



## Dr. Sandra Eileen Van Pelt

September 23, 1952 - October 2, 2023

Sandra Eileen Van Pelt, 71, of Ft. Myers, Florida, passed away on October 2, 2023. Sandra was born on September 23, 1952 to parents Donald Boddy Sr. and Louise Boddy in New York City, New York. Sandra grew up in Glen Ridge, New Jersey and graduated from Glen Ridge High School in 1970. Sandra went on to study English at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Later, Sandra graduated from Texas A and M University in College Station, Texas with her Master of Education degree. Sandra completed her Ph.D. degree in Early American Literature at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi. Sandra taught English for many years at Belhaven University in Orlando and at Palm Beach Atlantic University at the Orlando campus. In 1973, Sandra met Peter Van Pelt in Montclair, New Jersey and they were married in 1979. Sandra loved to read and swim on the beach at Ft. Myers Beach, Florida. Sandra loved her Great Danes and had wonderful memories of her many dogs over the years. Sandra was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Cape Coral, Florida. Sandra was predeceased by her parents, Donald Boddy Sr. and Louise Boddy and her brother Donald Boddy Jr. She is survived by Pamala D. Boddy of Brooksville, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Grace Baptist Church, 1300 Ceitus Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33991 in memory of Sandra.

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ *Sandra was a wonderful person with an infectious giggle! I remember going with her and Pete to Sea World and we had the best time! Carol (Ryan and Dori)*

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**Carol Van Pelt** - October 17, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ *Dr. Sandra Eileen Van Pelt*

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October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM

PP

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**Peter Van Pelt** - October 08, 2023 at 07:54 PM

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**Peter Van Pelt** - October 08, 2023 at 07:51 PM

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**Peter Van Plet** - October 08, 2023 at 07:48 PM

LC

“ Sandra was a beautiful soul and an outstanding educator. My favorite memory of Sandra took place when we were visiting her and Peter in Mississippi with our two young daughters. Sandra helped them bake cookies and made them feel very special. Another very special memory took place on Peter and Sandra's wedding day. The family was gathered in the living room of Sandra's family home in Glen Ridge, NJ. The photographer was taking pictures of Sandra in her beautiful wedding gown. Someone entered through the front door and a dog came in with them. The dog decided he wanted to be in the picture and sat down on the train of Sandra's dress. Sandra calmly turned to her parents and said, "Could you please get the dog out of here?" She was perfectly composed and even laughed. We were all amazed by her composure in the situation.

We pray that Peter and all those who love Sandra will find comfort in happy memories. May God fill you with peace. Linda and Steve Cellini

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**Linda and Steve Cellini** - October 08, 2023 at 02:53 PM

LC

“ *Linda And Steve Cellini sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Sandra Eileen Van Pelt*



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**Linda and Steve Cellini** - October 08, 2023 at 05:01 AM

EP

“ *Ellen L Van Pelt lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sandra Eileen Van Pelt*



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**Ellen L Van Pelt** - October 06, 2023 at 11:57 AM

CS

“ *Sandy I will miss you ! But I will see you when I get to heaven ! I think my favorite memories are when Carol and I came to Texas. And when Thomas and I came to Florida and our silly time watching Nacho Libre and Zoolander.*

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**Clare M Stevenson** - October 05, 2023 at 08:13 PM

CS

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Clare M Stevenson - October 05, 2023 at 08:10 PM

LC

“ Linda And Steve Cellini lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sandra Eileen Van Pelt



Linda and Steve Cellini - October 05, 2023 at 06:01 PM

ML

“ Mary (Van Pelt) Lapinski lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sandra Eileen Van Pelt



Mary (Van Pelt) Lapinski - October 05, 2023 at 11:07 AM

LL

“ I will always remember our lunches together when I first moved to Florida.

Your kindness made my transition to Florida easier.

May the next path on your soul's journey be blessed, dearest Sandra.

Our prayers and condolences to all who loved you and will miss you so terribly.

With love, Mary and Leo

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**Leo & Mary Lapinski** - October 04, 2023 at 02:11 PM

EP

“ I remember seeing Sandra and Pete at their Clermont house, I believe it was on Sooner Drive.

She showed me a complicated sentence she had written, it may have been for her PHD studies.

(I could hardly read it!) We pulled our chairs tightly around the breakfast table and hovered over our plates so Clifford (the Great Dane) couldn't steal the food from our plates! She was a talented and devoted teacher and I'm sure a mentor to her many students. Healing and serenity to Peter, Pam and all the family and friends during this difficult time.

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**Ellen Van Pelt** - October 04, 2023 at 01:43 PM

CS

“ Too many good memories to list. Sandra was a great friend and like an older sister. We enjoyed many long nights on the porch talking and laughing till our faces hurt. Her laugh will always be remembered and love of music will still carry on. Rest easy Captain. I love you and can't wait to see you again. Until then enjoy the view



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**Cassie Stump** - October 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM