



Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen

November 4, 1961 - March 8, 2024

Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen, age 62, of Wood River, passed away Friday, March 8, 2024 at Grand Island Regional Medical Center surrounded by her loving family.

A celebration of life service will be held Thursday, March 14th at 3pm at All Faiths Funeral Home. The service will be livestreamed on the funeral home website. Dan Naranjo officiating. A visitation will be held 2 hours prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences can be left at www.giallfaiths.com. The family is asking everyone to dress in either Kansas City Chiefs attire or racing attire.

Sandra Jean was born in Council Bluffs IA on November 4, 1961 to Ruthanne (Collins) and William E. Huff Sr. She graduated from Underwood Iowa High School in 1980. She attended Dana College in Blair, NE and graduated in 1984 with double majors in Elementary Education K-6 and EMH (Educable Mentally Handicapped) K-9. After graduation she worked in a variety of medical fields (podiatrist, anesthesiologist, and Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital). She started worked for the Omaha VA Medical Center in September 1989. She later transferred to the Grand Island VA Medical Center where she worked a variety of positions.

In May of 1994, Sandy was united in marriage to Tracy Saladen. They were

blessed with their first daughter in November 1994. They family moved to Wood River in November 1996. They were blessed with their second daughter in January 1997. She became active with her girl's school activities where she was a room mom, Girl Scout Leader, Teammate Mentor, involved with PTO and most recently the Food Pantry/Backpack program. She loved following their school activities with one of her favorites being softball. She participated in Relay for Life where she was also the Hall Co Team Coordinator. Sandy was always a dedicated KC Chiefs football fan. She was an avid dirt track racing fan with her parents. Recently Tracy and her followed the MBSLM series and traveled all over the Midwest. They met lots of lifelong friends along the way. Sandy loved to do crafts and photography.

She is survived by her husband, Tracy; daughters, Sarah (Thomas Lambert) and Mallory (John Esquivel); mother, Ruthanne Huff; brother, William "Billy" E. Huff Jr. (Kathy); nephews and nieces, Jason (Kelly), Alissa and Mackenzie Fischer, Tony Huff, Jamie (Scott) Manhart and their children, Willow, Walter and baby #3; aunts, uncles, cousins and friends; in-laws, Don and Barbara Saladen. She loved Christmas and giving gifts. She loved to spoil children and had a special place in her heart for Gavin and Lydia Franssen, Scarlett and Karsyn Lambert.

She was preceded by her dad, William Sr in July 2019; grandparents, William R. and Merle (Myler) and Ira and Helen (Whitmore) Collins.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen*



All Faiths Funeral Home - March 14, 2024 at 01:06 PM

AN

“ *anita lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sandy" Saladen*



anita - March 14, 2024 at 03:23 PM

NA

“ *Tracy (Zoe), Sarah, Mallory and all of Sandy's family:
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time!
Sandy was such an uplifting person and we have great memories of her in our "younger" years. She was such a blessing to so many!
We are so grateful for the times we spent together. Never would I have thought that her life would be cut so short and so quickly. May you find peace and love from all those around you in the days, years, months ahead! She will be watching over all of you always!
Mike & Norma Adams, Nathan, Jennifer & Bailey*

Norma Adams - March 14, 2024 at 03:09 PM

JL

“ I was so shocked and saddened to hear about Sandy .I worked with her mom for .25 years.Sandy came and visited us at school and I always liked her and thought. She was very smart and kind. Our deepest sympathy to Tracy,Sarah,Mallory and her mom Ruthanne. LAVERN and Janet

Janet Leaders - March 14, 2024 at 12:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.



March 13, 2024 at 06:46 PM

JL

“ Julie, Steve and Samantha Lambert. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.

Julie, Steve and Samantha Lambert. - March 13, 2024 at 06:46 PM

RM

“ Rohn Collins and Dave Magnuson purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.



Rohn Collins and Dave Magnuson - March 13, 2024 at 07:01 AM

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Rohn Collins and Dave Magnuson - March 13, 2024 at 07:01 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.



March 12, 2024 at 11:17 PM

DH

“ Dennis and Darcy Huff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.



Dennis and Darcy Huff - March 12, 2024 at 10:38 PM

HJ

“ Hugs The Jay's purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.



Hugs The Jay's - March 12, 2024 at 09:05 PM

MF

“ McMullen Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.



McMullen Family - March 12, 2024 at 10:39 AM

DD

“ Dyanne D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.

Dyanne D. - March 12, 2024 at 08:40 AM

PK

“ As you share, talk, and remember may you truly find that the one you loved so much still lives in your heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult times. With Sympathy. Pat and Krissa Knopik

Pat Knopik - March 12, 2024 at 08:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.



March 11, 2024 at 12:33 PM

BM

“ So sorry for the loss of Sandy ! I met her and Tracy at I80 speedway and my granddaughter and her had so much fun joking with eachother and teasing eachother. We had so many laughs and she always gave her snacks. You will be missed my sweet friend.. Brenda Murphy and Kaylina Proctor.



Brenda Murphy - March 11, 2024 at 11:48 AM

BH

Sandy, you are going to missed. I know you and are in heaven getting ready to support dirt track racing. Thank you for all the years of fun and talks while we were together that the races. Going to miss you. Bob and Gail Hansen York, Nebraska.

Bob Hansen - March 13, 2024 at 10:15 PM

TM

“ The Manhart’s purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.



The Manhart’s - March 10, 2024 at 10:47 PM

LA

“ I went to school with Sandy from elementary to graduation. I am so saddened by her passing. My prayers for her family and friends for comfort and peace.

Lynn (Eledge) Adams - March 10, 2024 at 09:09 PM

AK

“ Alyssa, Cassie, Emily, and Kaitlyn purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.



Alyssa, Cassie, Emily, and Kaitlyn - March 10, 2024 at 05:14 PM

KW

“ Kimberly W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Jean Saladen.



Kimberly W. - March 10, 2024 at 07:25 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Sandy.



Kim Witt - March 10, 2024 at 07:20 AM

KW

“ So sorry to hear about Sandy. I knew Sandy from the VA

Kim Witt



Kim Witt - March 10, 2024 at 07:06 AM