

**Sandra Kay Schnider** was born on September 21, 1956 to James and Joann (Weiland) Schnider in Sioux Falls, SD. She attended Christ the King Elementary School. Tap dancing and becoming “Miss Neighborhood” were exciting times in her childhood. Although Sandi was an only child she had many cousins she thought the world of and had many fond memories of their times together. Proud to be an O’Gorman Knight, Sandi graduated in 1974. She attended college at Dakota State from 1974-1976 and Northern University from 1979-1980. In her college years she met many lifelong friends who turned into her “sisters”. Her love for children led her to a job at Dakota House in Aberdeen.

In 1985, she met the love of her life, Rodney, in Mound City, SD. After many trips between Aberdeen and Mound City, they tied the knot on October 11, 1986 and started their life together on the Ackerman Family Ranch. June 24, 1988 Jami Jo joined the family. Three years later, on August, 29, 1991, Brooke Marie made them a family of four.

Sandi started her career at the Campbell County Bank/Insurance as an insurance agent in 1989, where she continued to work for 25 years. Sandi was very active in the community and belonged to many different groups including Modern Woodman, Town ’n Country Gals, and Herreid Community Foundation. Her love for God was unending as she taught Children’s Church, Catechism, and was a very active member of the Altar Society at St. Michael’s Catholic Church.

She fulfilled one of her biggest dreams in 2004 when she became the co-owner/operator of Dakota Dreams, coffee shop and gift shop, in Herreid from 2004-2008. There she shared her craftiness, vibrant personality and contagious smile.

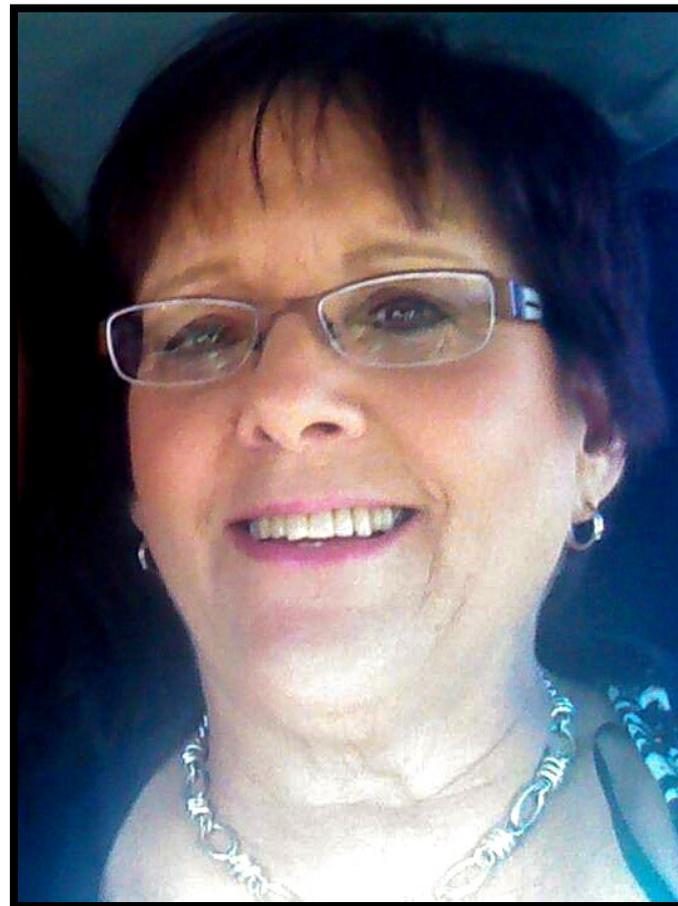
Sandi’s family and friends always came first in her life. She would do anything for anyone. She was so proud of her two beautiful daughters and gave them the world. Along with mom, grandma became her favorite title. She adored Kayson, Lennox, and Collins and looked forward to the arrival of grandchild number four in February. Sandi truly believed that every child, grandchild, and numerous friends were her family she chose for herself. No party was planned without Sandi putting her sense of humor and quick wit into writing skits, decorating and handling every detail.

Unfortunately, in 2018 Sandi was diagnosed with a terminal condition which resulted in admission to Herreid Good Samaritan Center in 2018 and moved to Avera Eureka Health Care Center in 2019. Sandi never complained and handled her diagnosis with grace. Sandi passed away peacefully on October 23, 2021 surrounded by her husband and two daughters.

Sandra is survived by her husband, Rodney of Mound City, SD, two daughters and son-in-laws Jami and Cody Allen, Mound City, SD and Brooke and Tanner Sjomeling, Herreid, SD, four grandchildren, Kayson and Lennox Allen and Collins and baby Sjomeling. Her mother Joann Schnider, Eureka, SD, Mother and Father-in-law, Eva and Melvin Ackerman, Mound City, SD, Sister and Brother-in-law, Valerie and Eldon Leapaltd, Bismarck, ND and one nephew, Tate Leapaltd, Lincoln, ND.

Preceding Sandi in death is her father James Schnider, her grandparents and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## *In Loving Memory of*



***Sandra Kay Ackerman***

*September 21, 1956 ~ October 23, 2021*

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**BORN:**  
September 21, 1956  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**PASSED AWAY:**  
October 23, 2021  
Eureka, South Dakota

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**  
10:00 AM, Saturday, October 30, 2021  
St. Michael's Catholic Church  
Herreid, South Dakota

**CLERGY:**  
Fr. Mark Axtmann

**READERS:**  
Mel Weisbeck ~ Sheldon Weisbeck

**ORGANIST:**  
Deb Schuetzle

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:**  
"How Great Thou Art" ~ "Amazing Grace"  
"On Eagle's Wings" ~ "My Eyes Have Seen The Glory"

**USHERS:**  
Kyle Weisbeck ~ Jacob Feist

**CASKETBEARERS:**  
Cody Allen ~ Tanner Sjomeling ~ Tate Leapaldt  
Eldon Leapaldt ~ Chuck Madden ~ Richard Leitheiser

**HONORARY BEARERS:**  
All Sandra's Many Friends

**INTERMENT:**  
Mound City Cemetery



***Safely Home***

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly  
Trode the Valley of the Shade?  
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*



*There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth-  
You shall rest in Jesus' land*

*When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home;  
Oh, the rapture of the meeting!  
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

