



Sandra Coulberson

May 14, 1962 - August 17, 2024

Sandra (Sandee) LaNeise Coulberson was born May 14, 1962, in Berlin, Germany. Her proud parents, Willie G., and Beatrice P. Coulberson welcomed her with great joy! After a short stint in Germany, the family left and returned to the United States of America – to Fayetteville, North Carolina, where she was raised from age 2. While in Fayetteville, her favorite memories were of playing with her many friends, especially her “besties” Pamela Lynne Leavy and Beverley Charlene Johnson. She doesn’t even remember meeting them, but they have always been there!

Sandee attended public schools in the Cumberland County NC system and was a proud graduate of E.E. Smith Senior High School in 1980. She was honored to have been Miss Junior and Miss E.E. Smith while there, as well as being in the Marching Band and a member of the Smith 16.

After high school, she attended and graduated from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee at the recommendation of her aunt, a high school guidance counselor. It was here that she decided to go into Public Health Management. She met and stayed in touch with many friends over the years and loved attending the Fisk reunions to reconnect with those she had lost contact with.

She then went on to attend and graduate from her favorite ACC school, The

University of Chapel Hill, NC where she received her Master of Public Health degree in Health Education in 1986. She developed numerous friendships there and loved hanging out with her friends and traveling on shopping or girls' trips.

Following graduation from UNC, Sandee spent exactly one year in Fayetteville where she worked at the Stedman Wade Community Health Center as a Health Educator. She decided her next assignment in life would lead her to the big city of Atlanta, Georgia - based on her experiences during a visit on one of these exciting girls' trips while in graduate school.

As they say the rest is history! She began her Atlanta career at West End Medical Center after receiving a Manpower Access to Community Health (MATCH) Internship. While there she was introduced to this wonderful man who would become her husband for life. John Cicero Crawford, II, PA-C and Sandee married on December 23, 1990.

Her one dream for coming to Atlanta was to establish her career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sandee began her federal career in March 1989, at the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) as an executive administrative assistant. Sandee later became a health communication specialist and participated in numerous site visits and meetings to Superfund hazardous waste sites, working alongside communities to address health-related concerns that stemmed from living near hazardous sites.

Early in her career, she was fortunate to have had two great inspirational mentors at ATSDR. Barry L. Johnson, PhD and Carol Lewis were the first leaders to truly support and invest in her by providing opportunities that set her up for career growth. It was this investment that inspired her to mentor others for their future career growth.

In addition to working in ATSDR, Sandee was assigned to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), where she served as project officer for the Dog Bite, Residential Fire, and Elderly Falls Prevention program in the Division for Unintentional Injury Prevention (DUIP). While at DUIP, Sandee had the opportunity to manage budgets, personnel and administrative actions for her team. The opportunity honed her management skills as she learned deputy chief functions.

She later moved to the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), where she served as a deputy in NCBDDD's Division for Health and Human Disability (DHDD). Following her assignment with NCBDDD, she joined the Division of Adult and Community Health's (DACH) Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Program, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). During this period, she was part of the management team that "stood up" the newly formed Division of Community Health (DCH) where she worked in both the Research and Evaluation Branch (RSEB) and the Training, Translation, and Communications Branch (TTCB). Sandee culminated her 30 years of federal service as deputy of the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (DHDSP)'s Applied Research and Evaluation Branch (AREB).

Other career accomplishments included working in the Office of the Deputy Director for Non-Infectious Diseases (previously known as the Office of Noncommunicable Diseases, Injury and Environmental Health). She also participated in a two-year Interagency Personnel Agreement (IPA), with the Minority Health Professions Foundation as a Minority Health Program manager and worked with staff across the agency to address minority health and health equity. She managed program coordinators for multiple CDC

funded projects and was on the first CDC/ATSDR Workforce Diversity Committee. Sandee served as an emergency responder in Orlando, Florida for Hurricane Rita, and was deployed to San Juan, Puerto Rico for the Zika Response.

Sandee was grateful to have had such a wonderful career at CDC and was thankful to have been able to work with so many talented, caring, and driven colleagues who were similarly committed to protecting the nation's health. She was privileged to have completed a successful 30+ year career in public health.

Following her retirement in 2019, she and hubby John traveled frequently! Locally, they loved taking trips across Georgia, North Carolina and Florida on their boat and just chilling at their homes.

As we celebrate Sandee's life and legacy, we will always remember that she never ever held a grudge and the only things that irritated her were bad coffee and when the UNC Tar Heels

basketball team lost a game which would make her lose it. She was incredibly generous to loved ones, Fisk University and other charities. She regularly donated to roadside solicitors without hesitation.

Sandee's parents and many close family members and friends are deceased, but she leaves to cherish her memory her devoted and loving husband John; close cousins – Reynauld, Travita, Wanda, Felecia, and Rosalind; other family members; friends and loved ones including her two God children Ernest Cameron and Christa Cummings. Kristina Brown, who like a daughter, is also much cherished.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4548034>

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration of Life (Live Streamed)

SEP 7. 3:00 PM (est)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656

Tribute Wall

WF

“ Sandee, I miss you so terribly much. I am lost for words, things will never be the same. I'm gonna live this life to meet you again, and honor you with letting our little cousins know how special you were. Love you!



Wanda Foxworth Fike - September 10, 2024 at 10:42 AM

AJ

“ My heart is broken again. Miss and love you Sandee.

Angela Jeffers - September 09, 2024 at 06:51 PM

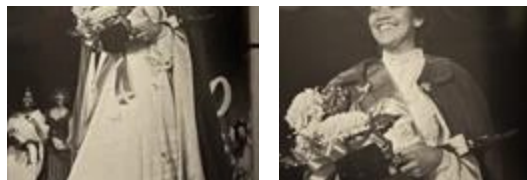
TJ

“ We used to talk on the phone almost every day. Sometimes 2 or 3 . My dear sweet sister/cousin has gone to a much more peaceful place. But, Will always have a special part of my heart.

Travita Johnson - September 08, 2024 at 09:57 AM

CP

“ May God provide the family everything needed in the days that follow. As young girls and members of College Heights Presbyterian in Fayetteville NC, we watched and admired Sandee for her grace and kindness. We were proud when Sandee won Miss EE Smith. She was a wonderful example for our youth as a youth. God bless her spirit while resting in paradise, Patricia and Connie



Connie Pratt - September 07, 2024 at 05:22 PM

ZH

“ *Eternal peace on your arrival to glory Sandee. You have lived beautifully and always with a smile.*

Zach Harris - September 07, 2024 at 02:16 PM

E1

“ *EE Smith Class of 1980 purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Sandra Coulberson.*



EE Smith Class of 1980 - September 06, 2024 at 09:03 PM

E1

“ *EE Smith Class of 1980 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra Coulberson.*

EE Smith Class of 1980 - September 06, 2024 at 09:03 PM

SL

“ *Sherri Lewis lit a candle in memory of Sandra Coulberson*



Sherri Lewis - September 06, 2024 at 08:23 PM

BL

“ *Rest in Peace Sandee
Bea Longmire*

Beatrice Longmire - September 06, 2024 at 03:04 PM

JC

“ From the day that my brother Dr. Anthony "Tony" B. Adams gleefully entered our office and said to me, "There's someone out there you need to meet", to the moment our eyes then met and I experienced your addictive persona, you began capturing and filling my life with deep, unconditional love and joy. You are now embraced in a place of total love, yet I selfishly long to embrace you Puth.

John C Crawford - September 06, 2024 at 12:03 PM

MW

“ Marvin And Faye Walker lit a candle in memory of Sandra Coulberson



Marvin and Faye Walker - September 05, 2024 at 08:29 PM

TF

“ Tony & Terri Cummings and Family purchased the Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket for the family of Sandra Coulberson.



