



Sandra Kirk Pickering LaFon

September 28, 1939 - February 27, 2024

Sandra Kirk Pickering LaFon was born on September 28, 1939, to Claire and Helen (Epperson) Kirk in Carthage, Missouri. Her life centered around family, and she was surrounded by her family when she left this world for her heavenly home on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Whether being at her mother's side during her cancer battle, caring for her father at the end of his life, or being there for her husband Lyle in his battle with MD, family was important to her. She was fully invested in her children and the children of the community through leading a Girl Scout Troop (and ending up with a room full of Girl Scout Cookies to sell), being a Cub Scout Den Leader (and organizing the Pinewood Derby), leading the Parent Teacher Organization at her children's elementary school, and being the Head Room Mom for all of the class parties, she was heavily involved. She encouraged extracurricular activities like band, football, baseball, and golf. Not only did she encourage extracurriculars for her children, but she was also a 50+ year member of the Eminence Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star, while also supporting the International Rainbow for Girls and Grand Cross of Color.

She was always a curious, smart, problem-solving woman. Sandra was an adamant reader, not only reading for pleasure, but also reading books to learn how to accomplish her goals- like learning to decorate cakes, remodeling her kitchen, or building a step at the back of her house. She kept a map by her chair to locate the places mentioned in the news. She also enjoyed crafts and music. As she met Lyle, the outdoors became an interest, learning to hunt and

even becoming an archery competitor!

She persevered through several losses in her life, not to mention overcoming her own breast cancer. She stoically mourned the loss of her parents, her first baby, Debra, and her two husbands, Glenn D. Pickering and Lyle LaFon.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Vicki and Art Prewett, Rogers, Arkansas. She also leaves her children: Karen and Bob Foster Bentonville, Arkansas; David and Dawn Pickering of Seneca, Missouri; Kevin and Molly Pickering Rogers, Arkansas; Scott and Wendy Pickering Lewisville, Texas; and Wes and Anna LaFon Lonoke, Arkansas. She was very proud of her grandchildren, Sarah Foster Orlando, Florida; Ali and Clayton Strong Neosho, Missouri; Melanie and Colton Cheap Edmond, Oklahoma; Glenn Pickering, Bentonville AR; Emali and Jake Shaffer, Neosho MO; Chance Pickering Hoboken New Jersey; Mitchell Pickering Bella Vista, Arkansas; Abby Foster Bentonville, Arkansas; Kaleb LaFon Lonoke, Arkansas and Joshua and Taylor Pickering of Niceville, Florida. She enjoyed seeing the pictures and hearing the antics of her soon-to-be 10 great-grandchildren! Family was important to Sandra, and her family will miss her dearly.

There will be a graveside service for Sandra at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 4, 2024, at Park Cemetery in Carthage, Missouri. A visitation will be held from 1:00 to 2:30 PM on Monday before the graveside service at the Presbyterian Church in Carthage.

Condolences may be made online at www.ulmerfh.com.

Any contributions can be made to the Carthage Humane Society or the Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Missouri.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Park Cemetery

801 South Baker
Carthage, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
Carthage, MO

Graveside Service

MAR 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

Park Cemetery
801 South Baker
Carthage, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Pickering was always a willing helper for my classroom. I had David and Kevin in 4th grade at Eugene Field school. So sorry for your loss.
God Bless your family. Mary Jo Paden

Mary Jo Paden - March 14, 2024 at 04:36 PM

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“ Kevin I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a great lady. My deepest & sincerest condolences to you & the entire family. 🙏🙏🙏

Cindy Clayton - March 02, 2024 at 10:34 PM

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“ Karen and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Prayers you find comfort in knowing she's in a glorious place. 🙏💔

Rosella (Cole) Rayner - March 02, 2024 at 06:49 PM

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“ We will cherish the great memories, appreciate the stories, hospitality, support and love she gave us. We will always miss and love her. May her strong but gentle soul rest in perfect peace, and may eternal light perpetually shine upon her now and forever.



Annamaria LaFon - February 29, 2024 at 11:53 AM

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“ Although you are gone, our bond will never be broken or even weakened. I have a special place for you in my heart, and your love still gives me strength and helps me keep going even during tough times. If I could talk to angels, I'd ask them to tell you how much I miss you. Love your daughter in law Anna

Anna Lafon - February 28, 2024 at 09:52 PM