



Sandra Y. Leftwich

June 17, 1940 - November 15, 2024

Sandra Youkilis Leftwich, age 84, passed away peacefully at home on November 15, 2024. She was the daughter of Ben and Rose Youkilis, beloved wife of the late Howard M. Leftwich, devoted mother of Jeff (Jennifer) Leftwich and Julie (Michael Thomas) Leftwich, loving grandmother of Connor, Sara, and Galen Leftwich, and Stefan Arostegui.

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Sandy graduated from Walnut Hills High School in 1958 and earned a degree in medical technology from the University of Cincinnati in 1962. After graduating she worked at General Hospital in Dr. Helen Glueck's coagulation lab, where she became Head Technologist. In 1968 she retired from Dr. Glueck's lab to marry Howard. After ten years and two children she returned to Dr. Glueck's lab. Ahead of her time, in the 1980s Sandy decided to study computers and make a career change. She became a computer analyst in the lab data center at University Hospital, formerly General Hospital. She then went to work at Jewish Hospital, which became the Health Alliance and ultimately Mercy Health. She retired in 2004, although she continued to do consulting work for the hospitals for several years.

Sandy was fortunate to have many good friends, several of whom she grew up with. She was loved and will be missed.

Services will be held Monday, November 18 at 1:30 PM at Weil Kahn Funeral

Home, 8350 Cornell Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249. Visitation begins at 12:30 PM. Services will be LIVESTREAMED https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed_viewer/106621. Burial will follow at United Jewish Cemetery Montgomery, 7885 Ivygate Ln Montgomery, OH 45242. Shiva will be observed Monday, November 18, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, with minyan at 7:00 PM at the Leftwich home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions would be appreciated to the Howard M. Leftwich Memorial Fund for the Center for International Peace and Security at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Checks payable to the UC Foundation, with Howard Leftwich Memorial Fund in the memo line or on an accompanying note, to Development Office, UC College of Law, PO Box 210040, Cincinnati, OH 45221, or donate online at <https://shorturl.at/4yhzo> or to Hospice of Cincinnati, P.O. Box 633597, Cincinnati, OH 45263-3597, <https://hospiceofcincinnati.org/>

Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery

7885 Ivygate Lane
Montgomery, OH 45242

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Road
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Funeral Service

NOV 18. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sandra Y. Leftwich



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - November 16, 2024 at 11:59 AM

JM

Sorry I was unable to attend the funeral service in person, but I just watched it on line from our second home n Washington, DC. I have known Sandy for many years, first from the UC Woman's Club and more recently from a woman's writing group, a book club, and even a dinig out group. She was a good friend and will be sorely missed by us all.

Jenny Margolis

Jennifer Margolis - November 18, 2024 at 02:15 PM

AR

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family. I loved Sandy like a mother. She was brilliant and funny and just a little bit stubborn. I will miss her dearly. @Julie thank you for getting the memorial fund "done" just in time <3*



Amy Roberto - November 18, 2024 at 02:08 PM

TH

“ I met Sandy through the Woman's Club of the University of Cincinnati. She was a gold mine of hope for the Club. We will miss her.

Teresa Hamrick - November 18, 2024 at 07:52 AM

EF

“ Sandy was a dear friend of Sonny's for 78 years! When he was ill, Sandy's kindness and sense of humor brought us great comfort with each visit. We loved how sharing their childhood memories would lift his spirits. Sandy was a genuine friend and will be greatly missed. Sending my deepest condolences to all,
Ellen Fettner

Ellen Fettner - November 17, 2024 at 10:52 AM

HW

“ so sorry to hear. i send my condolences to Sandra's family. Herb Weiss

Herb Weiss - November 16, 2024 at 07:56 PM

RR

“ I met Sandy in 1954 at Walnut Hills high school when I entered the ninth grade as a transfer student from Chicago. I may have also known her from my earlier time in Cincinnati at South Avondale school where she was in class A and I in class C. We have always been friends through our journey through life.
Schools are part of my earliest memories because Sandy helped me regularly with my math homework, which I couldn't do by myself.

Sandy has been and will always be in my heart ❤️

Rachelle Rosenberg. aka Shelly

Rachelle Roth Rosenberg - November 16, 2024 at 11:28 AM



We met Sandy on our trip to Israel in 2010 and immediately felt her warmth and friendship. Howard and Sandy were wonderful people and may their memories and legacy be comforting and inspirational.

Elaine Hordes - November 18, 2024 at 02:13 PM