



Sandra Ruth Chelgren

March 21, 1940 - January 4, 2023

Chelgren, Sandra R. "Sandy" (Damkroger)

Age 82 of Shoreview died peacefully surrounded by her family on January 4, 2023. Sandy grew up on the East Side of St. Paul and graduated from Johnson High School before going on to earn her teaching degree at the University of Minnesota. She was an elementary school classroom teacher for 10 years, eight of which were at Pinewood Elementary in Mounds View Public Schools. She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Alice Damkroger. She is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, Dick, and by children Chris (Karen) and Sarah (Brian) Duffy and grandchildren Myles Chelgren, Peter and Benjamin Duffy. Also survived by cousin Rich Nelson and many loving nieces, nephews, other relatives, and lifelong friends.

Sandy was devoted to her family and friends. She dedicated her time to raising Chris and Sarah when they were growing up, and she became a beloved neighborhood mom to many of their friends over the years. She loved to host large family gatherings at their home on Turtle Lake where she would serve her legendary bean dip. Sandy enjoyed taking pontoon rides around the lake, feeding the local birds, and chatting with neighbors. Sandy loved her many dogs over the years, especially her airedale terriers Sasha, George, Daisy, Charlie, and Ralph. Her grandsons were a source of tremendous joy and pride for her, and they will miss her dearly.

Further from home, Sandy kept a special place in her heart for the Seattle area after she and Dick lived there for two years when they were first married

and Dick was stationed at Fort Lewis in Tacoma. Two of her favorite places to visit were 7 Mile Beach on Grand Cayman and Lutsen Resort on the North Shore of Lake Superior. She enjoyed taking cruises to the Caribbean whenever possible. Sandy and her daughter Sarah enjoyed many special trips together over the years, including a once-in-a-lifetime cruise to the Mediterranean in 2009.

Sandy was known for her great sense of humor and she will be missed by many. Thank you to the wonderful staff at St. John's and Regions Hospitals who provided great care and comfort for Sandy and the family on her final day. Funeral service 11:00 AM Wednesday, January 11, 2023 (Visitation 10:00 - 11:00 AM) at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home (515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview). Interment Roselawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Audubon Society or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Sandra Ruth Chelgren, Aunt Sandy, became my special email buddy these last few years, as we railed together politically, and shared things we thought were beautiful, meaningful, or humorous. Our Chelgren family gathering in October seems God ordained now! It gave me one last time with her in her beautiful home, which held such warm and wonderful memories for me. I have lost an Auntie, but also a friend. I pray that heaven has welcomed her home!* ”



Michelle Davis - January 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Sandy was always a positive spirit. She was interested and curious about a wide range of subjects, which made her an easy person to talk to. She loved the hummus I made for 4th of July picnics, and was the only person I found who knew about Emily's Lebanese Deli!! She has been a part of my Chelgren family memories, and will be remembered and missed.* ”



Peter Davis - January 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Very sorry for your loss. You and the family will be on our prayers.* ”



Timothy Schardin - January 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Sandy was on of a kind bright lively woman who I was blessed with her friendship .

Nella Brylski - January 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dick, Sarah, Chris and families,
We celebrate Aunt Sandy, her life, and all she did to make each of us feel welcome throughout the years. What a treasure she is in our hearts! I still have her "favorite recipes" spiral notebook that she hand wrote for me one Christmas. It's got her best hospitality between its pages. I wish I was able to attend her service. We'll be praying for you all, much love, Lynn Chelgren Black for all our family



Jon and Lynn Black - January 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our deepest condolences to all family and friends. So many fond memories of Christmas parties. Her presence in this life will be greatly missed. Continued love and prayers.



Jeremy & Angela Fransen - January 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM