



Sandra Cookman Ross

October 14, 1942 - June 26, 2018

Sandra Cookman Ross, 75, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2018, following complications from a long term struggle with COPD. Sandi was surrounded by her loving husband, Max O. Ross, her children, grandchildren and many other family members and friends during her 2 week stay in the ICU at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis and St. Vincent's Hospice House.

Born on October 14, 1942, Sandi was the second of the three children born to Forrest Minter Cookman and Mary Eileen Gray Cookman. She, along with her older brother, Mike and younger brother, Ted lived a good portion of their youth in Middletown, Indiana. Sandi graduated from Middletown High School in 1960 where she twirled baton and was the head majorette. She earned her BA degree from Ball State University in 1965 and taught High School English for several years in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Years later, she worked in the Recorder's office in the Madison County Court House and spent many years at ALAC.

During her retirement years in North Fort Myers, Florida, Sandi initiated the Tamiami Village Park Beautification program. She and Max also started Tamiami Village Community Veteran's Association.

Throughout her life, she was caregiver to many family members and friends.

Sandi was preceded in death by her parents, Forrest Minter Cookman and Mary Eileen Gray Cookman. She is survived by her husband, Max O. Ross of Arizona; her children, Desiree Fox Tilford (Dennis) of California; John D. Fox (Gary) of Vermont; Max O. Ross III (Danette) of Anderson; Janie Ross Hubble (Jeffery) of Pendleton, and Tim Ross (Stacey) of Fishers. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Brandy Ross Tumbusch (Jason) of Ohio; Brian Ross (Anna Mary) of Pendleton; Austin Ross of Anderson; Cody Hubble (fiancee, Ericka Graves) of Anderson; Kaily Hubble (Alex Kamo) of Indianapolis; Bailey Tilford of Indianapolis, and Tamsin Tilford of California. She also is survived by four great-grandchildren; Hunter, Oliver, Payten and Lilli. Also surviving are her two brothers, Mike Cookman (Sharon) of Anderson and Ted Cookman (Linda) of California as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

A memorial service will be held at Loose Funeral Homes, 200 West 53rd Street, Anderson, on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 6pm, with visitation from 4-6pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
200 W 53rd St
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

Diane
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“ *Max, we have so many wonderful memories of Sandi, her stories and the times we all spent together. Sandi had the ability to make everyone feel like family. She was truly a beautiful person. Sandi you were loved and will be missed.*
Art and Diane

Diane Miniear - July 03, 2018 at 11:22 AM

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“ *Max, sending our Sincere Condolences to you and your Family. Sandi was always so kind & friendly. Thinking of You.*

Regards, Heather & David Mayhead, Canada

David Mayhead - July 02, 2018 at 09:24 PM

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“ *Tom and Judy Delph purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sandra Cookman Ross.*



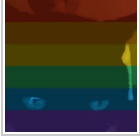
Tom and Judy Delph - July 02, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra Cookman Ross.*



July 01, 2018 at 08:05 PM



“ Yesterday is already a dream and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. - learned from Mom many decades ago and spontaneously recalled just now.

John Fox - July 01, 2018 at 01:47 AM



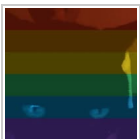
“ Mom introduced me to poetry, and I remember Edgar Allan Poe, especially Annabel Lee and The Raven. And I still remember this one by heart by an unknown author: he drew a circle that shut me out / heretic Rebel a thing to flout / but love and I had the wits to win / we drew a circle that took him in

John Fox - July 01, 2018 at 01:43 AM



“ Snickerdoodles!

John Fox - July 01, 2018 at 01:35 AM



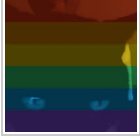
“ I learned to read at an early age. And at that early level I remember Mom introducing me to certain books and discussing them with her. Some titles of this sort that stand out: Anthem, Of Mice and Men, The Good Earth, and Animal Farm.

John Fox - July 01, 2018 at 01:26 AM



“ Sandi was always kind and friendly. I loved the way her and Max always made me feel like part of the family. I will miss visiting her.

Denise Kennard - June 30, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ Mom contributed many uncredited hours to the success of others, letting them shine while staying in the background. In that humble, hard-working way, she shined brighter than the North Star.

John Fox - June 30, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.
Isaiah 25:8

Jackson Family - June 29, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ Jim and Diane Soppa purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sandra Cookman Ross.



Jim and Diane Soppa - June 28, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ Sandi was always so willing to help where ever she could. I remember her, for many of our Tamiami Village choir concerts, being the narrator with her rich and expressive voice. She added so much to our concerts. I was so thankful to see her, along with Max, at our church here in Tamiami Village in May 2018. She told me she felt the best that she's felt in years. I am going to miss Sandi deeply but have the assurance that we will meet again someday - Praise the Lord !!

Chuck & Judy Jones - June 28, 2018 at 05:35 PM

BA

“ *Sandi was a beautiful person inside and out. I remember our first Veteran's Lunch we hosted and you advertised spanish hamburgers--I had no idea what you were serving but I was serving sloppy joes. You were so much fun to be around and a person I could always go to when I needed to talk. You made our first Sock Hock a fun filled evening and also our Senior Prom. Your writing was so creative. I will miss you so much. You earned your wings my good friend. Love you*
Bonnie

Bonnie Appleford - June 28, 2018 at 05:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra Cookman Ross.*



June 27, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Cookman Ross.*



June 27, 2018 at 09:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Cookman Ross.* ”



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