



## Sandra Sue Penwell

May 2, 1949 - September 8, 2023

Sandra Sue “Sandy” Penwell, 74, of Grand Island, passed away Friday, September 8, 2023.

Memorial service and a celebration of Sandy’s life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 19th, at All Faiths Funeral Home. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. There is a gathering of friends and family from 10:00 until the time of the service. In honor of Sandy’s love of the Husker’s the family would love to see everyone in Husker gear.

Sandy was born May 2, 1949, in Fremont, the daughter of Walter and Mildred (Westphalen) Walkenhorst. She graduated from high school in Cedar Bluffs and went on to Patricia Stevens Finishing School.

On March 28, 1969, Sandy married James D. Penwell. Following their marriage they lived in Cedar Bluffs, moving to Grand Island in 1983.

For 23 years, Sandy was employed with the Grand Island Public Schools as a special education paraprofessional. She loved her work with the children.

Sandy also enjoyed her years of service as a fire fighter/EMT.

She was an avid Husker fan, whether volleyball or football. Her family’s memories include lake time spent on the pontoon and her flower garden, which was a labor of love.

Those who cherish her memory include her husband, Jim Penwell; her children, Stacy (Ron Jr.) Garver of Gretna; Amy Penwell of Kearney and Justin (Nicole) Penwell of Lincoln and four grandchildren, Shelby (Tyler) Schwartz, Alex Garver, Riley Penwell and Kegan Penwell; two brothers, Gary

(Carmen) Walkenhorst and Kevin (Laura) Walkenhorst; and two sisters, Marsha (Roger) Nine and Viki (Jeff) Hanson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Roland Walkenhorst.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

*Gathering of Friends and Family to begin at 10 A.M.*

# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sandra Sue Penwell*



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**All Faiths Funeral Home** - September 19, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Sandra Sue Penwell*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.*



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September 18, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.*



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September 18, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.*



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September 18, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.*



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September 18, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *Jim and family....Only a very few times in our lives, we are blessed to know someone like Sandy. We've only been neighbors since spring, but feel so fortunate to have talked, laughed, spent time, and enjoyed Sandy's fabulous baking..the ones she called "experiments". Our property manager, Lila, told us we would love having you both as neighbors, and she was so right. We will continue to enjoy the view of her flowers, the birds, and the memories she helped us make, even for a short time. Our hearts are sad and we pray you will find comfort in the joy she brought to so many. All our love, Lou and Carol Tjernagel*

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**Carol A Tjernagel** - September 18, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.*



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September 18, 2023 at 09:14 AM



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

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September 18, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.*



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September 17, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.*



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September 17, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.



September 16, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ Annie W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra Sue Penwell.

Annie W. - September 16, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ Stephanie & Neil and Vera & Jose purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.



Stephanie & Neil and Vera & Jose - September 15, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ Stephanie & Neil and Vera & Jose planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra Sue Penwell.

Stephanie & Neil and Vera & Jose - September 15, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.*



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September 14, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ *my condolences to the family of jim. sandy.always had a smile on her face.enjoyed talking to her.my heart goes out to jim.my deepest sorrow*

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**mark hunke** - September 13, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ *Jim and family, we're so sorry to hear of Sandy's passing. Wish we could be there in person to give you all hugs. Loved the memories we had on the Fire Dept., parades, camping trips, and our kids playing together! Sending prayers for peace for all of you. Tom and Sue Townsend*

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**Sue and Tom Townsend** - September 13, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.*



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September 13, 2023 at 06:28 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sandra Sue Penwell.*



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September 12, 2023 at 09:12 PM



“ *All so sorry for your loss. Sandy will truly be missed. She was taken too soon, but remember she is in a good place and at piece with Uncle Walt, Aunt Mildred and Roland. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you all Earl and Judy (Westphalen) Sinkler*

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**Judy Sinkler** - September 12, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ *Jim and family. My eyes are watering...just saw this posted on Facebook. I didn't know a thing about it. So sorry I missed her memorial. We had some crazy times together. I will always remember the good times we had. 💔*

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**Judy Nosbish (Hoffman)** - September 12, 2023 at 07:29 PM