



Sandra Rush Messer

October 18, 1950 - December 3, 2019

Long time Butte resident Sandra Rush Messer unexpectedly passed away in her home on December 3 at the age of 69. She was born to Keith and Leah Rush on October 18, 1950 in Butte, Montana. She was the oldest of six children.

Sandy grew up and attended schools in Butte. After graduating from Butte High School, she continued her education at Ricks College for two years and then moved on to BYU where she graduated with her Bachelors degree in Sociology. After moving back to Butte, she met and married Larry McGrath. They had their first and only daughter Amy L. McGrath. They divorced, thank the Lord. Later, while working at Stauffer Chemical, she met the love of her life, Edwin Messer. In August of 1983 they ran off to Idaho in a shotgun wedding. This union endowed the responsibility of being a stepmother to three more daughters. The union also formed a tight bond between Edwin and Sandy's daughters who were unwaveringly united against their parental oppressors.

Growing up in Butte, Sandy worked alongside her family at their business Rush's Pies. She had many interests throughout her lifetime. Anyone who knew her will always remember her for her sense of humor, wit, and the fact she had a pill for everything. She was an avid reader and never went anywhere without a book. Sandy enjoyed barrel racing in her youth and always loved her horses and dogs. She had a knack for decorating and planning parties. She always looked forward to the holidays because she

loved to shop, wrap all the gifts beautifully, and decorate the tree. Anyone who received a gift from Sandy most likely recalls the presentation of the gift over the contents. She spent several years decorating the tree on the behalf of Sperion for the Parade of Trees held in Uptown Butte every year.

Sandy was a dedicated member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She worked in a variety of callings throughout her lifetime. In later years, she volunteered her time to helping others at the Butte Food Bank. Sandy was also a proud member of the Chateau Quilt Guild. Sandy is preceded in death by her step-daughter, Jeannette Walters and her father, Keith Rush.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Edwin Messer, daughters, Amy (TJ) McGrath/Keefe, Jolene (Gimel) Messer- Uc and Jill (Brad) Blythe, Mother Leah Rush, brother, Kevin (Donna) Rush, sisters, Nancy (Therrill) Mayes, Colleen Whyte, Connie (Jeffery) Kaiser, and MaryKaye (Patrick) Ames. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 12 pm, Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11:45 for viewing. Reception will be held back at the church following the services.

Because of Sandy's love for helping others at the food bank, we kindly ask that in lieu of flowers, please donate to the Butte Food Bank.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Service

DEC 9. 12:00 AM (MT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
1351 Mt. Highland Dr
Butte, MT 59701

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ed,
*I was so surprised to read of Sandy's passing. I'll always remember her smile and her sweet personality.
Saying goodbye to someone we love is heartbreaking. I hope you find comfort and strength in all the memories you both shared.
My deepest sympathy.
Rosena Konecny*

Rosena Konecny - December 08, 2019 at 05:30 PM

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“ *A contagious smile with a open mind. The gates of Heaven opened for this understanding person.
Joe K .*

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December 06, 2019 at 12:11 AM



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