



Sandra Kay (Catherine) Brady

September 7, 1944 - August 17, 2024

Sandra Kay (Catherine) Brady, a beloved wife, devoted mother, and cherished grandmother, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 17, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Sandra was 79 years old.

Sandra was known for her boundless warmth, unwavering kindness, and her incredible ability to nurture those around her.

Sandra was born on September 7, 1944 in Williamsport Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Paul and Kay Steinbacher. She graduated from Loyalsock High School and shortly after she graduated, she married (Gifford) Bruce Brady, her husband of 46 years. Sandra traveled to many countries (Italy, Panama, Germany) with Bruce and enjoyed a military life filled with adventures and great memories. She gave her daughters the best nurturing upbringing any child could hope for. As her daughters got older, she went back to school to become an LPN, and worked on the pediatrics and post-partum units at Florida Hospital Altamonte Springs.

Her greatest joy in life was found in her family. Sandra reveled in spending time with her loved ones, creating cherished memories that will live on in their hearts forever. She was a constant source of happiness, her laughter and love a soothing presence to all who knew her.

She was the heart and soul of her family, always eager to lend a helping hand or offer a comforting hug. Her home was a sanctuary of love and joy, filled with the warmth of family gatherings and the simple pleasures of life.

She is survived by; her loving children, Kim Pleasants, Kelli Nulty (Brian

Nulty), and Kristen Kvalheim (Dwayne Kvalheim)]; her cherished grandchildren, Sydnie Pleasants, Ren Brady, Shane Nulty, Heather Nulty, Madison Kvalheim, and Riley Kvalheim; and a wide circle of friends who were blessed to know her.

Sandra's legacy is one of selfless love and joy, a beacon of light that will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing her. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered for the profound impact she had on the lives she touched.

A celebration of Sandra's life will be held on Friday, August 23, 2024 at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL, 32751 from 3:00-5:00, with the service beginning at 4:00, where family and friends will come together to honor and remember the incredible woman she was.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **23**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory

9001 N. Orlando Avenue

Maitland, FL 32751

<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Tribute Wall

“ I'd like to share the speech that I read at Grandma's celebration of life:

I was blessed to be the youngest grandchild of Sandra Brady. That really is the word for it - blessed. We are all blessed to have gotten to share our lives with her, and now that she's gone, we're blessed to be able to look back at our memories with her. Memories that will always make us smile and laugh.

It's good to be here, to get to celebrate Grandma with so many loved ones. It's tough to be the youngest knowing that I got the least amount of time with her... but no matter how much time you have, it never feels like enough.

People say “you don't know what you have till it's gone,” but not with Grandma. We all knew what a treasure she was. We all wanted to spend time with her and talk to her as much as possible. We all loved her endlessly, and she loved us. No question about it.

The past couple months, I got closer to Grandma. I would call her and tell her all these stories about what's going on in my life. It could be funny or stupid or mundane and she would give her full attention no matter what. If I got self conscious and thought I was talking too much, she'd shut that down fast and tell me that she loves to listen. She genuinely cared. She mentioned something one day, something small I had told her about weeks ago, and I was pretty surprised. I said “wow I can't believe you remembered that” and she said “I'm a really good listener.” she really was.

It's rare that you can talk to someone and REALLY feel listened to. She did that for so many people. I wanted to do that for her, I wanted to listen and I wanted to learn everything about her. But how can you even do that? How can you absorb all 79 years of a person's life? But I would think about it a lot - I didn't want her to leave without learning everything about her. Then someone asked me - Does someone know everything about YOU? Well, no. Do you WANT someone to know everything about you? Well dang I hadn't thought of it like that, definitely not. That's not how people are and that's not how life works. We spread our lives around and share pieces of it with different people. Grandma gave bits of her life to

everyone, she HAD shared it. And I'm grateful to have gotten to share some of it with her.

On the last day that I got to spend with Grandma, we got together to watch TV. She loved British TV, loved that dry sense of humor, and so did I. I was really happy to get to have a shared interest with her along with all the old-timey movies. Every new episode of a show I watched, I'd call her up to tell her about it. She'd laugh so hard and I got to laugh with her, it's like we were watching it together. On that last day after binge watching a show, I drove her home. In the car I started to tear up and I just had the overwhelming urge to ask questions. I asked her about the places she'd lived. Grandma said that Germany was her favorite because she and Grandpa made lots of friends and always went out and did fun things. She said that Virginia was her least favorite because she didn't have that, no real company. It makes a lot of sense - she was a people person. The epitome of one - she loved being around people and people loved being around her.

It's nice that she's with Grandpa now, and all the other people that she loved and that loved her. I'm sure she's making them all laugh just like she did with us.

Grandma, thank you for everything. We love you to infinity and back.

Riley Kvalheim - August 25, 2024 at 03:35 PM

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“ *With Love, the Miles', Tobey & Colton's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra Kay (Catherine) Brady.*

With Love, the Miles', Tobey & Colton's - August 22, 2024 at 04:44 PM

WC

“ *With Love, the Miles', Tobey & Colton's purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sandra Kay (Catherine) Brady.*



With Love, the Miles', Tobey & Colton's - August 22, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Sandra Kay (Catherine) Brady.*



August 21, 2024 at 06:13 AM

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“ *The Burford Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sandra Kay (Catherine) Brady.*



The Burford Family - August 21, 2024 at 05:50 AM

KP

“ *Kent and Cathy Prager purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Sandra Kay (Catherine) Brady.*



Kent and Cathy Prager - August 20, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ *Love, Jan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandra Kay (Catherine) Brady.*



Love, Jan - August 20, 2024 at 03:14 PM