



## Sandra "Sandy" (Stauffer) Kuhns

July 2, 1940 - November 29, 2023

Sandra "Sandy" Kay (Stauffer) Kuhns, age 83, of Goetzville, Michigan, passed away at Harbor View Assisted Living in DeTour Village, Michigan, on November 29, 2023. She was born on July 2, 1940, in Muncie Indiana, to Hubert and Mildred (Garringer) Stauffer.

Sandy grew up in Albany, Indiana, and graduated in 1958 from Albany High School. She started her career in banking at Mutual Home and then later moved to work at Industrial Trust. She enjoyed spending time at Oliver Lake with friends, crafting, and bowling leagues. It was at the bowling alley where she met the love of her life, Don Kuhns. They married on July 24, 1964, and had their daughter, Stacy, who was the absolute light of their lives.

Not long after Stacy was born, Sandy devoted her time to activities that she could do from the comfort of her home. She began collecting antique furniture, refinishing pieces, sewing, and crafting. She found her passion in these projects and traveled all over Indiana on weekends to visit antique malls, auctions, and craft shows. It wasn't long before she became a vendor at those very same places she loved visiting.

In the early 2000s, Don and Sandy moved to Raber, Michigan, to be closer to Stacy and their grandchildren. This was a highlight of Sandy's life as she could spend hours watching freighters pass on the St. Mary's River, sneak

onto her back porch to hand-feed the wandering deer, and watch her grandchildren grow up – she loved being “Nana” the most.

In the hearts of family and friends who will dearly miss her, she leaves behind cherished memories.

Sandy is survived by her daughter, Stacy (Ken) Wilkie, of Goetzville; grandchildren, Madison and Jaxon; sister-in-law, Ellen Graves of Muncie; brother-in-law, Gail Kuhns of Muncie, as well as many other loved ones.

Sandy was preceded in death by her husband Don Kuhns; parents, Hubert and Mildred Stauffer; in-laws John and Mildred Lake; sister-in-law, Marilyn Kuhns; brother-in-law, Bob Gaves; brother and sister-in-law Earl and Lesta Etchison; and nephew, Bret Etchison.

A Celebration of Life for both Don and Sandy will be held at Fountain Square Church (4405 S. Madison St., Muncie, IN) on December 27, 2023. Friends and family are invited to gather at 1:00 PM with a Memorial Service to follow officiated by their nephew, Steve Graves, at 2:00 PM.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Family Life Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.  
Condolences may be left to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

Obituary as submitted by family.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fountain Square Church  
4405 S. Madison St.  
Muncie, IN 47302

## Memorial Service

DEC 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fountain Square Church  
4405 S. Madison St.  
Muncie, IN 47302

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Our family just learned of Sandy's passing and I wanted to reach out to her family and share a memory. We traveled to Indiana from California to visit my father's family in Muncie and Parker. My Dad was the twin to Ace Garringer and brother too. Sandy's Mother Mildred. I was only a young teen and Sandy was in high school and I worshipped her and her maturity and personality. I adored her from the first time we met in person. Even tho she was in high school, she took me, the younger cousin, under her wing. We went to the local high school basketball game (where I think she had a crush on a player) and then shopping. She spent (probably her allowance ) on me and bought me a Betty Crockers Learn to Cook cookbook. That began my love to cook, bake and create. I have spoken to Sandy in our adult years and she always spoke so lovingly of Stacy and Don. I was trying to do research on our Grandparents on the Garringer side and she thought she knew things, but since she wasn't tech savvy, we never finished the research. What little time I was able to spend and talk with her, I always felt her love and kindness. It's amazing how one little gesture or kindness impacts another's life. Please know we send our love and prayers to you all at this difficult and sad time. May she have peace. Much love to you all, Kathy Garringer Heywood (daughter of Laverne and Roy Garringer). She was loved and that is what we all wish for in the end.



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Kathy Garringer Heywood - December 27, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" (Stauffer) Kuhns.*



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December 20, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" (Stauffer) Kuhns.*



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December 19, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Sandy was such a sweet lady. Thoughts and prayers to the family*

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**Linda Johnson** - December 14, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *IREDA WELCH lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sandy" (Stauffer) Kuhns*



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**IREDA WELCH** - December 06, 2023 at 10:25 PM

IW

“ Sandy & I are cousins, more like sisters! I've always loved her so much and will miss all of those phone calls after she & Donnie moved to Michigan. We were the same age and spent many days in the basement of the home she lived in Albany playing "House", giggling and having a "blast". I will miss you so much, Sandy! Looking forward to being with you in Heaven! Sorry for your loss, Stacy!

IREDA WELCH - December 06, 2023 at 10:24 PM

SW

Thank you for your kind words and sharing your memories. ❤️

Stacy Wilkie - December 08, 2023 at 06:26 PM

JM

“ We loved visiting Sandy at Harbor View every week with our therapy dog Cricket. She and Cricket shared a beautiful bond. Those are times we will always cherish.

Julia and Nick Meier



Julia Meier - December 05, 2023 at 09:55 PM

SW

She loved those visits so much! ❤️

Stacy Wilkie - December 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM

FD

“ I am saddened by her passing. I have wonderful memories of antiquity and quilting and spending hours in the living room laughing and talking with Sandy. I will miss her. Fritsi

Fritsi davis - December 04, 2023 at 12:14 PM

SW

Thank you for sharing your memories. I know she enjoyed those times as well. ❤️

Stacy Wilkie - December 08, 2023 at 06:31 PM

RD

“ From Ron & Ruby Denney ~ neighbors from Fairview. Still here. Remember your parents fondly. We are so sorry for your loss of Donnie & Sandy.

Ron & Ruby Denney - December 04, 2023 at 10:04 AM

SW

Thank you for your kind words. ❤️

Stacy Wilkie - December 08, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" (Stauffer) Kuhns.



December 03, 2023 at 03:07 PM