



## Sandra "Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton

November 18, 1948 - January 7, 2016

Sandra Lynn (Sissy, NanNan) Pilkenton was welcomed by her adoring parents Bobbie and Carlton Wilcox on November 18, 1948, in Conroe, Texas and passed peacefully, with her devoted husband of 51 years and her two beloved children by her side on January 7, 2016.

Growing up mostly in Cut-N-Shoot, TX, as a little girl Sissy spent a great deal of time with her older sister, younger brother and many aunts, uncles, and cousins, climbing trees, roughhousing and getting dirty. She and her extended family were extremely tight-knit, growing up and older alongside one another with a simple "country" childhood filled with family, love, laughter, country music and pinto beans and cornbread. She was a petite young lady with blonde permed curls and bright blue eyes that could scare the neighborhood kids yet were the windows to the most beautiful soul. She loved to play football in the open field with the neighborhood boys and could and would tackle the biggest and toughest boys. To hear her tell it, growing up was perfect and she had all that she needed and more.

She met her husband Jerry when they were kids and lived on the same street in Houston but she was just "one of the guys" and he was a little intimidated by her. They became husband and wife on January 15th, 1965 in a small ceremony in the home of her Mammaw and Pappy.

One year and one month later Sissy became a mother when she and Jerry

welcomed their son David Wayne on February 17th, 1966. From the moment he was born, she was the most devoted mother, raising her precious son surrounded by the same close family that blessed her own childhood. On December 9th, 1968, she and Jerry welcomed their second child, a daughter, Stacy Lee and their little family was complete.

Although she held many jobs outside the home over the years, she was the exemplification of a wife and mother. Her focus was on her extended family and not just her husband and children. She was fiercely protective, nurturing and selfless while still being the feisty girl she had always been.

Although her husband's job had them living in Houston, Texas City, and briefly in Bay City, they were able to rejoin her family back here in Montgomery, living alongside her sister Betty and her brother Jimmy and their families on the land they all owned together with their parents, Bobbie and Carlton. She was so happy here in this town full of childhood memories, having her favorite aunts just steps away for coffee and kitchen table chats. She loved to fish and often took her kids to the Texas City Dike fishing or the bay for crabbing on any given weekday. Later, back in Montgomery, she'd fish for crappie and bass from the shores of Lake Conroe, just steps from her front door.

Although she didn't officially play team sports as a child, she was gifted with a natural talent. She grew up effortlessly competing with the boys and bettering every girl. She earned bowling trophies from her league and played with Jerry, her grown children and their families on a local co-ed softball team. She loved collecting old things that reminded her of her own childhood and enjoyed "treasure hunting" at garage and estate sales. She looked forward to weekly lunches or dinners with the entire extended family and BBQs where she was a champion at horseshoes and deviled eggs. A natural and amazing cook, dishes known only as, "the way Sis makes it," were oft-requested from all who had ever eaten a treat she contributed to the many family gatherings. She

kept an impeccable home, where in memories she can still be seen in her kitchen chair, feet propped on the dividing pillar of faux brick, or relaxing with family on her front porch surrounded by a jungle of well-kept plants, the family dog at her feet. She always loved to play cards, and later enjoyed trips to Las Vegas and the casinos of Louisiana to play the slots and video poker.

When she became a grandmother in January of 1989, she truly came to life. She never stopped having time, love or nurturing for her own grown kids and the family members that she had always been devoted to, but her 8 grandchildren and later 6 great-grandchildren were her greatest love. Her life seemed to completely revolve around those children and that was exactly how she wanted it. She never missed a play or program. She never missed a game or even a practice when there seemed to be one just about every day. She and Jerry were a fixture at every single event, side by side in their lawn chairs as she hollered at the ref or umpire, even attending an all-star t-ball game while seriously ill with Strep.

She made sure that those babies - well, anyone really - never wanted for anything, and taught all who knew her the true meaning of unconditional love. She smothered her babies, direct and extended family just the same, with hugs and kisses, always with time for them, with a safe spot on her lap, a treat, and a story. Her love for her family was magical, and she will be missed greatly by all. "We love you too much, Nan". Rest peacefully.

Sandra is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 51 years, Jerry W. Pilkenton, adoring parents Bobbie and Carlton Wilcox, son David and wife Schai Pilkenton, daughter Stacy and husband David Kroll, all of Montgomery, TX; sister Betty Gresak of Montgomery; brother Jimmy and wife Becky Wilcox of Montgomery; grandchildren Callan Riddles of Montgomery, Rylan Riddles and partner Megan Griffin of Montgomery, Keytan Riddles Strong and

husband Andrew of Conroe, TX, Kyler Pilkenton of Montgomery, Ambryn Kroll of Montgomery, Kelen Pilkenton of Montgomery, Camden Kroll of Montgomery, Addison Kroll of Montgomery; great-grandchildren Landyn Riddles, Aubrey Riddles-Cain, Slayder Strong , Wesley Riddles, Valor Strong and Emily Sides.

Not named but never forgotten are the many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins (who were more like siblings), extended family members, and many friends close in memory, all of whom loved her dearly. They each meant so much to her, and she loved them all as if they were her own.

