



Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling

March 15, 1957 - September 30, 2025

Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling, age 68, passed away on September 30, 2025, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She is now reunited in heaven with the love of her life, her husband Jim, who preceded her in death in 2018.

Sandy was born on March 15, 1957, in New Castle, Indiana, to Bonnie (Bell) Triplett and Jack Sandefur. She spent her early childhood in New Castle before moving to Pendleton, where she graduated from Pendleton Heights High School in 1975. In 1978, she married Jim Keesling and later earned her degree in Elementary Education from Anderson University.

Although Sandy began her professional journey in ER registration at St. John's Hospital in Anderson, it was within the halls of Human Resources that she found her true purpose. Rising to the role of Director of Human Resources, Sandy dedicated 38 remarkable years to fostering a workplace culture built on compassion, integrity, and genuine care. She became a trusted advocate, a steady mentor, and a welcoming presence to countless employees and new hires. Her passion for people wasn't just part of her job - it was who she was. Even after her retirement in 2013, the legacy of her warmth, leadership, and unwavering commitment continues to shape the lives she touched and the organization she helped build.

Outside of work, Sandy embraced life as a devoted farmer's wife. She was known for preparing hearty meals and homemade goodies. Whether she was delivering lunch to the field or baking something sweet "just because," her care and generosity showed in everything she did.

Sandy also had a strong commitment to staying active. She loved working out and took pride in her health, always making time to move her body and encourage others to do the same. Her energy, strength, and determination were just a few of the many qualities that inspired those around her.

Sandy had a heart for helping others and a vibrant spirit. She loved live concerts, beach vacations, and most of all, spending time with her grandsons, who were the absolute joy of her life.

She is survived by her devoted daughter, Lindsey Keesling (Andrew Peters); her brother, Scott Sandefur (Maggie), niece Hayden Sandefur; and her beloved grandsons, Ellis (9) and Easton (6). She also leaves behind her treasured cat, Sugar Bell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Keesling; her parents, Jack Sandefur and Bonnie Triplett; her stepfather, Carl Triplett; her in-laws, Joe and Beverly Keesling; and her dear friend, Joanie Fowler.

Services will be held at Loose Funeral Home & Crematory in Anderson, Indiana.

Visitation will take place on Monday, October 6, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with a funeral service beginning at 10:30 a.m. with Gary Meeker officiating. Burial will follow at Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to an organization close to Sandy's heart, such as the East Elementary PTO (in honor of her grandsons), Outfitters Pendleton - or any cause that brings you joy, as Sandy would want.

Lindsey would like to extend a special thank-you to Indiana University Hospice and the compassionate nurses at Methodist who cared for Sandy with dignity and grace.

Sandy's legacy of kindness, strength, and love will live on in all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Cemetery Details

Mechanicsburg Cemetery

Mechanicsburg, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
200 W 53rd St
Anderson, IN 46013
(765) 649-5255
info@loosecares.com

Visitation

OCT 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling



Loose Funeral Home - October 04, 2025 at 06:13 PM

RW

Such a beautiful tribute!

Robin Winstead - October 05, 2025 at 05:07 PM

JA

“ Sandy was a really sweet soul. She would always check on the new hires to make sure everything was going well ❤️

jane - October 09, 2025 at 01:54 AM

AC

“ Ashley, Andy, Elijah, and Mariah Cain purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling.



Ashley, Andy, Elijah, and Mariah Cain - October 05, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling.



October 05, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Brandon & Kaylee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling.



Brandon & Kaylee - October 05, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ Love, Stacy Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling.

Love, Stacy Thomas - October 04, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ Love, Stacy Thomas purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling.



Love, Stacy Thomas - October 04, 2025 at 12:49 PM

TJ

“ *Lindsey, we are so sorry to learn about your mom. She fought hard. Lots of memories of sitting in the bleachers watching volleyball with her. Praying for you and your family. Dan & Teresa Joyce*

Teresa Joyce - October 03, 2025 at 06:12 PM

JO

“ *Went to High School with Sandy. She was a nice girl.*

Joel Orr - October 03, 2025 at 08:37 AM

MT

“ *Michael Talbott purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling.*



Michael Talbott - October 02, 2025 at 03:17 PM

MT

“ *Michael Talbott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling.*

Michael Talbott - October 02, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling.*



October 02, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling.

October 02, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra "Sandy" (Sandefur) Keesling.



October 02, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ I worked with Sandy in the Emergency Room. She was so cute and vibrant! Her hair was so long! I remember Jim coming to visit. Love was in the air! They made such a sweet couple! Janalee Bousman

Janalee Bousman - October 02, 2025 at 01:32 PM



I remember her dropping you off Lindsey for me to watch she was in curlers and headed back home to get ready for work . That was right after Your nanny had moved. She always made me smile. 😊 she was always so proud of you!!

Marcia Lynn Durant - October 02, 2025 at 02:26 PM