



## Sandra "Sandy" J. Lewis

February 24, 1943 - June 17, 2026

Sandra Jean Lewis, 83, passed away on Wednesday, June 17th in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Sandy was born on February 24, 1943, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Paul and Margaret Hansen. She was raised alongside siblings Susie, David and Johnny.

In 1961, she married Eli Gonzales, and together they had five children: Jodi, Carrie, Stefanie, Brian and Tara.

Sandy spent much of her life in Grand Island and worked at several places over the years before retiring from Principal Financial in 2008.

Anyone who knew Sandy knew she was kind, genuine and completely herself. She was strong in her beliefs and opinions, but she wasn't one to look for conflict or make things harder than they needed to be. She liked life simple, real and not too fancy. Though she thought of herself as an introvert, people were naturally drawn to her. She was easy to talk to, easy to be around, and had a quiet way of making people feel comfortable.

She had a sharp wit, a dry sense of humor and a little feisty streak that made her even more loved. Sometimes she was funny on purpose, and sometimes

she was funny without even trying.

Sandy enjoyed reading, watching movies, crocheting, playing cards, baking, going to the theatre, and ordering spaghetti and meatballs from Napoli's. She was wonderfully thoughtful about sending birthday and anniversary cards, always making sure the people she loved felt remembered. Her grandchildren will remember her for giving the best "gadget" gifts — clever, useful little things that earned her the name "Go Go Grandma Gadget". She was also known to stay up until midnight, so she could play the next day's Wordle as soon as it was available.

Sandy is survived by her children, Jodi Black and her husband Bob, Carrie Galvan and her husband Doug, Stefanie Wenceslao, Brian Gonzales, and Tara Gonzales; her grandchildren, Anthony Galvan and his wife Sandy, Aaron Galvan, Josh Calhoun, Eli Gonzales, and Caitlyn Black; her step-grandchildren, Jenny Strecker and her husband Nathan; her great-grandchildren, Oscar and Milo Galvan; her step-great-grandchildren, Kadyn and Jazzy Strecker; and all of her foster grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at Third City Christian in Grand Island (4100 W 13th St) on Monday, June 22nd at 10:30 a.m. In honor of Sandy's wishes, flowers are welcome and may be sent to the church. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Condolences can be left at [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com).

Sandy will be remembered for her kindness, her humor, her honesty, and the quiet, steady way she made people feel loved.

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Third City Christian Church  
4100 W. 13th St.  
Grand Island, NE 68803