Tony & Terri Cummings and Family - September 05, 2024 at 06:53 PM

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Tony & Terri Cummings and Family - September 05, 2024 at 06:53 PM

VJ

“ *My Sweet Dear Beautiful Cousin: I will miss you dearly. Thanking God for the times and moments we shared together and am keeping family and friends in my prayers. Until we meet again in Heaven’s Home, rest well. Love, Val*



Valeria Johnson - September 04, 2024 at 10:01 PM

DM

Lovely memories 🌹

DeBorah F. Barnwell, MDiv, MA - September 05, 2024 at 05:59 AM

TL

“ *The Johnson Family of Leesburg purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Sandra Coulberson.*



The Johnson Family of Leesburg - September 04, 2024 at 07:27 AM



“ *Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist C hoice was purchased for the family of Sandra Coulberson.*



September 03, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sandra Coulberson.*



September 03, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ *To John Crawford and family, the Cherry family would like to send our deepest sincerest condolences. We are in total shock! She was our next-door neighbor up to middle school before we moved way. We accepted her as part of our large family. Oh, the memories! Attached is a picture that my dad took of her & one of my younger sister, when they were of elementary age. She was always eating or drinking something but yet she maintained her weight. The other picture is in 2009 when she attended my son's wedding. She was so funny and caring. She had a pet duck, and a Terrier named Funny Face. We used to sing the Country song Funny Face by Donna Fargo, whenever we were around her dog. We will truly miss her. Recently she was there for us when tragedy struck one of our own. What a fine example she was in staying in touch to make sure all was well. Much love to John and the family, Sebon Cherry Jenkins*



Sebon Jenkins - September 03, 2024 at 06:13 PM

HD

“ Sandee was our Health Educator at Stedman-Wade Health Services Inc. in Wade NC before moving to Atlanta. She was always a caring and compassionate individual. Her time in this world was way too short. She will be missed. May she rest in peace! Hank Debnam

Hank Debnam - September 03, 2024 at 02:58 PM

RG

Met Sandee when she worked at Stedman Wade as a health educator. We later worked together at the CDC in Atlanta GA. Very kind and caring person and true professional when it came to her work. She will be sorely missed. A flower that plucked a way too! May She rest in peace. Blessings to her husband and family in the days to come 🌸

Ronald Goodson - September 03, 2024 at 04:35 PM

CA

“ I’m still in shock that she’s not here physically, I feel her spirit & I smile. Whose bringing the wine and the salad my seester-friend. Rest easy💜💜💜



Chinganji Akinyela - September 02, 2024 at 07:33 PM

TL

“ *Thi Lockhart purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Sandra Coulberson.*



Thi Lockhart - September 02, 2024 at 07:08 PM



“ *Forever in our hearts dear friend.* ❤️



Jameka Character - September 02, 2024 at 04:23 PM

KB

“ *You were a gentle, kind, and caring person when I worked and traveled with you years ago. Afterwards, when I would see you, you were still the kind, gentle, and caring person that I had always known. Rest in peace my friend, I will never forget you.*

Peace be with you,

Karen Bouye

Karen Bouye - September 02, 2024 at 04:10 PM

SW

“ Sandee, you were one of the most generous, gentle and kindest souls created by God. I will always cherish the memories of our times spent together attending plays at the Cape Fear Regional Theater in your hometown of Fayetteville, NC... I'm sure they will miss your loyal patronage as well. Rest in heaven, my friend...you will be missed!
Shelia Williams, Fayetteville, NC



Shelia D Williams - September 02, 2024 at 03:52 PM

KB

“ Dear Aunt Sandee,
I will love and miss you forever! Rest in peace. ❤️ - Kristina Brown



Kristina Brown - September 02, 2024 at 03:06 PM

MC

“ My Fisk Family💙💛, my roomie, my bestie. Rest in peace, Forever on the Alter.
Until we meet again, I love you 💕💕



Marcia Carr - September 02, 2024 at 02:17 PM

RM

“ We will always love you Sissie!! I will miss your gentle voice and your corny jokes. I will love you forever...until we meet again. Rest well dear 💜💜💜💜💜💜💜



Rosalind McKoy McDougal - September 02, 2024 at 01:06 PM

AF

Rest in arms of our savior Jesus Christ. I have known and loved Sandee since she was 3 yo. We met in France when her & her parents came to visit me and my wife in 1963. All through her life she has always been sister/cousin Sandee. Though I am still in shock my love for you is unshaken. I will love you forever.

Arthur Foxworth - September 07, 2024 at 02:39 PM