



## Sandra Anne Janis

November 17, 1946 - June 28, 2024

Sandra Janis, age 77, of Lake Forest, Illinois passed away at her home surrounded by family on June 28, 2024.

Sandra was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Rudolph and Felicia (Brzykcy) Galko. She graduated as salutatorian from Cudahy High School and attended the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

On November 17th, 1962, on her 16th birthday, Sandy went to a dance and met the love of her life, Allan Janis. They dated until they married on July 22, 1967. They bought their first house in Cudahy and welcomed their first child in 1971. A job change for Allan took them to Schaumburg, Illinois in 1972 where they continued to live until 2010. While in Schaumburg they welcomed a second daughter and were involved with various social groups and activities. They were communion ministers and greeters as well as marriage sponsors for St. Marcelline Church where they enjoyed guiding young couples through this sacrament.

As her daughters grew older, she gave up her stay-at-home mom position and went to work in 1988 for Zurich Insurance as a statistical analyst. She retired in 2007, and in 2010, she and Allan moved to Lake Forest, Illinois to be closer to their grandchildren. She was a member of the Lake Forest Preservation Foundation, Chicago Botanic Garden, and Dickinson Senior Center. Her

passions were gardening, walking at Lake Forest beach, attending musical theater, reading, and shopping at Von Maur. She loved to play bridge and became active in several bridge groups where she met many friends.

Her favorite title in life was Grandma. She was always there to help babysit, read to, and explore various parks and playgrounds with her grandkids. She also loved taking the family to Walt Disney World and watching the kids enjoy the magic of Disney.

Sandra's legacy is carried on by her children Wendy Janis (Michael Daniels) of Glencoe and Amy (Mark) Pasquesi of Lake Forest and her grandchildren, Nicholas, Sofia and Zachary. Her brothers are Donald (Linda) Galko and the late Rudolph "Sonny" Galko (Bernadine).

There will be a private ceremony at Lake Forest Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at The Deerpath Inn, Lake Forest.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Sandra's name to <https://residentialhealthcaregroup.com/services/hospice/give-back/>.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 N. Lake Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
(847) 615-4341

# Tribute Wall

SV

“ *susan valdes lit a candle in memory of Sandra Janis*



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**susan valdes** - August 31, 2024 at 03:44 PM

SV

“ *No words can express the loss of Sandy. Sandy is my godmother, and I was a flower girl at the wedding of Sandy & Al. Sandy always kept in touch with my mother (Alice) who is her godmother, my mom always looked forward to her notes/letters about her life and the entire family. My mother passed away 3 years ago, and Sandy kept in touch with me. Susan Valdes.*

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**susan valdes** - August 31, 2024 at 03:42 PM

TB

“ *We were so sorry to hear that Sandy passed. Rita and I along with other friends got to know each other through college times (generally). We would get together occasionally (we were scattered over the country) and just catchup. I remember one get together at Jerry's cabin. It was great seeing each other. (Al - I still have and use your recipe for taco salad). Rita and I offer our condolences. She is in our memories forever.*

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**Tom and Rita Binkowski** - July 23, 2024 at 08:31 PM

LL

“ My husband Barry and I (Linda) would always chat with Allan and Sandy at various Preservation Foundation and Historical Society gatherings. We live in the same complex. Allan and Sandy were always delightful, fun and interesting and you could tell they fit together perfectly, like salt and pepper shakers. We will miss seeing Sandy's beautiful smile and quiet friendliness. Our hearts are sad for you, Allan, to be missing such an important part of your life.  
Sincerely, Linda (Liang) and Barry Slee

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**Linda A. Liang** - July 22, 2024 at 09:31 AM

GW

“ We were very close friends of Sandy for more than 60 years. We will miss her. Love Gerry and Karen

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**Gerry and Karen Wenzler** - July 20, 2024 at 03:54 PM