



Sandra Charlene Bjerke

December 15, 1953 - January 17, 2022

Sandra (Sandy) Charlene Bjerke (Day) of Edina, MN passed away peacefully surrounded by family in her home on January 17th, 2022 at the age of 68 after a two-year battle with cancer. She fought courageously, overcoming long odds in order to spend time and make memories with those that she loved.

Born the oldest of seven in the small West Virginia town of Welch, her military family moved several times before eventually settling in Columbus, OH. It was there that Sandy graduated from Ohio State University and managed a local Steak and Ale restaurant. This job would eventually bring her to Minnesota, where she would transition her career to sales, spending 32 years with Anchor Paper in St. Paul. In sales, Sandy's instincts, thoughtfulness, and success earned her a reputation as one of the best in the business, leading to life-long relationships with both colleagues and customers.

It was also sales that introduced Sandy to the love of her life, Lee Bjerke.

They married in 1986, and together built a loving family with their two sons.

Their life was filled with friends, music, amazing food, road trips, golf vacations, family ski trips, cruises, card nights, and most of all...love. Sandy and Lee called Scottsdale, AZ their second home, spending many days and nights on the greatest patio in the world, always close to those they loved.

And, when she became a grandmother, Sandy couldn't wait to shower her grandkids with love, affection, food, toys, and pretty dresses.

Preceded in death by her parents, Buck and Ruth, her sister, Ann, and her brother, Lloyd. Sandy is survived by her husband, Lee, her two sons, Eric and

Adam (Annie), her two grandchildren, Virginia and Alester, her siblings Henry, Sue, Barry, and Ryan, as well as many nieces, nephews, and close friends. Those that knew her will forever remember her infectious laugh, overwhelming generosity, intelligence, resolve, one-of-a-kind style, and exceptional Thanksgiving dinners.

Her family will be hosting a memorial gathering Saturday, February 5th, 2022 from 2-4pm at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel (located at West 50th Street & Highway 100 and available at 952-920-3996 or www.washburn-mcreavy.com).

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall

JA

“ We are so sorry to have missed the services today. We so enjoyed sharing time around the pool with Sandy Lee and the all the kids. Lee we know how much Sandy met to you and the boys. We will keep you all in our prays

Liz and Joe Antonucci

Joe and Liz Antonucci - February 05, 2022 at 06:30 PM

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“ We moved to Bloomington, MN in August of 1996. I heard a knock at my door and Sandy was standing there to welcome us to the neighborhood. She had two sons and had heard that new neighbors had moved in with three sons. Our sons became friends enjoying many days on the golf course and at the Bjerke's pool. Sandy has been one of my best friends for many years and I will truly miss her voice. The past two years have been hard because we didn't get to see each other and could only communicate through text or phone calls. The last text I received from Sandy was on New Year's Day. She wished we could be celebrating somewhere warm or at a casino! She was hoping for a better 2022. She closed by saying she loved and missed me. Sandy - I love and will always miss you! Your forever friend - Valerie Jagiela

Valerie Jagiela - February 05, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra Charlene Bjerke.



February 03, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Charlene Bjerke.*



February 01, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Charlene Bjerke.*



January 31, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *So sad to see this beautiful person leave this earth. Sandy was such an inspiration to me. I feel very lucky to have had the time I had with her.*
Prays to you Lee and your family.
Warmly,
Colette Theis

Colette Theis - January 31, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Lee and Family,*
Sorry for your loss, you and your family are in our prayers.
Wayne & Therese Logeais
Retired Mackay Mitchell employee

Wayne Logeais - January 30, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra Charlene Bjerke.



January 29, 2022 at 03:13 PM



“ To Lee & Family,

It is always hard to hear a special friend has passed away. I had the great fortune to meet Sandy & Lee playing weekly bridge at Minnesota Valley. Sandy was always happy to bring treats for our group when we were celebrating. From there we formed a small bridge club and played in our individual homes. I will remember her great affection for her kids and grandchildren and you too Lee! I hope you can find a good bridge club in the stars above Sandy and you can now Rest In Peace after the extraordinary life you lived.



*Hugs,
Tami Halverson*

Tami Halverson - January 29, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Charlene Bjerke.



January 26, 2022 at 03:58 PM