



Sandra "Sandy" Shores

October 1, 1947 - February 14, 2020

Sandra "Sandy" Lou Shores peacefully went to be with her Lord on the 14th of February in Dothan, Alabama.

A Home-going service will be held 11 a.m., Monday, February 17, 2020 at Damascus Baptist Church with James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing.

Family will receive friends at the church 10 a.m. until time of service.

A Home-going service will also be held 10 a.m. (EST), Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Calvary Baptist Church 2101 Overlook Drive Winter Haven, FL 33884. Reception to follow.

Sandy was born on October 1, 1947 in Dothan, Alabama to parents Cathie and Ed Shores. The family resided in Cottondale, FL for a short time, before moving to Jacksonville, then Tampa, and finally Winter Haven, FL when Sandy was eight years old. Graduating from Winter Haven High School in 1965, she led an active life of service to others, and enjoyed band, playing the flute and leading as drum major in 1964-65, Girls Scouts, church activities and more.

She attended Polk Community College, and then experienced a successful real estate career while living in Waycross, Ga. After moving back to her beloved Winter Haven, she was the heartbeat of all the places she worked.

She was employed in various capacities with dear Winter Haven friends, then the Heart of Florida Girl Scout Council and finally with Calvary Baptist Church for many years.

She served the community of Winter Haven in many ways, from volunteering with her son's scouting and band activities, daughter's Girl Scout troop and dance team, serving at The Mission in Winter Haven, preparing Wednesday night church suppers, serving at her children's schools and extracurricular activities, teaching Vacation Bible School and more. Sandy traveled on mission trips around the world to minister to refugees, as well as share the gospel. During times in Honduras and the Marshall Islands, serving with family and friends from Calvary Baptist were especially impactful for Sandy. Most importantly, she served in ways that weren't often seen publicly, by ministering to widows, her family and others in need.

Her greatest passion was her two children, William (Bill) Martin McPhail and Katherine Elizabeth (Katie Beth) McPhail Watters, and her thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She exemplified a life of sacrifice and giving. She was a "helper" and a "do-er". Her home was always open to those in need.

Sandy retired to Graceville, FL with her beloved husband Leonard (Lenny) McCoy Shores and was very active in her church and serving others in the community. She also enjoyed a wide range of adventurous travel with Lenny and serving faithfully alongside him in the Angel Flight ministry. Her energy was boundless.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents Burton Edward Shores and Catherine Estelle Welch Shores, and her brother Robert Bartley Shores. She is survived by her husband Leonard McCoy Shores, son William Martin McPhail, daughter Katherine Elizabeth Watters, three step-sons Len Shores, Ryan Shores and Eric Shores, her sister Linda Lee Shores Miller, brothers Michael Louie Shores and William Burton Shores, and sister Mellonee Estelle Shores Hedrick, and her treasured grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A tireless servant has gone to rest. She will be greatly missed by those of us who remain.

Tribute Wall

EC

“ I met Sandy though my daughter Rebecca Andrews at Calvary Baptist when I became a permanent resident of FL in 2005! It was always fun to work w her in preparation for the Thanksgiving meal at church! She was dearly missed when she moved from Winter Haven! Prayers for all her family and friends.

Emily Frances Coffey - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ You must have been a wonderful Mom as the daughter you raised is quite spectacular. How proud you must be of your Katie Beth and her family. Enjoy your new life with our Lord.

Anne Hogan Keegan - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I can't remember a time in my early church life (whether First Baptist or Calvary Baptist in Winter Haven) that Sandy was not a part of. I attended Bible studies at her home in the 70's. I know my parents have welcomed her home. I have nothing but fond memories of this wonderful woman, who walked the walk!

Missy Quinn Smith - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ She was so well loved! We are praying for you all!

Terry and Jillian Capper - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ It's amazing how when you haven't heard someones voice in probably 15 years and yet somehow you can hear their voice so clearly in your head. You were always an incredible woman and mother. You were a positive and powerful influence in my life. Your compassion always showed. My love to KB and Family.

Heather Robinson - February 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Sandy & her Family were Neighbor's On Ave. M. SE. They were always active in Church. It's a Sad Loss to the World. But, She home in Heaven Rejoicing with the Lord.

Larry Fahnestock - February 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MC

What a remarkable person Sandy was. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Sandy in our lives. Martha M. Conn 1/1/2021

Martha Conn - January 01, 2021 at 04:51 PM

BD

“ We are so sad to hear of your loss. May God's loving comfort be special to each of you during this difficult time. Sandy was very very kind and loving to us. She had a good sense of humor and liked to hug. We counted her as a friend.

Billy and Kay DeVore - February 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Condolences to the Family may Sandy. RIP

Donna Willis Callahan - February 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

IN

“ *Lenny our deepest sympathy in the Sand's passing. We thought the world of her. We will keep you and your family and Sandy's family in our prayers.*

Ish & Sandye Nazario

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