



Sandra E. Denefield

May 21, 1950 - December 6, 2019

Beautiful in looks, abundant in brains, and lots of fun to be with-Sandra Eileen Denefield was born on May 21, 1950 in Jacksonville, Florida. She was the fourth of five off spring born to Reverend Alfred and Mrs. Beatrice Richardson Denefield.

Sandra attended Susie E. Tolbert Elementary School, where she excelled at marbles as well as schoolwork. Next she went to James Weldon Johnson Junior High School, and after that she went on to Stanton Senior High School. At home and at school, her siblings and friends were often amused by Sandra's quirky sense of humor. She graduated from Florida A&M University, where she majored in Psychology. Armed with a scholarship , she enrolled at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to work on her Master's degree. She transferred from there to Coppin State College (now University) in Baltimore and completed her Master's degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. As if that wasn't enough, she enrolled at John Hopkins University and garnered two more Master's degrees. One in Counseling the Severely Handicapped, the other was in Personnel Management.

During her career as a State Vocational Rehabilitation counselor for the Vocational Rehabilitation Center. She worked at various locations in Baltimore, and traveled to other locations in the State to give talks or presentations about the agency. Sandra bought a three -story home in West Baltimore and lived there happily for thirty years. Unhappily, she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1990. Even then, she carried on her

career by utilizing assistive devices that allowed her to continue to work and care for herself, and stay beautifully groomed and ready for action.

Sandra loved to travel. She heard about a trip to China for a tour to visit facilities for severely disabled Chinese students. Her group first went to Hong Kong, then to another section of China to study at an Institution that was similarly equipped to U.S. operations. She went on trips to Nova Scotia, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska, and other trips on the high seas. Travel was always important to Sandra. Even after she was diagnosed with MS, she was proud to continue to travel. For a while, she was able to walk, but had to utilize a wheelchair when she traveled to London as she visited all those high castles.

Eventually, progression of MS impaired her ability to move on her own. She was bed-bound at home for several years. She eventually entered the Jenkins Community, where she made many friends among patients and staff. She was considered great company even when she had become entirely immobile. She ultimately succumbed to the disease she had endured for 20 years on December 6, 2019. She donated her body to science with the hope that she may help some one else fight this terrible disease.

Her loss is grieved by 3 sisters, nieces, nephew, cousins, and many, many friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
3320 Benson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21227

Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra E. Denefield*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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