



Sandra Shuster

January 5, 1947 - October 2, 2012

SHUSTER, SANDRA ELEENE Passed away in her sleep on Sunday, September 30, 2012. Sandy was a graduate of Hobbs High School who came to Albuquerque to study literature at the University of New Mexico. While enrolled there, she met and married Don B. Shuster, whose naval service took them to Pensacola, then to Guam, and later to Virginia Beach, Spain, England and (less glamorously) to Lubbock, Texas. Their world travels took them to three continents, filling them with stories that continue to echo through Sandy's house after her death. Don was frequently deployed for long stretches of time, a hardship that Sandy bore with grace. When Don retired from the Navy after 20 years of service, they returned home with their three children to Albuquerque. Sandy was a devoted mother to Kate, Will and Matthew Shuster. Her husband Don passed away in 1998 to great sadness in the family. Sandy worked hard to keep her family together, lighting luminarias every Christmas and keeping everyone entertained with her notoriously wicked sense of humor and her endless curiosity about current events. Those who knew her found her to be a true, loyal, lifetime friend. Sandy was a voracious reader with a lifelong love of learning who came to know the library workers on a first-name basis and whose retirement seemed powered by histories and mysteries. She was known for her interest in eccentric hats. She is survived by her mother, Catherine Dulaney, her brother Jack Dulaney, her daughter, Kate Shuster, her sons, Will Shuster and Matthew Shuster, her son-in-law Stephen Stetson, her brothers-in-law Mark Shuster, Tom Shuster, and

Paul Shuster, her nieces Grace, Kathleen and Jessica, and her nephews Ben, Jon, Robert and Sam. She will be interred next to her husband Don at the Santa Fe National Cemetery on Thursday, October 11th at 11:15 AM. The family requests that donations in Sandy's honor support her beloved San Pedro Library. Checks should be made out to Friends of the Public Library and specify that the donation is for the San Pedro Library. They can be mailed to P.O. Box 26657, Albuquerque, NM, 87125. Please visit our online guest book for Sandra at www.RememberTheirStory.com. FRENCH1111 University Blvd NE505-843-6333

Tribute Wall

HB

“ I never met Sandra Shuster, but I know she was an amazing woman because I know her daughter. Kate married a very good friend of mine and he is a lucky guy. She is a fiercely intelligent, compassionate woman with a curiosity of and passion for life. I'm sure the person she is today has a lot to do with her parents. I'm thankful to Sandra for Kate because the world is a better place with her in it and she and her brothers will carry on her mom's lust for life. Kate, may you find peace in this difficult time and my condolences to you, your brothers, and the entire Shuster family.

Heather Barrow - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We are sad to hear of your loss and regret not having had the opportunity to meet her. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all in this time of need.

Ron Bird & Peter Stetson - October 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Sandra was a joyful presence at San Pedro Library. She always had a warm smile and ready laugh. We will miss discussing the latest great reads with her. She was a great lady and wonderful patron of the library.

Kim Scott - October 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Sandy darlin' , I have always loved you dearly and will miss you greatly. My heart goes out to your family. Thank you for providing many warm family holiday memories, deep conversations and hilarious moments in my life. From the dorm closet elevator -- GOING UP !!

Suzanne Likens - October 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Goodbye, dear Sandy. It's been years since we last talked. I had it on my calendar to call you this week; what a shock to read your obituary. I'll always remember working with you during the 2000 census and visiting with you and our friend, Frances, at your beautiful home on Idlewilde. We always laughed a lot and enjoyed each other's company. You were a wonderful person. May you rest in peace.

Jim Graham - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM