



## Sandra Lee Tykol

June 8, 1942 - September 27, 2008

Sandra Lee Tykol "Sassy" born June 8, 1942 in San Mateo, California to Howard and LaVaun Sloan left on September 13, 2008 to tend the gardens in heaven. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, George Robert Tykol; son Matthew Tykol and wife Paula of Arkansas; daughter Hettie Stein and husband Robert of Spring Texas; four grandchildren, Lacey and Evan Tu, Travis and Nathan Tykol; and sisters Peggy Burch of Sunnyvale, California and Hettie Sprague of Newport, Kentucky. She is preceded in death by her parents. Sandy has lived in Huntsville for the past 34 years and is well known for her community service to the Walker County Master Gardener's Association. She joined the program in January of 2005. Her enthusiasm and cheerful demeanor made an immediate and everlasting impact on the organization. She set a standard of commitment and dedication which served the program well during her presidency from January of 2007 through December of 2008. Sassy was a true wife to George recently celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary, a loving, caring mother, grandmother, and friend to many who touched numerous lives with her giving ways. Having Sandy in your life was an eternal blessing. Visitation with the family will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 7:00-9:00 PM at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home and her life will be celebrated with a Memorial Service to be held Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 11:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church with The Rev. Scott Dornbush officiating. Memorial donations may be made to The Walker County Master Gardener Association – "Sandy Tykol

Scholarship Fund", 102 Tam Road Huntsville, Texas 77320. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Saundra Lee Tykol*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Matt & Family,  
I am sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Our thought and prays go out to you and your family. God Bless*

**Cody Graham** - October 08, 2008 at 03:25 PM



“ *Hettie, George, Lacey and Evan: We just learned about Sassy's tragedy. Our hearts are so heavy with your loss but we are so thankful that Sassy touched our lives with her vibrance and joy of living. She was a very special lady, who like a butterfly made the world a more beautiful place wherever she landed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Gary, Retta and Whitney Harding** - September 30, 2008 at 06:52 PM



“ *Hettie-*

*So sorry to hear of your mother's death. I remember her well, as well as your father from some of the events at your house. A big loss for all of you I am sure. If you have a moment some time contact us and bring us up to date on you and your children. We have been thinking of you a lot. David and Penelope*

**David and Penelope Gordon** - September 29, 2008 at 07:32 PM

BM

“ My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. I didn't know Sandy personally. I spoke with her on the phone regarding the Master Gardeners. I finally met her one Saturday long after the Spring sale at the gardens. Her enthusiam and joy was infectious. Draw strength from your memories. Beverly Maguire

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**Beverly Maguire** - September 26, 2008 at 11:43 AM

BJ

“ I know that Sandy will be greatly missed by all who ever had contact with her. She was a great friend and help for the Montgomery County Master Gardeners. The assistance she gave so freely and warmly as we planned the tour of the Walker County Master Gardener grounds will always be cherished by me and the others on our committee. May God send His peace and comfort to you all.

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**Betsy Jones** - September 26, 2008 at 08:40 AM

TH

“ Dear Hettie, Matt and Mr. Tykol,

I was so saddened to hear of your loss. I will keep you and your families in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God will comfort you and give you strength.

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**Teresa (Hurd) Hollister** - September 24, 2008 at 09:51 PM

DW

“ Dear Hetti,  
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. She always had a beautiful and contagious smile. Keep your family and friends close. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Dana Wilson

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**Dana Wilson** - September 24, 2008 at 02:59 PM

UB

“ Dear George & Family,  
We were so sorry to hear about your lose. Sandy was such a good life loving person. she will be missed sorely by all who knew her. I'm sure she is running heaven's Masters Garden. Uschi & Steve Billings

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**Uschi & Steve Billings** - September 22, 2008 at 04:59 PM

JE

“ Hettie, this is such a tragedy. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I can remember your Mom and her smile when she would visit us at Aronex. Try to surround yourself with loving, happy and fun memories.

Love,  
Jenn Elliott

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**Jenn Elliott** - September 22, 2008 at 12:46 PM

JL

“ Hettie and Bob-So very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother and my thoughts are with you guys and your family during this very difficult time.

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**James Ledbetter** - September 22, 2008 at 09:08 AM

EC

“ I am so so sorry to hear about your mom Hettie! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Emily

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**Emily Crouch** - September 21, 2008 at 07:57 PM

KB

“ Dear Hettie, George, Matt, Lacey, and Evan...I just got word of Sandy's passing. I am in shock that someone as vibrant has been taken so prematurely. She was such a pleasure to know, so fun and spirited. Her passing is like the loss of a major limb off of a giant live oak...the tree will survive, but will be off balance and never completely whole again. My heart aches for all of you. God's garden will shine under her tender loving care. Much love to you all, Kristi Boehm

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**Kristi Boehm** - September 21, 2008 at 12:15 PM

JH

“ George and Family, Our sincerest condolences on your loss. You are in our prayers. Gerry & Jim Hynes

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**Jim & Gerry Hynes** - September 21, 2008 at 11:39 AM

NF

“ Hettie, Evan, Lacey and Family,  
Hettie, I know your Mom has been your ROCK and inspiration! Her energy, enthusiasm, warmth... ..are unforgettable!! My heart goes out to you and my prayers and thoughts are with you. May God bless you all!

Love,  
Nancy

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**Nancy Gregory & Family** - September 21, 2008 at 11:28 AM

GC

“ *Evan and family-*

*We are so sorry for the loss of your grandmother! Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers! We will keep you in our hearts during this difficult time!*

*Love, Gary, Patti, Matt, Maddie and Clay Cole*

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**Gary, Patti, Matt, Maddie and Clay Cole** - September 20, 2008 at 02:07 PM

SE

“ *Dear ones, we are still so,so saddened and shocked over the tragic accident-please know that our love, prayers, hugs are with each of you now and in the future as you face the long days ahead. Sandy was such a vibrant person who loved you and life, and Heaven's Garden will be even more beautiful with her care. We are unable to attend the visitation and service but at those timees, especially, we will know that our precious Lord will take care of you and we will offer special prayers for you. Our sympathy now and always, Sunny and Bob Ernst and family*

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**Sunny and Bob Ernst** - September 19, 2008 at 11:25 PM

SS

“ *Our thoughts are with you all even though we cannot be with you at this time. Sandy was such a joy to everyone. Love from us.*

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**Smokey and Jeanie Shelburne Ronnie and Zakary Shelburne** - September 19, 2008 at 10:17 PM

TF

“ Dear Hettie, Bob and the entire family,

*Not ever having to experience such sorrow, I can only begin to imagine the pain of losing such a vibrant person to such a capricious turn of events.*

*Sandi, I and the boys want to share our thoughts and prayers as you go through this. Know that you are not alone in your grieving. As John Donne wrote in his Holy Devotion #17, "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away, Europe is the less... Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."*

*All best to each and every member of the family.*

*Jeff, Sandi, Zach & Josh*

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**The Mintz Family** - September 19, 2008 at 07:57 PM

BK

“ Dear Uncle George, Matt, Hettie and families,

*No words can express our sadness and sorrow at the passing of Dear Aunt Sandy. We know you are certainly at a loss to explain the random tragedy that took her precious life. Our hearts bear the weight of the suffering you are under and we grieve with you all. We send our love, support and prayers to you during this fragile time. May the love of those near you lift you up and help you heal.*

*Love to all,*

*Joene and Barry*

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**Barry and Joene Kelly** - September 19, 2008 at 05:15 PM

LI

“ Hettie and Matt- I was truly saddened when I heard about your mom. She was an awesome person who will be missed so much. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Lisa(Bonvillion)Townsend** - September 19, 2008 at 05:13 PM

BJ

“ George, Hettie, and Family,  
We share in your sorrow for the loss of Sassy. She was a joy to know and will be the source of many pleasant memories. You remain in our prayers. Bob, Medina, and Alton Jarman

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**Bob, Medina, and Alton Jarman** - September 19, 2008 at 01:20 PM

GF

“ We are sorry to here about Sandy. Ralph and I truly thought a lot of her. She just brighten a room when she walked in. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless, Ralph and Samantha Patteson

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**George, Hettie, Matthew and family** - September 19, 2008 at 01:02 PM

RK

“ Hettie and family... please know your in my thoughts and many of our gradeschool friends from Illinois are thinking of you too... Hettie, we just reunited and along comes this dark spot in your life. Hope to see you in October as planned, we can talk then... love to an old friend, Roger.

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**Roger Kaiser** - September 18, 2008 at 09:46 PM

YF

“ We are all beyond words. Sandy did so much for Taipei and those who work here. Her cheerful smile will definitely be missed. We love you and we are here for you. The Hu Family, Geoffrey, Vinnie, Brandi, and everyone else.

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**Your Taipei Family** - September 18, 2008 at 07:54 PM

CB

“ We are so sorry for your loss of your wife. You and your family are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.  
*Cheryl and Don Bumpass*

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**Cheryl and Don Bumpass** - September 18, 2008 at 04:05 PM