Services are as follows: Visitation-Wednesday, January 13, 2016 10:00 AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home at 20850 Eva St, Montgomery, TX 77356. Celebration of Life Immediately following visitation at the same location at 11:00 AM. Interment following services at Copeland Chapel Cemetery 105 and McCaleb Road. Montgomery

Gathering of Family and Friends for food and fellowship:  
Rabon Chapel Church of Christ  
17975 Rabon Chapel Rd,  
Montgomery, TX 77316

# Cemetery Details

## Copeland Chapel Cemetery

Copelan Chapel Rd  
Montgomery, TX 77316

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra "Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I remember having lunch at least once a week with Sandra when I worked in Conroe and we always had a good lunch, great conversation and lots of laughs. Tomorrow is Jessica's 7th Angelversary and I'm sure she is showing NanNan the ropes in the afterlife. All my love to Stacy and the whole family, you're all in my heart and prayers!!*



**Nita Hays** - January 19, 2016 at 08:53 AM



“ *Lucky And Carla Falco lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton*



**Lucky and Carla Falco** - January 14, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *Cathy And Mike Walker lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton*



**Cathy and Mike Walker** - January 13, 2016 at 06:36 AM

LP

“ *Lylene Pilkenton lit a candle in memory of  
Sandra "Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton*



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**Lylene Pilkenton** - January 13, 2016 at 12:15 AM

TT

“ Words cannot even express how much Sissy meant to me. I looked up to Sis as a perfect role model. She loved her entire family and was always there for anyone that needed anything. If you asked her to do something for you, she didn't ever hesitate for one minute, to step up and lend a helping hand.

When we lived at the lake, we would always spend time at Sis and Jerry's. It seemed like our parents had poker games every weekend at our house. When they weren't playing cards, we were all fishing, swimming, or out in the boat. We also enjoyed camping out at the back of our land and having fish fries. We would gather around the fire, and listen to country music that Papa and Uncle Jimmy would sing. We also enjoyed making home movies. One of my favorite movies was when Sis and Jerry made "These Boots Are Made For Walking". Sis had a real short dress on and knee high boots. She was really getting in to her part and strutting her stuff. It was so cute, and she even got tickled at herself.

Sis and Jerry would always invite me to go with them to the casinos. We always had a great time. They would also come to Houston on the weekend, and I would go with them to the Flea Markets on Airline. They got me hooked on estate sales when they took me to Jerry's aunts estate sale. I also enjoyed going garage saling with sissy.

I will cherish the time I got to spend with you at the hospital when you were sick, and when you came home. I could go on forever with all my treasured memories of the past, but they will be with me in my heart forever and always. I love you sissy and there will never be another like you!

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Tammy Thomas - January 12, 2016 at 10:29 PM

JW

“ James Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton



James Wilcox - January 12, 2016 at 08:24 PM

BG

“ Betty Gresak lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton



Betty Gresak - January 12, 2016 at 08:03 PM

TT

“ Tammy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton



Tammy Thomas - January 12, 2016 at 06:02 PM

SL

“ Sharon Leonard lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton



Sharon Leonard - January 12, 2016 at 03:17 PM

SH

“ Shelly lit a candle in memory of Sandra  
"Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton



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**Shelly** - January 12, 2016 at 12:44 PM

TC

“ Terri Curtis lit a candle in memory of Sandra  
"Sissy" "NanNan" Pilkenton



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**Terri Curtis** - January 12, 2016 at 11:47 AM

TC

“ Every memory I have of Sis is wonderful. Her and Jerry were like my second parents. I was always at their house growing up. I remember her getting up earlier than everyone else, sitting in the kitchen, drinking coffee, and listening to Old Country on the radio, while putting on her eyes. Then, she would yell at us to get up. I would get up quickly and sit with her sometimes, but Stacy and David would lay in bed. She would have to yell at them several times, before they would get up. Such sweet and special memories. Then, as adults we would meet for lunch (at the least, once a week). Most of the time we would go to El Pollino and get a monkey bowl of cheese and enchiladas. I ran over myself with the van (don't ask- almost impossible), but I still managed to meet her for lunch that day at Hunan Village. I never wanted to disappoint her and I always looked forward to seeing her. We would play Yahtzee over and over, most of the time with Grandma. Fun times! I will always think of her when I make homemade macaroni & cheese (one of her many specialties). She made the best hot water cornbread, cheesecake, chocolate cake (the only one I would ever eat). Everything she cooked was with love. She was always there for me, no matter what! I cannot even describe the kind of Aunt she was to me. The best one you could ever imagine, and then she was more. My kids loved her like a Grandma. They called her NanNan, too. Sidney would always sneak down to her house, when she was little and try to hide from me (because she didn't want to leave NanNan's). Both my kids adored her and loved to spend the night with NanNan and Young Pawpaw. We all have very fond memories to cherish forever. I love you, Sis! Thank you for being the best Aunt in the world. I will miss you dearly

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**Terri Curtis** - January 12, 2016 at 09:11 AM

LG

“ One of the funniest memories I have is of an eventful trip to Los Vegas. Sis, Betty, Scott & I were on our way to Vegas. Scott & Betty were first to drive, then it was me & Sis. Well, it sounded like a good plan until - it was time for Sis & me to drive. We got stuck in construction & we keep looping around & around & around for an hour .... getting absolutely no where! Needless to say we were laughing so hard that we couldn't think straight. At that point Scott & Betty decided it was best to let them take the wheel again.

*Miss Ya Sis*

*Scott & Linda Gresik*



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**Linda Gresik** - January 11, 2016 at 03:35 PM