

Sandra Lee "Floss" Stauffer Waltman

January 1, 1942 ~ November 29, 2021

Sandra passed away with loved ones nearby at the University Hospital on November 29th 2021, following a severe stoke she suffered on Thanksgiving Day.

Sandra was born in Logan Utah to Marcell and Edith Hancey Stauffer.

Sandra is survived by her brothers, Gerald M Stauffer and Kurt Stauffer, her child, Susan Waltman., and her six adopted children: Dave (Diane Hall) Waltman, Scott Waltman, Kristine (Barclay) Bigelow, Rick (Lois Romney) Waltman, Randy (Susan Stidham) Waltman, Julia (Craig) Whetman. She also has 27 grandchildren and 57 great grand children. Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, her ex-husband Rex Waltman, her sister- in-law Janice Stauffer & her nephew Glen Stauffer.

As a child in Logan, Sandra was exceptionally strong and active. Her father was the foreman of Cache Meadow Farm, the largest milk producing farm in Cache Valley. She loved the lambs and other animals on the farm and riding the ponies. Sandra was an outdoors gal in every way, and could not be bothered to be inside helping her mom with “tedious cooking and housework”.

Sandra was in kindergarten when her family moved to Edison Street in Salt Lake City. It was a big adjustment for her, but she kept her focus outdoors, playing hopscotch and riding her bike. She soon made new friends. Sandra was quite gregarious and was elected to be a student body officer at South High School. She loved working on high school reunions later in life. Like her mother, Sandra took naturally to her religion, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She had a strong testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel, that she held dear throughout her life.

Sandra played on the girls softball team for South High, and she used to hit fly balls to her brother's friends, perhaps so much that she developed a rare degenerative condition of her lower back. She had her first spinal fusion at the tender age of 18. Sadly this surgery lead to multiple spinal fusions throughout the years, until eventually her back was totally fused. Although her back was a source of chronic pain for her, Sandra did not let it stop her from leading an active life. She was an excellent golfer and could out-drive many men. She gardened, fertilized and mowed the lawn and had the greenest lawn on her street.

Sandra later attended & graduated from the University of Utah, majoring in sociology. It was during these years that she became a counselor at the Brighton girls camp, acquiring her camp name, 'Floss'. Working with the women and girls at Brighton would be one of the great passions of her life. Floss took a break from Brighton while she raised her kids. In 1990 Floss was called to be President of the Brighton Camp, a position she held for the next 22 years. She was an outstanding leader, plain spoken, kind, and with a depth of conviction. She had an open door policy and ready ear for any camper or counselor. She made sure those girls on the “fringes” were included and treated

with respect. Floss had a positive influence on thousands of girls as they learned to feel closer to God, to love the outdoors and the mountains… and themselves. Floss was a lifelong mentor to many. She delighted when others excelled.

Floss was the women's sports director for her Stake. It was at a Ward basketball game, that recently widowed Rex Waltman first caught sight of her. Watching her interaction with the girls, he decided right then and there, she was the woman he wanted to be mother for his 6 children. He asked her out and they had instant chemistry. As she told the story, it was love at first sight. She later said that he was the only man she ever loved. Being only 23, Floss had quite a challenge ahead, and she was equal to the task. About a year after marrying Rex, Floss had a daughter, Susan. Floss gave her heart and soul to raising her children. When grandchildren came, she loved them with every fiber of her being. She especially liked taking them up to the craft room at Brighton Camp. Sandra excelled in all crafts and created beautiful ceramics in her kiln and stained glass in her workshop. Her hands were always busy. Many good times were had by her family because of this fun loving, good hearted woman.

Sandra was deeply loved by many people throughout her life. Her smile and hearty laughter were contagious. When you met her, she likely made a lasting impression that left you with a feeling that something fun and exciting was possible. Her smile and hearty laughter were contagious and will be greatly missed.

For those interested, a donation can be made in Sandra's honor to: brightongirlscampcentennial.com

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 11:00 am at Crestview Ward 2795 East Crestview Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108. A viewing will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Larkin Sunset Lawn at 2350 East 1300 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84108. There will be a viewing prior to the service at the ward from 10:00-10:45 am.

For those who wish to view the recording of the services may do so here:
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