



Sandra Jean Vaughn

January 14, 1937 - June 13, 2020

Mrs. Sandra Jean Vaughn, age 83, received her angel wings on June 13, 2020 with her loving and devoted daughters and family at her side. She was born on January 14, 1937 in Augusta, GA to the parentage of the late Herbert Wimberly Lacy and Corinne Dawson Lacy. In 1948, her family moved to the Bronx, New York, where she later graduated from Walton High School. She attended the City College of New York and Monroe Business School. For the next 43 years, she worked in accounting, payroll administration and customer service before retiring in 1999.

In July 1957, Sandra married the late George Wood. They had four daughters before divorcing. In January 1969, she met Raymond L. Vaughn, Sr., the love of her life. She moved with her daughters from the Bronx, New York to Mount Vernon, New York in 1973. Sandra and Raymond recommitted their Christian faith and married in 1986. They enjoyed traveling, bowling tournaments, skating, and dancing until his death in 2011.

Sandra was an avid reader and loved to knit, crochet and solve jigsaw puzzles. She was a great cook who enjoyed sharing her recipes. She loved cruises with her family and enjoyed jazz, Latin, R&B and classical music. Although she visited many places, including Europe, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean, her favorite place was the "Museum Mile" on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

To know Sandra was to love her. She was a beloved mother figure to many. Cherishing her memory forever are her daughters, Deirdre Nichols (Earl), Tracy Wood, Terry Wood, Valerie Williams (Mark); brother Gary Lacy; step-daughter Katherine Vaughn, step-sons Raymond Riddle (Latasha), Raymond Vaughn, Jr., step-daughter Cheryl Clemons; granddaughter Noelle Nichols; grandsons Eric Nichols, Jordan Russell and Christian Russell; granddaughters Nicole Vaughn, Candise Vaughn, Shawnee Vaughn, Nicole Skinner (Khalif); grandsons Tyler Riddle, Jamieer Vaughn, Jazz Butler, Jaylon Clemons; great grandchildren Khyla Vaughn, Sean Harper, Jr., Leilah Riddle-Boyd; sister-in-law Yvonne Bazzell, niece Cheryl Roach, and beloved Godchildren Alfred Prater, Kenny Davenport, and Verna Moses. In addition to her parents and husband, she was pre-deceased by her brother Harold Dawson Lacy, his wife Louise Lacy, and their son Russell Herbert Lacy.

Private service and interment at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. The family deeply appreciates the outpouring of love and prayers during this difficult time. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:3).

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sandra Jean Vaughn*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 01, 2020 at 10:15 AM

TW

...Ma...hey, girlie!..so tough to look at pics of us, together, just the two of us...once upon a time, I helped you to your feet....so gratifying a full circle moment, watching you become able stand up...you was stubborn, but you yielded, to lovve...your watchful gaze, still upon me, not just for being my Mom, but for my approval...save my seat at the table..I am still looking for you, everyday...could it be you?. Finally, I realize that you knew you was loved, so I am peaceful...

Terry N Wood - September 03, 2023 at 09:10 PM

TW

Hey, girlie...It's been a long four years;missing you doesn't get easier..my only comfort is that you are happy wherever you are..As all know, life doesn't stop ..it gets interrupted, and transferred...I thought that children fly away, but you had your own wings, as well .. I don't have to like it, but I can respect your weariness as a sign that you was ready to move on... I can still think that I see you driving along, with tunnel vision, not a care in the world, doing you fave pastime:driving. As I shout out your name on the road, I realize you have visited where you was loved...It warms my heart to have these sightings. At the risk of sounding remiss:Love makes miracles...Burn rubber, Sally!

Terry N Wood - June 13, 2024 at 03:40 PM

TW

“ Good morning, Mom! Happy Birthday! Wherever you are, is peaceful, to you....I realize that, now&then, when I can swear that I seen you, I know that you've traveled to where you felt you was loved...Soothing to think that I saw you...see you driving along, your fave thing to do, w/o a care. DO YOU! You've earned it! Missed&Loved. May you always be happy wherever you may be!

Terry N. Wood - January 14 at 08:11 AM

TW

“ Mommy,
Happy Birthday! I miss you more than ever. I think about you all of the time. I've been on autopilot since you transitioned. Some things are really a blur. I'm so grateful for the time I had with you. I've tucked away a lot of memories; it seems there are so many times that I just can't get beyond the sadness. But..... I know you'd want me to be happy. We have so much catching up to do! I think you'd be proud of the changes in my life. I got a notification that said "Person lingering" on my security camera..... I played back the video and it was a red cardinal that flew right into my camera view and perched there for several seconds. I took it as you saying hello to me. I love you and miss you, too! I love you! Whenever my time comes, I can't wait to see you!!!! Rest in power..... In my heart forever.

