



## Sandra Lee Murphy-Stites

September 13, 1935 - July 7, 2020

Sandra took the hand of Jesus and entered into her eternal rest on the afternoon of July 7th. She was born in Ness City, KS where she lived on her family farm with parents Lloyd and Elma Stieben and brother Stan. She graduated from Ness City High School with honors, loved singing in the choir and won a State Solo Contest. She also played the piano. She attended Emporia State Teachers College and then worked in Estes Park, CO during the summer to attend the Univ. of Denver. Married in 1957 to Zatis Murphy who died in 1996. Born were Charlene, Sheryl and Robert. She worked in Cy-Fair ISD as a teacher's aide. She was an excellent seamstress and wonderful cook! She sang in her church choirs while attending Cypress United Methodist Church and Foundry United Methodist Church. She was a Stephen Minister in the Foundry Methodist Church. She lost her first husband to cancer in 1996 and married her surviving husband John Stites. They thoroughly enjoyed their retirement years together traveling all across the US to see all of their family members, grandchildren and friends. Sandra loved to keep up with every person in our families, their birthdays, graduations and many special events. In the year 2015 her second daughter Sheryl developed stage four breast cancer who preceded her in death. John and Sandra then moved their RV to Huntsville, TX making it their 2nd home. While there they attended Huntsville First United Methodist Church making it their second church home. She always brought a spark and smile to a room, she never complained about anyone or anything, she had such grace and inner strength and just the right

words and instructions if we needed it. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband John, brother Stan & wife Patty, daughter Charlene, son Robert, stepson Jeff & Steve, step daughter Kim, 11 grandchildren & four great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020 from noon – 1:00pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Services will immediately follow at 1:00pm. Sandra will be laid to rest in Overland Park, Kansas. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra Lee Murphy-Stites*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Sandra, your brother Stan and I shared many, many happy times together growing up in Ness City, Kansas. Our age differences at the time were such that you wouldn't have been overly involved with "little brother's" friends. But, you and all of your family were always gracious toward me when I visited Stan. Stan used to allow me to ride his shetland pony while you, Stan, your father, Loyd performed the daily milking duties of the dairy farm. While our paths never crossed once all of us left Ness City, Kansas, Stan and I have managed to remain in contact, more so in recent years than during our working lives. I pray you had a wonderful and full life. There is still a certain magical link between those of us who grew up in Ness City, Kansas. May your family be blessed with fond memories.*

*Martin Daniel (Danny) Margheim*

Martin Margheim - July 24, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ *Nancy Dietz And Charley Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandra Lee Murphy-Stites*



Nancy Dietz and charley shaw - July 18, 2020 at 05:49 PM

NS

“ Sandra was always one of my favorite cousins. She was always so happy and kind to everyone. She and John stopped by a few times when they were traveling and I loved seeing them. Always a great time to catch up and big hugs and laughter. I will miss her greatly and I know shes in heaven and singing with the other angels. I loved her so much. My sincere sympathy to the whole family. I know God will be with you all to help you all. Gods blessings and love to all. Nancy Dietz

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**Nancy Dietz and charley shaw** - July 18, 2020 at 05:46 PM

BC

“ Sandra and I went to Ness City High School together and we have kept in touch all these years. I will miss her.

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**BJ Clouston** - July 14, 2020 at 10:26 AM

RT

“ We will miss Sandy. If there was an angel on earth, it would have been Sandy. We pray for John and the rest of the family. Blessings, Rene' & Ismelda Truan

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**Rene' & Ismelda Truan** - July 11, 2020 at 04:20 PM

MB

“ Aunt Sandra will truly missed by so many that knew her. Her love of people showed every time she helped another. Her kindness was abundant. Her grace always evident. I will miss her beautiful smile. She was the best aunt ever. My condolences to Uncle John, Charlene, Robert, my dad Stan Stieben and everyone who knew & loved her. Heaven definitely gained an angel. Sing to your hearts content, Aunt Sandra. We love and miss you. The Breda Family

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**Melissa Stieben Breda** - July 10, 2020 at 10:07 PM

TF

“ *The Olson Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Sandra Lee Murphy-Stites.*



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**The Olson Family** - July 10, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra Lee Murphy-Stites.*



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July 10, 2020 at 01:17 PM

LS

“ *Our hearts are heavy with our earthly loss, but we rest assured of the glorious reunions and celebration of Sandras arrival in heaven. You are all in our caring thoughts. We too shall miss her! ❤️🙏  
Lynette and Loren Stenzel*

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**Lynette Stenzel** - July 10, 2020 at 11:58 AM