



Sandra Lee Dancek

April 25, 1940 - April 14, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Sandra Lee Dancek, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She peacefully fell asleep in Jesus on April 14, 2025, at her home in Delta Township, Michigan at the age of 84. Sandra was born on April 25, 1940, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania to the late J. John and Dorothy (Elliott) Betke. She graduated from Beaver Falls High School in 1958 and married Edward Dancek in the fall of that same year. The next several years saw her family grow with the addition of four children: Edward, John, Shari, and Melinda. Sandy also began her career as a Literature Evangelist during this time, which became her passion, connecting her with lifelong friends and bringing encouragement to countless lives. Sandy is remembered for her kind heart, and through the years the Dancek home was a gathering place. Sandy and Ed welcomed everyone with open arms, from students working during the summer to foster children to friends new and old. As Sandy's mobility waned in later years, she continued to pour herself into others and was particularly supportive of the Lansing Community Service Center and Greater Lansing Adventist School, where both children and adults were blessed by her warm spirit and sympathizing manner.

Sandy loved people, but she also loved her piano. Music was an integral part of her life and she was never happier than when leading out in music at a church worship service. Sandy was also passionate about gardening and was especially proud of her heirloom tomatoes. Grown from seeds passed down from her father, the tomatoes reached massive proportions and were shared

with friends and neighbors alike.

Family was the cornerstone of Sandra's life. She cherished her relationships with her 4 children, Edward (Laura) Dancek, John (Kelly) Dancek, Melinda (William) Widdicombe, and Shari Cole; 7 grandchildren, Jessica (Andy) Wrightstone, Christa Kiefer, Emily (Jase) Armstrong, Sarah (Cody) Hollis, Chelsea (Micah) Dancek Chaipratorb, Aubri Dancek, and Lillyanna Widdicombe; 4 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Sandra is survived by her two sisters, Linda (Jim) Kusch and Donna Rapp. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, on April 18, 2020; brother, David Betke; and brother-in-law, Donald "Buzzy" Rapp.

A visitation will take place on Monday, April 21, 2025, from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Lansing Seventh-day Adventist Church, 5400 W. St. Joseph Highway, Lansing, Michigan 48917, with the funeral service immediately following at 11:00AM at the same location. Interment will follow at Delta Center Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to join in celebrating her remarkable life and the impact she made on all she knew.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Greater Lansing Adventist School, 5330 W. St. Joseph Highway, Lansing, Michigan 48917.

As we reflect on Sandra's life, let us remember her unwavering faith, her generous heart, and her indomitable spirit. She will be deeply missed. We look forward to the day when we will see Sandy again.

Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.
Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

Delta Center Cemetery

7382 W. St. Joseph Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lansing Seventh-Day Adventist Church
5400 East St. Joe Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

Service

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Shawn,Ashley,and Jackson Goldrick purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Sandra Lee Dancek.*



Shawn,Ashley,and Jackson Goldrick - April 20, 2025 at 10:26 AM

FX

“ *From Cousin Gayle and Peter xx purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sandra Lee Dancek.*



From Cousin Gayle and Peter xx - April 19, 2025 at 09:35 AM

LM

“ *Love, Aubri, Chelsea, and Micah purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandra Lee Dancek.*



Love, Aubri, Chelsea, and Micah - April 18, 2025 at 06:21 PM

SL

“ *Shari Lee purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sandra Lee Dancek.*



Shari Lee - April 18, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sandra Lee Dancek.*



April 17, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sandra Lee Dancek.*



April 17, 2025 at 11:12 AM

BM

“*Tonie and I would like to extend our love and deepest sympathy to the Family of Sandy Dancek. After receiving the call from her daughter, Melinda telling me that Sandy had passed, I have found myself reminiscing over 50 years of memories, all of them being such wonderful ones, including a lot of humor and fun! My last phone visit with our Sandy was at Christmastime! We talked about a lot, especially years gone by! I shared a memory in particular of an ‘unusual’ funny Christmas gift that she, Skeezer (Ed) and the family had given me one Christmas after a Christmas program that her children and I had participated in as students at Greater Pittsburgh Junior Academy!! Sandy’s laughter suddenly turned to tears. Upon asking her what was wrong she explained how homesick she was for those days and the one’s who filled our lives then, one ‘especially’ being her beloved “Skeezer”. I replied by saying, “Sandy! We are living in unprecedented times like never before. I believe with all of my heart that Jesus is coming soon and that it won’t be long until we see the lovely face of Jesus and reunite with our loved ones NEVER to be separated again!” Sandy’s tears slowed as she cleared her throat and said, “do you really think so ‘BeRye’??” As I replied with an affirmative YES, I could hear the JOY returning to her voice as she excitedly said “let’s be there, ‘Be-Rye’!!” I could not realize that would be the last time we spoke, yet what a wonderful note to close out our earthly conversation on! I certainly intend to “be there” by God’s saving Grace and Mercy! I extend Sandy’s challenge to each one of you reading this comment to “BE THERE” so that we all can reunite with our Sandy and so many others! Until that day I believe Sandy would want us to remember her with a smile as she rests a little while next to her Ed awaiting that final “earthly wake up call” from Jesus!! Sleep in Heavenly peace my dear lady and THANK YOU for loving me as your own throughout the years!! It meant the WORLD to me!!!❤️*

Brian McKnight - April 16, 2025 at 06:34 PM

BS

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy & condolences to the Dancek family in their loss. Sandy & her family were family friends since the 50's. Her parents were my parent's friends so we have known the Betke & Dancek families for many decades. As young girls Sandy, her sisters & brother were our friends. Sandy loved music & was the designated pianist for our small New Brighton church which our parents the Betkes & others planted initially in Beaver Falls. I often played duos with Sandy. She played the organ & I played the piano many Sabbaths together. Sweet memories. She & Wd were cornerstones for our little church as we grew older & moved away. Their doors were always open to anyone & especially the young people. This family was instrumental influencers to so many. Sandy was a dear friend & I was loved by so many. We can look forward to the day when Jesus returns to take His children heavenward. May God bless Ed, Jr., Melinda, John, Shari & their families until that day.

Barbara (McKnight) & Ernie Sines - April 20, 2025 at 10:01 AM