Tracy Wood - January 14, 2025 at 12:54 PM

TR

“ Mommy,
I miss you so much. I still find it too hard to talk about you too much because the past tense is just too hard. So much has happened, but we are all good. I miss swimming with you at Dee's, meals together, cruises, concerts..... everything. I still feel an emptiness like it was yesterday, but I am okay. I want you to know that we all miss you terribly. But more importantly, I want you to know that we are all okay and we do spend time together. June 13th is also.... 3:16..... John 3:16. I love you to eternity.

Love,
Tracy



Tracy - June 13, 2024 at 09:42 PM

TW

“ Hello, Mother. Happy birthday, dear. I miss you, crying at our pictures, some of them, happy tears...our tender moment, captured in a pic&on video, is hard for me to process and look at...this moment capturing Mom&daughter, lovingly sharing each others' love...I know that you watch from a distance...I'll always try to be a good person, as you'd want...May you have the peace that eluded you, driving the road without any cares!-Terry loves you, Ma!

Terry N Wood - January 14, 2024 at 11:07 AM

TR

“ Mommy,
It's been two years since you gained your wings and the longest two years of my life. Words cannot express how much I miss you. I miss our conversations, summers of swimming, vacations with you, and spoiling you rotten. Nothing can prepare anyone for the loss of a mother. I understand things now that I didn't before. Your wisdom has helped guide me. I think of you every day, and still feel lost sometimes. There is a void in my heart that can never be filled. It has been a comfort to us that the last few years were spent having fun together, with you near all of us. My last words to you help keep me going: "I love you more....." Keep watching over us, beautiful angel. I love you more.....
Tracy

Tracy - June 13, 2022 at 03:47 PM

TR

“ Mommy,
Happy Birthday to you..... I miss you so much. I miss everything, going to lunch, dinner and shopping. I miss just talking to you. I learned so many important things from you, and you taught me how to rethink some things for the betterment of me. I had the experience of growing up and then calling you my best friend ever, the one who remains no matter what, the one who loved me unconditionally. Words cannot express the void in my life. But you passed your strength on to us, and I know with God's help, it is how I am surviving. Many times now, I think to myself, how can this be, that you are not here? Tears in Heaven forever. To my beautiful mother.....I love you more.
Love,
Tracy

Tracy - January 14, 2022 at 05:17 PM

TR

“ Mommy,
It's been a year now without you, but it feels like yesterday. I miss you more than words can say. I am grateful for the time I had with you. I miss our conversations, concerts, vacations, holidays and other special times spent with you. As a child, you kept me from school when I was sick until I felt better. I grew up and massaged your arm and talked to you until you fell asleep. It was my turn. I couldn't ask for a better or more beautiful mother. The sacrifices and choices you made resulted in a better life for us. You became a mother to our friends and were loved by so many people. There is a void in my heart and I think about you every day. Until we meet again, watch over me. You are the wind beneath my wings. I love you forever.

Love,
Tracy

Tracy - June 13, 2021 at 06:52 AM

TR

“ Mommy,
My first Mother's Day without you. I think about you every day. My life feels empty without you. I miss spoiling you. I'm grateful we had so many vacations together and good times. No words could ever express my grief. You are my forever angel. I love you more.

Love,
Tracy

Tracy - May 09, 2021 at 07:58 AM

TW

“ Mom,
Hello, Mother-it's Terry. Happy 84th birthday, in the comfort of Loving Hands. I'm missing you, but, I know that you're happy, which is of great comfort, to me. Always know, Mother, that no matter the distance, nor time-I will keep you near, comforted by your watchful gaze. Finally, Mother, you will need to know that Terry will always be ok, and I will always make the effort to be understanding, kind&fair, with others, when it is the right thing, to do. I will always love you, Ma...May you always be safe, peaceful&happy. I LOVE YOU, MA!-
Terry

Terry N Wood - January 14, 2021 at 01:18 PM

TW

Hey, girlie...Happy Birthday! In Heaven! I still swear that I see you driving along, as though your spirit has traveled to be near where you was loved the most...a comfort to you, too...not just me...Burn rubber, Sally...do your thing, and do not leave me...I enjoy the "sightings"...Please be/stay happy, wherever you are, Ma!

Terry N Wood - January 14, 2025 at 10:29 PM

TR

“ Mommy,
Happy Birthday, Mom. Life is not the same without you. I think about you every day and have never felt this kind of heartbreak. You left a piece of you with me, but took a chunk of my heart with you. I thank God for choosing you as my beautiful mother and giving us the time He allowed with you. I miss you every day and love you dearly. Tears in heaven, my forever angel.
Love,
Tracy



Tracy - January 14, 2021 at 12:52 PM