake).

Sandra was blessed with three great-granddaughters: Rein, Kylee, and Nina May. Nina was born on Sandra's 90th birthday and has her great-grandmother's middle name. What a blessing.

Burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery to be announced 2023.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall



“ Sandra was a dear SAI sister of mine. She lived only a block away from me for many years in her home on Inglewood in St. Louis Park with her husband. Often we would ride together to meetings over many years and have good conversations. Later they sold their home, and we lost contact (except through Facebook) as they moved to a place that would make life easier for them. I have many fond memories of her and am thankful she was my friend. My condolences to you on the loss of an exceptional woman, your mother, grandmother or other relation. Sincerely, Sylvia Wilson

Sylvia Wilson - January 15, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Sandra was so kind to me as I grew up and whe I moved to AZ from MN.
She always signed her messages with: Love, Minnesota Mom
I will never forget her.
RIP Minnesota Mom.

Marva Skoy - December 04, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ I sang in the choir at Westminster with Sandra and enjoyed the newsletter she produced. Also enjoyed talking with her. She was so knowledgeable!!
Tamara Sparks

Tamara Sparks - November 29, 2022 at 06:46 PM

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“ So sorry about Sandra's passing. I worked with her at Jones-Harrison many years ago.

Rosie McKay

Rosemary McKay - November 27, 2022 at 06:23 AM