



Sandra Jean Powell

June 4, 1939 - January 31, 2019

Sandra Powell was born June 4, 1939 in Tacoma, Washington to Jeanette and Allen Nichols, and passed away unexpectedly on January 31, 2019 with loved ones nearby.

Sandra was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend to all.

Sandra grew up in Key Center, Washington and attended Peninsula High School. She graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics. After college she taught school in Port Orchard for a short time and met Donald Powell, the love of her life. They were married on August 5, 1961 in Gig Harbor, WA.

In 1962 Don and Sandra moved to Corvallis Oregon to assist in the operation of Garland Nursery, then owned by Don's mother. Sandra was an amazing salesperson and loved to help all customers. She welcomed everyone into her home and brought a sense of family to the Nursery. Don and Sandra worked side by side for over 50 years running Garland Nursery.

Sandra loved to play hostess to large gatherings, especially her annual Christmas Coffee that spanned 40+ years, and the beloved family Corn Roast. She was extremely engaged in the Corvallis community and was well known for her accomplishments and awards. Over the years she was awarded the

Oregon Association of Nurseries Retailer of the Year, and she was recognized by the OSU College of Agriculture with their Diamond Pioneer Award. Don and Sandra were both elected into the Oregon Nursery Hall of Fame and received an OSU Austin Family Business Award. Sandra was past President of Chapter DQ, P.E.O., and a member of the Assistance League and Zonta. Lastly, as Oregon State football and basketball season ticket holders, you could always find her and Don cheering on their beloved Beavers.

Sandra is preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband Donald Willis Powell.

Sandra is survived by her children Brenda Powell (Mitch Brown), Lee Allen Powell (Linda), and Erica Powell Kaminskas (Jim); her sister, Margaret (Bruce) Tornquist, two nephews and their families; two granddaughters, Cali and Madeline (Taylor Doolen); and her Garland Nursery family.

A memorial service will be held at Thursday, February 7th 2019 at 3pm at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan Corvallis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sandra's name to P.E.O Chapter DQ Oregon fund, supporting Women's Education, c/o McHenry Funeral Home: 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 7. 1:00 AM (PT)

Oak Lawn Cemetery
2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-4532

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 3:00 AM (PT)

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
333 NE th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Visitation

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Sandra was an amazing woman who contributed in so many ways to the Corvallis community and beyond. She will be missed by all who knew her and had the pleasure to interact with her whether through Garland's Nursery or associated activities. She leaves a strong legacy through her children and our community is very fortunate. to have that gift. Sincerely, Stella Coakley

Stella Coakley - February 28, 2019 at 12:38 AM

DG

“ Deborah Gavegan lit a candle in memory of Sandra Jean Powell



Deborah Gavegan - February 10, 2019 at 11:57 PM

CC

“ Dear Sandra,
Now I treasure the times I got to spend with you even more. You had a magical way of making everything fun. You were a lady with real class, welcoming and treating everyone with kindness and respect. You hardly every showed sentimentality, but once, when I said how proud you must be of your kids I noticed tears come into your eyes. Everyone loved being with you, so you be so terribly missed. Thank you for hiring me so many years ago, and for being such a wonderful part of so many lives. Love, Char

Charlotte Campbell - February 09, 2019 at 11:01 PM

MM

“ *She will never be forgotten; a wonderful woman full of light, beauty, and kindness to all!*

Marion Moir - February 08, 2019 at 11:55 PM

MO

“ *Such a sad day and my heart hurts. Being a past employee at Garland's (landscape dept. - 1977-79), I had the pleasure of working with Sandra and Don. Sandra was smart, generous, and kind. She possessed a gracious manner and was always sweet to everyone. I am grateful that I had the privilege of knowing Sandra and Don. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Rest in peace dear ones and thanks for the memories. So sorry -- Brenda, Lee, and Erica. God Bless.*

Marie Fettes O'Connor - February 08, 2019 at 06:33 PM

HS

“ *I am so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. She and your Dad were such wonderful, gracious individuals. They will be missed and have left a wonderful legacy--Garland and family. John looked forward to the corn roast each summer and the Holiday coffee was a special part of Christmas. I talked with your mother at TZ's Holiday open house and she shared some very encouraging words. My thoughts, love and prayers are with you.*

Hazel Stratton - February 07, 2019 at 06:55 PM

DW

“ It was always a pleasure how Sandy had a cheerful greeting and a smile for everyone and even remembered names no matter how long it may have been. She and Don will be missed. We are glad to see Garlands' legacy continue with the kids. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Marlyn and Debbie Weaver

Deborah Weaver - February 07, 2019 at 02:24 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of Sandra's passing. She was a wonderful person. It truly saddens me for your loss of her and Don both so close together. Thinking of your family.

Jill Przybyla - February 07, 2019 at 01:08 PM

CN

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Your mom was an absolute firecracker! She is irreplaceable. I know she will be greatly missed.
Christian Noteboom

Christian Noteboom - February 06, 2019 at 11:33 AM

TR

“ *Tiana Roberts lit a candle in memory of Sandra Jean Powell*



tiana roberts - February 06, 2019 at 09:20 AM

MS

“ *Merlan K Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Sandra Jean Powell*



Merlan K Schwartz - February 06, 2019 at 02:11 AM

EW

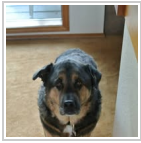
“ *Dear Powell Family,
A truly grand lady! My heart goes out to you all for having lost both your parents in such a short time. I first met your parents when we built our house thirty years ago and your dad drew up our landscape design. Your mom helped me choose the plants. It's no coincidence that the plants from Garlands always thrived! I have been a customer ever since!
In the past few years, I have admired how "the kids" have continued the legacy of Garland Nursery. You do your parents proud!
I visited with Sandy at the Service of Remembrance held at the Presbyterian Church just a few months ago. She seemed so strong and vibrant and assured me that she was doing fine. She lived a full life with many accomplishments. Once the pain of her passing has subsided, I'm sure her memory will bring you many cherished memories and smiles.
With my condolences,
Eneke Warnke*

Eneke Warnke - February 05, 2019 at 08:55 PM

JR

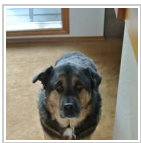
“ To the Powell Family, Johnnie and I are thinking of you and want you to know you're all in our thoughts. We know your Mom is irreplaceable to you and to all of us who knew her. She was such a beacon of hope and love to all. May you be comforted to know she is with your Dad. We have all lost a beautiful friend.

Johnnie and Carol Rice - February 05, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ Sandy I just got you back to my class and was so happy to see you. You will be sadly missed by all your water ladies and your teacher.
RIP

Kate Rowney - February 04, 2019 at 09:58 PM



“ Kate Rowney lit a candle in memory of Sandra Jean Powell



Kate Rowney - February 04, 2019 at 09:56 PM

SP

“ I am shocked and deeply saddened by the passing of your mother. I am so grateful to have gotten to share an evening with her at Christmas. Her wit, love of family and company, and her generosity to so many organizations in and around the community are some things that come to mind. She loved having company. She knew how to throw any party, any theme party with beautiful, bold colors. I will miss her and so will my family.

Love,
Suzy Palmer

suzanne palmer - February 03, 2019 at 06:25 PM

MB

“ *Sandy was always gracious and loved to entertain her friends and family, especially will be remembered for her outstanding holiday parties. Am sure will be entertaining her family and friends in heaven!! Marge Bromley*

Marge Bromley - February 02, 2019 at 02:01 PM

JR

“ *Janet Raffensperger lit a candle in memory of Sandra Jean Powell*



Janet Raffensperger - February 02, 2019 at 11:37 AM

DW

So very sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. She was a great wife, mother, and dear person. Your mom and dad will long be remembered for their wonderful nursery, their Corn Roasts, and for their Holiday Teas. Our hearts go out to you all.

Don and Shirley Wirth - February 05, 2019 at 12:06 AM

SM

We just knew your mother casually but thought very highly of her. She always had a smile and kind word to say. We shall miss seeing her when we visit the nursery.

Sharron de Montigny - February 05, 2019 at 08:39 PM