



Ms. Sandra Simpson

March 3, 1947 - October 12, 2017

Sandra Simpson, 70, died Thursday, October 12th at Mission Hospital after a brief illness.

The devoted daughter and only child of William H. "Bill" and Grace Glover Simpson, she was born March 3rd, 1947, and grew up in the quaint Crows Nest Cottage in the historic neighborhood of Albermarle Park, later purchasing nearby Fruit Tree Cottage where she lived the rest of her life.

A 1965 graduate of Lee Edwards High School, she attended Peace College and earned her bachelors and masters degrees from UNC Chapel Hill. Her professional life as a counselor began at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center in Black Mountain, NC, in 1970. She retired after 37 years there.

Sandra was a talented pianist from an early age. She never learned to read music because she could effortlessly play her own arrangement of a song after hearing it only once or twice. She was in great demand when a gathering of friends and family turned into a songfest.

A sensitive and sentimental person, Sandra was deeply attached to the home, family, neighborhood, friends and pets which were part of her life story. The loss of any one of these was always deeply felt and hard to overcome.

Greatly attuned to the welfare of all living things, she went to great lengths to protect the people she loved, her pets, and even her plants.

As her parents got older and in need of care, she welcomed them into her home. Many of the later years of her life were devoted to providing her Dad with the comforts she felt he deserved. Shouldering alone the responsibilities of an only child, she sought to shelter him as he had once sheltered her. His loss at the age of 95 was the greatest she would face.

For those of us who knew her well, Sandra leaves behind the memory of a unique personality which will endure.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by first cousins Peggy Simpson Reed and Jack Roberts. She is survived by her Asheville cousins Carol Simpson Rowe (Gary) and Glenda Patterson (Dan), first cousins Mark Garner (Holli) of Birmingham, AL, David Garner of New Orleans, LA, and Jon Garner of Tuscaloosa, AL, as well as numerous second and third cousins, lifelong friend Cherry Livengood, longtime friend and helper Ruby Banks, and many other friends who provided support throughout her illness.

Graveside services will be held at Riverside Cemetery on Saturday, October 28th at 3 p.m. Following the ceremony, friends and neighbors who knew Sandra are cordially invited to join the family at the Manor Inn, 265 Charlotte Street. The gathering will be held in the 1898 Dining Room off the main lobby of the Inn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Marypaws, PO Box 941, Leicester, NC 28748.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 28. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Sandra Simpson*



Morris Funeral Home - October 27, 2017 at 02:33 PM

LA

I worked with Sandra for about 10 years at ADATC. She was such a sweet, caring and pleasant person to be around. She made me feel so welcomed when I started there. I was sad to hear of her passing. I remember her talent as a pianist at our special events for patients. She also gave so much of her time and energy helping patients there who were struggling with addiction. She definitely made a great impression on me and we missed her after she retired. I will be praying her family and close friends.

Laura Anderson - October 28, 2017 at 02:40 PM



“ *Ms. Sandra Simpson*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

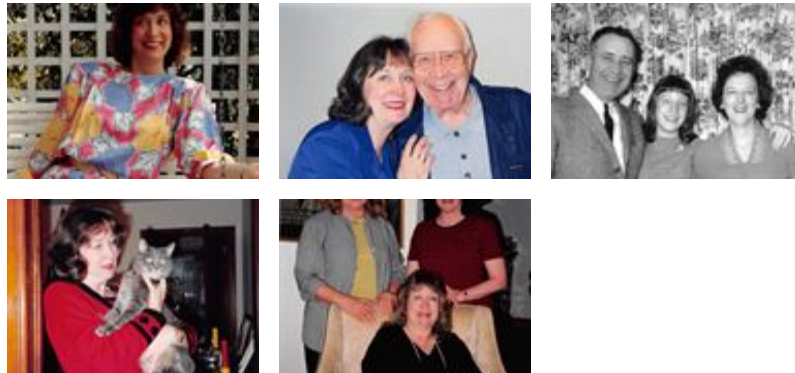
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“ *I worked with Sandra for about 14 years at ADATC until she retired. She was always caring. I enjoyed listening to her stories about her earlier years at ADATC. She was missed when she retired. My thoughts and prayers are with the family!*

michelle lowery - October 28, 2017 at 03:06 PM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Morris Funeral Home - October 27, 2017 at 01:28 PM

WR

“ *Sadly I will be out of town this Saturday and will not be able to attend was Sandra's service this Saturday. I was Sandra's veterinarian at the Animal Hospital of North Asheville until I had to stop working due to some health issues June, 2013. Sandra was and always will be one of my most special clients. Sandra had a "heart of gold". She cared so deeply and would do "anything in the world" for her family, friends, and her pets. She was so dedicated to those she loved. Sandra always sent me a special gift (as you would expect having something to do with cats) at Christmas time. I tried to help Sandra realize what a special person she was and that she was doing everything thing humanly possible to be helpful to her family and pets. I will always have wonderful memories of Sandra and feel so blessed that I had the privilege of being Sandra's veterinarian.*

Warren Riggle

Warren Riggle - October 27, 2017 at 06:22 AM

MH

“ Dear Carol and Gary,
I only knew Sandra as a care-giver for her last couple of weeks . I'm glad I had a chance to get to know about the beautiful things inside her that were being so weighed down by her circumstances. I learned that she had taught music, that she had spent many years helping people lost in alcohol and substance abuse, and of course, how much she loved animals, especially her cat.

She seemed trapped in so much pain and hopelessness, and I am glad that she is finally free of that. I'm sure she is resting in peace and love now. I actually learned so much being with her in that short time and am grateful that I could be there. My heart goes out to all of you who feel her loss.

Sincerely,
Mg Herrmann

MG Herrmann - October 25, 2017 at 12:55 PM

CL

“ Sandra was my sister/friend from age 4. We shared so many years of fun, love, confidences, secrets, good times and bad times. We talked every day and got together every Saturday night for dinner and a movie with friends. My heart breaks thinking she never found that happiness and peace she so longed for. She never tired of thinking of wonderful little and big gifts and sweet cards to give to the ones she cared about. I will miss her and pray she is at peace now. My love and appreciation to Carol and Gary and Ruby for all their love and steadfast support and care. It will come back 100 fold.

Cherry Livengood - October 15, 2017 at 03:20 PM