



## Sandra Jean Pinkston

September 7, 1940 - December 7, 2022

Sandra Jean Pinkston, 82yrs young, of Summerville South Carolina, left us to be with Jesus on 7 December, 2022 from complications with cancer. She was born in September of 1940 to Lloyd Wicklund and Mary R. McNamara Wicklund in Spokane, Washington. Her only sibling is Michael Wicklund who resides in Seattle Washington.

Sandie is survived by her children Ken Kelsay (Emily), Kevin Kelsay (Diana), and Kerry Kelsay (Tammie). Sandie's grandchildren include Daniel Kelsay (Kathleen), William Jones, Kaydee Kelsay, Kendra Kelsay Giannoukas (Matthew Giannoukas), and Joshua Kelsay. Sandie's great-grandchildren are Emory, Benjamin, and Kali Kelsay.

Sandie lived a full and dynamic life. Her childhood was in Washington State. From there she married a serviceman that brought her across the United States, a couple times, and settled in Orange Park FL in 1969. Moving to Tampa FL in 1973, she later married Melvin (Mel) Pinkston in 1982. They moved to Clarkesville Georgia in 1989. Sandie's occupations varied throughout her adulthood from an agent for a large insurance company, a small business office manager, a cosmetologist, and even an Avon Lady and Mary Kay associate. Later in her life her knowledge of a "healthy body" lead her to learning about "doTerra" essential oils and the importance of taking care of oneself physically as well as spiritually. During her time living in the mountains of northern Georgia she started "quilting". Sandie was extremely talented in this endeavor and became quite the aficionado. She loved to

teach, whether it was a Sunday School class, bible study, the use of essential oils, or her unique ability to master the quilt making process. She became an “expert” at anything she directed her passions toward. She enjoyed making her “works of art” right up until her death. One thing you could always count on her sharing with you was her inspiring and contagious smile. She had a beautiful personality and spirit that she loved to share.

A memorial service for Sandie will be held at Crossroads Community Church, 505 Gahagan Rd, Summerville, SC 29485 on 14 December at 2 o’clock PM by Pastor Richard Odom.

Funeral and burial service will be held at Fairfield Baptist Church, 2236 Hwy. 105, Demorest, Ga 30530 on 16 December at 2 o’clock by Dr. Keith Allison. Online condolences or tributes may be sent to [jamesadyal.com/obituaries/](http://jamesadyal.com/obituaries/) In leu of flowers, a donation to your local Gideons International would be welcomed on her behalf.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC **14.** 2:00 PM (ET)

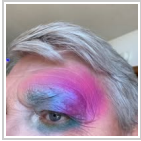
Crossroads Community Church  
505 Gahagan Rd.  
Summerville, SC 29485

## Graveside

DEC **16.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Fairfield Baptst Church Cemetery  
2236 Highway 105  
Demorst, GA 30535

# Tribute Wall



“ Like many of the others here, I got my inspiration and start doing genealogy research from Sandie. In December, 2000 she published and sent to me a 65 page Person Family genealogy. I've been building on that genealogy ever since. I appreciate her kindness, her patience, her encouragement. We never met but I will miss her. Love, Peace and Celebration of Sandie's life from Scottsdale, Arizona. Larry Person

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**Larry Person** - February 10, 2023 at 12:33 AM



“ What a beautiful soul was your Sandi! We've thought of her often since she moved away in 2019, missing that lovely and loving smile and gentle kindness. We are truly sorry for your loss, but thankful in the knowledge that she has gone ahead of us to live in the radiant love of the Lord!

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**Hannah B Little** - December 21, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ "Cousin Sandie" was an important figure in my imagination as a child, an older girl who was always energetic and cheerful. I was pleased to get to know her later, as an adult, when she was compiling genealogies for our family. We exchanged letters, then became Facebook friends and I admired pictures of her quilts. I admired the way she faced death, with such confidence in herself and in God.

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**Judy Shoaf** - December 14, 2022 at 12:23 AM

MM

“ *This is Mark McNamara. Sandie was my cousin. Her mother was my dad’s sister. I likely met her in my early childhood but never really knew her. It was heartwarming to see her live such a good and fulfilling life after the difficult circumstances of her early years. And the entire McNamara family will remain eternally grateful for her exhaustive genealogy research. May she rest in peace!*

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**Mark McNamara** - December 13, 2022 at 10:20 PM

PC

“ *Paula L Connelly purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sandra Jean Pinkston.*



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**Paula L Connelly** - December 13, 2022 at 06:00 PM

MD

“ *I will forever remember Your Sweet Spirit and Caring Love for all who came in contact with You! I knew this day was coming! Rest Easy My Sister! With Love to Your Family! Mabel Diamond*

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**Mabel Diamond** - December 13, 2022 at 05:30 PM

JP

“ *I am so grateful to Sandy for all the genealogy work she did for our family. Her work will be valuable for generations to come. R.I.P. Sandy. <3*

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**Jamie Peck** - December 13, 2022 at 04:39 PM

SL

“ I met Sandy in our Bible Study class. She was such an inspiration to me and I loved to hear her talk about our Lord and Savior. I haven't been in Church for some time so I didn't know she was bad off. You just didn't know cuz she always had a smile. I will surely miss that sweet, sweet lady. Rest In Peace my dear friend! 💔

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**Sherry Lee** - December 13, 2022 at 04:23 PM