



Sandra "Sandy" Lee Cook

January 9, 1943 - November 1, 2020

Sandra "Sandy" Lee Cook, 77, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Sunday, November 1, 2020. She was born in Illinois to Wallace Alexander and Virginia Lee White on January 9, 1943, and went to public schools in Albion, Illinois. She graduated from Edwards County High School in 1961. Prior to her graduation, she had pre-enrolled at Bowling Green State University. However, her father, an engineer with SOHIO Oil Company, unexpectedly accepted a transfer to the Muskogee Division, and her plans quickly changed.

Moving with her parents to Muskogee, she then enrolled at Northeastern State College (now University), where she met her future husband, Jay Cook. They were married on September 3, 1965, and have three children, Laura Lee Cook of Muskogee, Jay Cook Jr. (Malissa) of Edmond, and Elizabeth "Libby" Allen (Shane) of Muskogee; seven grandchildren, Kyran McCaleb, Kaden McCaleb, Jay Cook III, Cooper Cook, Alissa Cook, Destrie Ettier of Chandler, AZ, and Brett Allen of Lawton.

Sandy was first and foremost an educator. Obtaining a degree in special education from Northeastern in 1965, she first taught at Mark Twain Elementary in Tulsa until her husband finished law school. Returning to Muskogee in 1972, she started working at Hilldale Public Schools, eventually appointed as the director of the special education program until her retirement in 2013. Sandy was an educator who loved and cared for children. Instead of "teaching" her kids, she tried to see what was keeping them from learning and then work to resolve any problem which interfered with their advancement. Many hours were spent on the telephone in the evening time talking to a parent or fellow teacher about just what needed to be done with one of her "kids". Following her retirement, she looked forward to those monthly meetings with her fellow Hilldale educators, and kept in touch with all her teacher friends made during those years. Her friends are too numerous to list, and she loved each of you.

On September 3, 2020, she learned about her illness. Sitting in her doctor's office on her 55th wedding anniversary with her husband, the doctor looked at her and said "you have lung cancer which has spread to the bones, and that it is incurable." Two short months later, she lost her fight against the disease, and was no longer suffering the pain that couldn't be controlled. If there is any comfort to those of us who are heartbroken, she no

longer hurts.

Sandy leaves her husband, family, and a bunch of friends who each share a loving memory of the times spent with her. She will be greatly missed.

The family wishes to extend their sincere appreciation for the excellent and compassionate care given to Sandy to Dr. Ross, Dr. Hussany, Dr. Neugesse, and Dr. King, the nurses at St. Francis Hospital, the staff at Pleasant Valley Nursing Center, and Carter Health Care.

A memorial service celebrating Sandy's life will be 2PM, Friday, November 13, 2020 @ Cornerstone Funeral

Events

NOV **Memorial Service** 02:00PM
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Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St., Muskogee, OK, US, 74403

Comments



“ We are heart-broken to hear of Sandy's passing. We extend our sympathies and prayers to all the Cook Family. From all the Lewis Family.

Diana Lewis - December 02, 2020 at 03:09 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 16, 2020 at 10:39 AM



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Deana Ward - November 13, 2020 at 02:14 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 12, 2020 at 05:20 PM



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Deana Ward - November 12, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Lee Cook.



November 12, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Lee Cook.



November 12, 2020 at 10:56 AM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 11, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ Sandy was a very special friend and we will miss her. Knowing her since college and seeing her at all the reunions gives us memories we will always cherish.

Jay and family please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.

Brian and Joanna Tyree

Brian and Joanna Tyree - November 11, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Lee Cook.



November 11, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ Deborah Tennison purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Lee Cook.



Deborah Tennison - November 10, 2020 at 12:27 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 09, 2020 at 05:05 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 09, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ So saddened to hear of Sandy's passing. Jay, our prayers are with you and your family at this time.
Ross Jones

Ross Jones - November 07, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ Sandy was a very special person and teacher. Great to her students and parents. Always went the extra mile for everyone in her life. She changed so many lives for the better.

Elva Nunn - November 05, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Sandy's passing, but I know she's in a much better place and free from pain. I have a lot of good memories from when I'd see her at church or at Hilldale. She was a good and caring person.

Sallie (Murrie) Pawley

Sallie Pawley - November 04, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ Prayers of comfort to the family and friends.



Dee Dunn - November 04, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Jason & Brandi Cook purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sandra "Sandy" Lee Cook.



Jason & Brandi Cook - November 04, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ I remember Sandy when she first moved to Muskogee. She lived right down the street from my home. She and I became friends because we were the only two girls in our neighborhood. If I remember correctly Jay was over at our house and he saw her and either my brother Joe Huff or Jay asked me to get her phone number and see if she would have a date with Jay. The fairytale story began from there. I loved Sandy and she made me feel so good and Jay has been my friend for a long time. My heart is saddened by the loss of Sandy and my heart goes out to Jay and his family and Sandy's family.

My prayers go out to all of her many friends that worked with her and that knew her for what a great person she was.

Barbara Montgomery - November 03, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ I loved Sandy with all my heart. There was never a better teacher or friend. When I had some personal problems, she took me for a ride and helped me to persevere. We took the kids on a great trip to Galveston with Jo Ann and her kids and my son, Matt. We had a great time even though it rained the whole trip! I have many happy memories and will cherish them forever. My hope is for Jay and the kids to have comfort in knowing how much she helped everyone around her, and how much she will be missed!!!

Debbie O'Brien Allen - November 03, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ My memories of Cookie span over 40 years, as Libby was one of my very first friends at Hilldale. She became so many things to me, and my beloved Hilldale girls, our score keeper for softball, a backstage mom at Arla Jean's dance recitals, and eventually our Cheer coach in high school. She was ALWAYS fun! What a wonderful life! I love you Cook family.

EMILY LIVINGSTON - November 03, 2020 at 03:26 PM