



Sondra Lee DeFreese

June 5, 1937 - February 28, 2026

Sondra Lee DeFreese was born in Elyria, Ohio on June 5, 1937 to Richard Kunzi and Evelyn Mae Kunzi (Smith). She passed away on Saturday, February 28, 2026 in North Charleston, SC. She was the eldest of 4 children in her family. After graduating from Palatka High School in Palatka, Florida, she married the love of her life, William C. DeFreese. They were married for 50 wonderful years. She was proud to be the wife of a military officer and felt fortunate to be able to travel the world.

While living in the Philippines, she served as a Red Cross volunteer. She enjoyed working in the banking industry over several years. She loved gardening and interior design, and she was an avid Atlanta Braves' fan for over four decades. Her favorite place to be was at the beach.

Sondra felt blessed to find a spiritual family at Peace Presbyterian Church in Goose Creek, SC after becoming a widow. She served as an elder on session and was very devoted to Little Pantry, a mission through Peace dedicated to feeding hungry school children. She felt her Christian faith blossom and grow while at Peace Presbyterian and was forever grateful for finding such a wonderful church.

Sondra's greatest joy was her family. She was proud of and delighted in the accomplishments of her children, grandchildren, their spouses, and her great-

grandchildren. They all felt her unconditional love, strength and support. She led by example and for one of her grandchildren, David, she was also a mother who helped to raise and guide him.

Sondra is survived by her loving family, her son Dan DeFreese (Pat), daughter Susan Poulin (Steve), grandchildren David DeFreese (Matelon), Lesley Smith (Axton Crolley), Jay Smith (Caroline) and Daniel DeFreese as well as great-grandchildren, Hayley, Simeon, Rosalind and Edmund. She is also survived by her loving siblings, brothers John Harris, (Bette), David Harris (Patti), and sister Gretchen Bryant (John), sister-in-law Patricia Grooms and brother-in-law Donald DeFreese (Charlotte) and nieces and nephews.

“Yet, I am always with You. You hold on to my right hand. With Your advice You guide me, and in the end You will take me to glory.” Psalm 73:23-24

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, from 10:30am to 11:00am at Peace Presbyterian Church, 174 Londonderry Road, Goose Creek, SC 29445. The Celebration of Life Service will begin at 11:00am in the Church. Burial will immediately follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Road, Summerville, SC 29485.

Previous Events

Gathering

MAR 10. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Presbyterian Church
174 Londonderry Road
Goose Creek, SC 29445

Celebration of Life

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Burial

MAR 10 (ET)

Dorchester Memory Gardens
11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Donnie & Charlotte DeFreese lit a candle in memory of Sondra Lee DeFreese*



Donnie & Charlotte DeFreese - March 08 at 01:42 PM

EN

“ *Etta Holmes, neighbor purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sondra Lee DeFreese.*



Etta Holmes, neighbor - March 06 at 11:02 AM

EN

“ *Etta Holmes, neighbor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sondra Lee DeFreese.*

Etta Holmes, neighbor - March 06 at 11:02 AM

BD

“ *Bill & Deb purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Sondra Lee DeFreese.*



Bill & Deb - March 06 at 09:04 AM

TJ

“ Terry, Michele & Jenn purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Sondra Lee DeFreese.



Terry, Michele & Jenn - March 05 at 04:30 PM

SL

“ Susan L. purchased the *Love's Journey* for the family of Sondra Lee DeFreese.



Susan L. - March 05 at 03:52 PM

SL

“ Susan L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sondra Lee DeFreese.

Susan L. - March 05 at 03:52 PM

JH

“ John & Bette Harris purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Sondra Lee DeFreese.



John & Bette Harris - March 05 at 10:26 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Sondra Lee DeFreese.*



March 05 at 07:00 AM



“ *John and Gretchen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sondra Lee DeFreese.*



John and Gretchen - March 03 at 01:19 PM



“ *Diane Crawford purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sondra Lee DeFreese.*



Diane Crawford - March 03 at 10:01 AM



“ *From Julie Brookshire purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Sondra Lee DeFreese.*



From Julie Brookshire - March 02 at 10:16 PM

FB

“ From Julie Brookshire planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sondra Lee DeFreese.

From Julie Brookshire - March 02 at 10:16 PM

DH

“ David & Patricis Harris purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Sondra Lee DeFreese.



David & Patricis Harris - March 02 at 04:07 PM