



## Sandra Kaye Legg

January 8, 2014

Legg, Sandra Kaye

61, of Robbinsdale entered God's glory on January 8, after a courageous four-year struggle with ovarian cancer. A woman of great faith and incomparable generosity, she blessed every life that she touched with her inexhaustible joy and beautiful, loving spirit. She chose teaching as her vocation, a perfect fit for her creativity, energy, artistic talent, and love of learning. In 2013 she concluded a 39-year career as a sixth-grade teacher at Palmer Lake Elementary in Brooklyn Park, teaching the same grade in the same classroom for her entire career. At Palmer Lake she inspired thousands of children with her infectious curiosity, great humor, and genuine dedication to each of her students. Born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on June 15, 1952, Sandy spent her early years in Mondovi, Wisconsin. At the age of seven she moved to Minnesota, where her family settled in Richfield. She attended Mt. Calvary Lutheran School through sixth grade, and then attended Richfield public schools, graduating from Richfield High School in 1970. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Concordia College in St. Paul, where she assumed leadership positions in campus social activities and athletics, particularly softball and volleyball. During her senior year she was chosen homecoming queen, but was much more pleased to be the first woman named Concordia's athlete of the year. She later earned a master's degree in education from the University of Minnesota. She filled her life and the lives of those she loved with art, music, sports, international travel, and a

constant search for new discoveries. Sandy was preceded in death by her father, Everette Odegard. She is survived by her husband, David; daughter, Caitlin Sinnett and son-in-law, Will; daughter, Galya Legg; mother, Marlene Odegard; brothers, Larry (Susan), Timothy (Marta) and Lance (Elisa) Odegard; many adoring nieces and nephews; and countless dear friends and relatives.

Friends and family will gather for visitation from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, at Glen Haven Chapel, Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home, at 5125 West Broadway, Crystal, MN 55429.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, at Peace Lutheran Church, 4512 France Avenue North, Robbinsdale, MN 55422, with reviewal from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Memorials may be directed to Peace Lutheran Church or to Palmer Lake Elementary School.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I read of Mrs. Legg's passing with great sadness. She was a tremendous person and very caring teacher. My son Nick was in her 6th grade class in 1996. He had spent all of his elementary school years being targeted as "lazy". Mrs. Legg talked to my husband and I shortly after Nick was in her class, told us Nick tried too hard and was too engaged to be "lazy" and asked if we would consent to having him tested. This led to a diagnosis that entitled him to services that allowed him to have a happy, successful school career. We've never forgotten her extraordinary intuition, nor her love and kindness toward our son. She was everything a teacher should be and will be missed.

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**Pam Holland** - January 18, 2014 at 11:40 AM

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“ Sandy had a unique capacity to make everyone in the room feel cared about and accepted. Her smile was reassuring and welcoming to friends and strangers in a way that said "I am interested in you and care about you." She touched thousands of lives with her passion for life and for teaching. No student was beyond her ability to positively impact a student's self-esteem, desire to learn and to have hope. I remember time and time again how she would give up her lunch hour or stay after school to help a student with special needs or to give a student just a little more of her undivided attention. She sought positive solutions, never complained and always gave more of herself even when exhausted. Thank you Sandy for these gifts. God bless you.

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**Victoria Snyder** - January 14, 2014 at 02:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sandra Kaye Legg.*



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January 13, 2014 at 10:30 PM



“ *Our family was so saddened to learn of Mrs. Legg's passing. She was surely the best and most passionate teacher ever at Palmer Lake. My son, Jim, was fortunate enough to have her as his teacher in 2009-2010. I saw the worry and concern from her students when she went on medical leave in 2010. She always referred to the students and "her kids", and they returned all of the affection and respect to her that she gave to them. Even after my son went to Jr High and I would see her at school, she would always ask how he was doing. She was truly a one of a kind educator and a wonderful and classy woman. Please know that her entire family is in our family's thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Jannie, Marshall, Jim, and Kevin Donoho*



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**Jannie Donoho** - January 13, 2014 at 12:54 PM