



Sandra Kay Bicksler

October 11, 1943 - May 15, 2011

Sandra Kay Bicksler, known lovingly as Sandy, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2011, after a brief, but valiant battle with cancer. She was 67 .

Born at home in Myerstown, PA, on October 11, 1943, she was the youngest daughter of the late Claude and Mary Houser of Myerstown, PA.

She graduated from Myerstown High School, Class of 1961, and received her Bachelor's degree in Education from Millersville University, Millersville, PA, and her Masters in Library Science from the University of Maryland in 1982.

She was an active member of Calvary United Methodist Church, Annapolis, MD. Sandy was a highly regarded media specialist teaching and administering the reading selections and curriculum for both Anne Arundel County and Queen Anne's County Schools. She retired from Anne Arundel County Schools in 2008 after 30 + years of teaching and working in library administration. She was teaching at Stevensville Middle School at the time of her death. She had a passion for reading which she shared with her family. Gardening, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends were treasured activities as well.

Sandy is survived by her husband of 47 years, Richard "Dick" Bicksler; a daughter, Barbara Bicksler Doherty and her husband, Peter, of Oak Hill, VA; a

son, Douglas Bicksler and his wife, Leslie, of Lewisburg, WV; a sister, Grace Brightbill of Myerstown, PA; a brother, Robert Houser of Lebanon, PA; grandchildren, Holly, Ryan, and Kathryn Doherty and Mary Adeline, Suzanne and John Bicksler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is planned for 2:00 PM on Friday, May 20, 2011, at Calvary United Methodist Church on Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis, MD. A reception will follow at the church.

The family is requesting donations be made to American Cancer Society, checks payable to American Cancer Society (in memo strip: sbicksler + QARFL PKC), P.O. Box 163, Salisbury, MD 21803 or Stevensville Middle School, 610 Main Street, Stevensville, MD 21666.

Previous Events

Service

MAY **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church
Rowe Blvd.
Annapolis, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sandra Kay Bicksler*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 17, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Sandra Kay Bicksler*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sandra Kay Bicksler*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Sandra Kay Bicksler*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I still have trouble believing it. I am a retired Anne Arundel Media Specialist and Sandy was a very important person to me. She was always there to assist us school-based media specialists and besides that, she had a wonderful sense of humor. Even though I did not see her that often, I thought of her as a good friend. She had that connection with many of her colleagues. She had an effervescent personality, always smiling, always positive and was a genuinely lovely woman. I am so sorry for your loss. May your beautiful memories of her help you through this difficult, sad time.##imported-begin##Sylvia Anderson##imported-end##

June 08, 2011 at 08:01 AM



“ Remembering Sandy fondly for all the library work she did in Anne Arundel County Public Schools.##imported-begin##Cindy Kimmelbein##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 07:59 AM



“ I first met Sandy in 1995. I had just arrived in MD from MA , knew noone, and had begun my new position as a library publisher's representative .
Sandy immediately greeted me with her gracious , welcoming, and supportive ways....I have never forgotten the support & instruction she gave me through the years.
She was truly a special person...we were all blessed for having experienced her in our lives.
My heart goes out to Dick and family.##imported-begin##Norma Pettis##imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 08:12 AM



“ Doug, Leslie, Mary Adeline, Suzanne and John

We are sadden for your loss and we are sending our love and prayers.

Staff of the New Greenbrier Preschool###imported-begin###The New Greenbrier Preschool###imported-end###

May 19, 2011 at 10:31 AM



“ Dick and Family - I am so sorry to hear about Sandy. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.###imported-begin###Cheryl McClellan Tydings###imported-end###

May 18, 2011 at 06:46 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will always remember Sandy as a kind ,caring person. With deepest sympathy. Janet(Darkes)Bishop class of ' 61###imported-begin###janet bishop###imported-end###

May 18, 2011 at 11:17 AM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved Sandy. We will be unable to attend the memorial service, but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.###imported-begin###Kathiei Treacy###imported-end###

May 18, 2011 at 10:45 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. When a loved one dies the pain, the grief, and the feelings of helplessness can seem unbearable. At such a time we can find comfort in Jesus promise made to all who have loss loved one in death at John 5:28,29 which reads: Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.”
Delores Allen

May 18, 2011 at 07:37 AM



“ Sandy was a truly wonderful and loving person. She will be missed by all who had the chance to get to know her. All our prayers and sympathies are with the Bicksler family.

Love,
The Parrillo Family
Glen Parrillo

May 17, 2011 at 09:38 PM



“ My heart goes out to Dick and Sandy's family. I know what a wonderful person, teacher-librarian, co-worker, and boss Sandy was. We will all miss her.
You have my deepest sympathy.
Linda Tuck

May 17, 2011 at 04:55 PM



“ We are saddened by your loss. Joan enjoyed many long talks with Sandy as they traveled to and from the Women's Bible Studies. Her faith was strong and that can be a comfort to you all. May God grant you His peace and His comfort.##imported-begin##Allen and Joan Moored##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 01:51 PM



“ Sandy was an inspiration to me during my graduate work. Her guidance, willingness to share knowledge and her passion for libraries and books will always be remembered. I feel blessed to have known Sandy. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##Becky Phillips##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 01:38 PM



“ Dick and Family,

So sorry to learn of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sandy Epling##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 01:17 PM



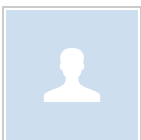
“ Dear Dick,
It's so hard to comprehend Sandy's gone. From the time she told us the unfortunate news just a few weeks ago to thinking of her the whole time we had dinner at our house Saturday night, all of us were praying for both of you.....we missed you both. We'll never forget years ago during one of our dinners when Sandy gave us some black eyed Susans from your garden. We'll think of her every time we see them.....she was more beautiful than they are.
May God be with you and your family....
Love, Dave and Justine##imported-begin##Dave and Justine Disborough##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 09:43 AM



“ Sandy was the model of professional, caring school librarian. I had the good fortune to learn from her wisdom through both graduate classes and workshops for new media specialists in Anne Arundel County. We will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Pam Benson##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 09:23 AM



“ Sandy touched the hearts of many people in her short time on this earth. She had a gentle spirit and a warmth and compassion for all she met. As a graduate student of hers, she taught me more than can be put into words. Her passion for libraries and teaching was contagious, as was her laugh. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Carrie Manion##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 08:23 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Sandy touched so many lives as a very positive role model for those of us who had the pleasure to work with her in Anne Arundel County. Know that many will miss her. Sharon Curran##imported-begin##Sharon Curran##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 08:18 AM



“ It's so hard to believe that Sandy is gone. As a colleague in AA Co I join so many other media specialists in this county who have wonderful memories of Sandy -- she was so helpful and always a calm voice and a listening ear. She was a blessing to us all and will be missed.##imported-begin##Linda Wallace##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 08:06 AM



“ To Dick and his family, I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts at this very sad time.##imported-begin##Bettie Acks##imported-end##

May 16, 2011 at 10:25 PM



“ *To Sandy's Family,*

While I don't know you personally, except through Sandy's conversations, my heart goes out to each of you. I am a middle school media specialist in QAC also, and I have had the great honor of working with this lovely lady! Sandy was a special person who always went the extra mile for those she served. Not only has STM School suffered a loss, but our entire school system has lost one of its truly "Shining Stars". Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Robin Laird###imported-begin##Robin Laird###imported-end##

May 16, 2011 at 02:11 PM