



## Sandra Josephine Turner

November 1, 1943 - February 23, 2026

Sandra Josephine Turner (née Gowan), 82, of Grand Rapids, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2026.

Born in 1943 in Minneapolis to Harold and Velma (Plum) Gowan, Sandra attended Immaculate Conception Catholic School and graduated from Columbia Heights High School, Class of 1961.

Sandra "Sandee" married Gerald Eugene Turner "Jerry" at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in 1963. They soon welcomed Troy, Scott, Shannah, and Jerry Jr. Sandee and Jerry moved several times but spent most of their years together in Coon Rapids, later settling in St. Francis.

Sandee enjoyed tending her flower gardens, attending her grandchildren's events, camping and going to car shows. She made many friends through her love of camping and was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings. She especially loved Christmas-decorating her home and hosting Christmas Day dinner for family and friends. Sandee was proud of her 43-year career as an Anesthesia Tech at Mercy Hospital. She was passionate about giving back to her community and volunteered her time at the Manna Market food bank in St. Francis.

Sandra was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry; her parents, Harold and

Velma Gowan; her brother, H. Thomas Gowan; and her sister, Bonita Gayle Gowan.

She will be deeply missed by her loving children, Troy (Catherine) Turner; Scott (Carrie) Turner; Shannah (John) Hane; and Jerry Jr. (Marie) Turner; grandchildren Jamie (Marc), Erica, Kayt (Luke), Kristin, Thomas, Sam, Mara, Austin, and Leighton; great-grandchildren Alex, Torin, Camden, and Ada Jo; sister Mary Perry; godson Joey Perry; sister-in-law Sandee Battier; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

The family extends their gratitude to the staff of Oak Hill Assisted Living and St. Croix Hospice for the excellent care Sandee received.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 15, from 1:00-4:00 PM at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd., Coon Rapids. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, March 16, at 10:30 AM, with visitation beginning at 9:30 AM, at the Church of the Epiphany, 11001 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids.

For those who are unable to join us in person, our service will be live streamed at the following link: <https://youtube.com/live/zpFjMWHkaxE?feature=share>

Please join the family for a Luncheon at Church following our service together.

Burial to follow at Hillside Cemetery at 1:30pm, 2600 19th Ave. NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association, local food bank, or St. Croix Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel  
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Visitation

MAR 16. 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

MAR 16. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sandra Josephine Turner.*



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March 15 at 12:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sandra Josephine Turner.

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March 15 at 12:36 PM



“ Sandee will be missed by many ❤️. She was a bright star in the anesthesia department at Mercy.. you could always depend upon her to have things organized and have her hand of the “pulse” os what was needed in the department. Her sense of humor, smiles, and laughter were infectious.  
Condolences to her family. A special thanks to Shannah for her communications about Sandee. Rest in peace dear heart ❤️.

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**Kathy Foley** - March 12 at 02:37 PM



“ John and Michelle Magdsick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra (Sandee) Josephine Turner.

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**John and Michelle Magdsick** - March 10 at 11:28 AM

JM

“ John and Michelle Magdsick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sandra Josephine Turner.



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**John and Michelle Magdsick** - March 10 at 11:28 AM

MM

“ Sandee was such a wonderful treasure at Mercy Hospital, working diligently to help allow us in the anesthesia department work smoothly, always with a smile, a hearty laugh and a sparkle in her eyes. Each one of us, whether M.D., CRNA, or anesthesia aide truly felt that she had adopted us into her family. She really made a difference in our lives.

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**Michelle & John Magdsick** - March 09 at 11:41 AM

SH

Mom loved you both

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**Shannah Hane** - March 12 at 12:36 AM

JK

“ Joetta K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra (Sandee) Josephine Turner.

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**Joetta K.** - March 03 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sandra (Sandee) Josephine Turner.

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March 02 at 01:20 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Sandra Josephine Turner.*



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March 02 at 01:20 PM



“ *My memory of Cousin Sandee happened sometime in the 50s when Velma, Mary, and Sandee came out to the farm in Wisconsin. Sandee and Mary were wearing their poodle skirts and would dance to Dick Clark’s American Bandstand that was on TV . Being 5 years younger I thought they were the greatest, most talented dancers ever 🎵 Dance on Cousin, dance on 🎵*

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**Nancy (Plum) Cleveland** - February 27 at 08:52 PM



*What a fun memory. Thank you for sharing .*

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**Shannah Hane** - March 12 at 12:37 AM



“ *Sandee was a bright light with our team at Mercy, always there early and a smile on her face. She always referred to me as Shannon! We all loved her and have missed her since she retired. Sandee may you dance in the heavens and be there for all who will follow you! God Bless You!*

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**shanon** - February 25 at 08:47 PM

CH

*My dearest Sandee..  
You were one of my best friends in high school. We made many wonderful memories back then.  
Of course we grew up and went our separate ways.  
I was so happy to find you again a couple years back.  
Just know I regarded you as a most loving and caring person I had known.  
You will always have a place in my heart!  
You will be missed.  
Carol...*

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**Carolyn Hawkins** - February 26 at 11:01 PM

SH

*What a beautiful sentiment , I know she was happy to reconnect after so many years*

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**Shannah Hane** - March 12 at 12:39 AM

SH

*Thank you Shanon*

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**Shannah Hane** - March 12 at 12:40 AM

KF

“ *I was saddened to hear about Sandee's death.  
She always had a smile and a wonderful laugh 😊. She was a great asset to the anesthesia department at Mercy ! She was a bright light and such a caring person. She will be missed.  
Peace & blessings ❤️.*

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**Kathryn Foley** - February 25 at 08:00 PM

SH

*You were a great coworker and friend.*

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**Shannah Hane** - March 12 at 12:42 AM

SD

“ Sandee had the most wonderful sense of humor and could always light up the room. She was such a pleasure to work for at Mercy Hospital and welcomed me and my family to her home for holiday dinners . I love her and will miss her until we meet in the best of places one fine day.

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**Susan Donnelly** - February 25 at 07:06 PM

DB

“ Sandy was one of those people that could always bring a smile to your face. She was witty and quick to laugh. She made my cousin Butch and their children many memories.  
I will miss you girl, until we meet again.

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**Danny Bergman** - February 25 at 05:10 PM