



## Sandra Lynn Warnke

December 22, 1957 - January 26, 2026

Sandra (Sandee) Lynn Warnke 12/22/1957 - 1/26/26

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Sandra Lynn Warnke announces her passing after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Sandee was born at the Minneapolis Swedish Hospital and moved to Garrison, MN as a young child. She grew up learning the value of hard work while helping out at her family's resort, Wigwam Inn on Mille Lacs Lake. Those early lessons shaped a life devoted to caring for others. She earned a degree from St. Cloud State University in Physical and Health Education, and teaching became a calling she carried throughout her life.

Family was at the center of everything she did. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a proud Nana. Her greatest joy came from caring for her family and being present for them in every season of life. She especially loved cheering from the sidelines at their many sporting events.

Her faith guided her. She served tirelessly in her church- working with children, singing in choirs, attending bible studies and supporting others. Whether in the classroom, the church, or the community, she gave her time generously, impacting countless lives.

She lived life fully, often laughing and joking. She found joy in travelling, being outdoors-fishing and camping, music and crafts of all kinds. She loved playing, watching, coaching and refereeing many sports. Sandee was a dog lover and was proud to serve as a handler for Gideon, a comfort dog through Lutheran Church Charities. Her legacy is one of faith lived out, love freely given, and a life that made others better simply by being part of it. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Sandee is preceded by her father Francis Welty, her brother Michael Welty and her grandparents. She is survived by her mother Barbara Welty. Her loving husband Gregg. Children Holly (Matt) Kiehn and Daniel (Tamara) Warnke. Grandchildren Cecilia and Sullivan Kiehn, Mikayla and Jordan Warnke. Sisters Danette (Rod) Rohloff, Michelle (Mark) Anderson. Brothers Pat (Vicky) Welty, Mark (Cindy) Welty and Shawn Welty. Many nieces and nephews.

A service will be held for Sandee on Saturday, January 31st at 11am at Redemption Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN. Visitation one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, financial contributions in memory of Sandee can be made to the following.

Trinity First Lutheran School <https://trinityfirstschool.org/>

Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Program <https://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org/k-9-comfort-dogs-about.html>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Redemption Lutheran Church  
927 East Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, MN 55420

## Memorial Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I could always remember when my wife Mary and Sandee were talking, continuous laughter! She was a great mom and my kids always enjoyed playing with hers. We were lucky to have Greg and Sandee as neighbors and friends. Be in peace. Tague Moehn

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**Tague Moehn** - January 29 at 01:36 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the amazing family I know as the Warnkes. Although it's hard to believe you are gone, I want to take a moment and express my grace to you and the amazing woman that you are.

*I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making me feel apart of your family when I met you at the age of 12. You have been nothing but kind, sincere, and motherly to me from your home to the soccer field. I want to let you know that I love you and your family more than words can express.*

*I know you are in a better place and just know that you raised an amazing family and that you were loved by many.*

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**Soni Phommachanh** - January 28 at 11:18 PM

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“ Gregg, my thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of Sandee, I remember when we were able to visit with you so many years ago. Where does the time go? She was able to live life to the fullest, may she rest in peace and be pain free now. Sending love & hugs.

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**Lori (Warnke) Opp** - January 28 at 09:02 PM

SG

“ Sandee was always devoted to making life better for others. Her kindness and care were shown in so many ways. Our friendship started through Our fathers in the Last Mans Club as children, SCSU and continued as we got together to share about our families and life throughout the years. Sandee will be missed! She was an amazing daughter, wife, mom, grandma and friend. Love and Hugs

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**Sue Anderson Gerten** - January 28 at 08:35 PM