



Sandy K. Lewis

April 4, 1963 - November 10, 2025

Sandy K Lewis, 62, of St. Augustine Beach, Florida, departed this life November 10, 2025, peacefully at her home after a battle with cancer. Born in 1963, in Norfolk, Virginia and raised in Virginia Beach, Sandy was a graduate of William and Mary and what was then known as the George Mason School of Law.

After a short career practicing law, Sandy returned to her true passion of working in the restaurant industry. A gourmet chef in her own right, over the course of her professional life Sandy became recognized as a go-to professional for all aspects of the industry in the Washington DC area. Her contributions included creating dining concepts, designing and building out venues, opening and managing eating establishments, and co-owning some of DCs most well-regarded restaurants.

Her professional endeavors included concept development and consulting for noted fine dining establishments including Jaleo, Zaytinia, Hank's Oyster Bar, Commonwealth, Supra, and many others. Over the years more than 25 dining establishments benefited from Sandy's creativity and expertise.

Sandy touched the lives of all who met her. Wherever Sandy went, she would create a community with her infectious good humor, positive energy and her generosity of spirit. You could only be a stranger to Sandy for a few minutes before finding out that you would become another of her treasured and

appreciated friends. Sandy gleaned this trait from her beloved mother, 'Kit', with whom Sandy shared many escapades over the years. Kit, like Sandy, was always prepared to provide a welcoming meal to any size group, was always there to ease transitions between homes, and always ready to embark on a new adventure on a moment's notice.

Sandy was preceded in death by her mother, Doris 'Kit' Lesner Lewis (AKA Mother Woman); her brother Steve Lewis; her brother Brett Lewis; and her beloved Lab mix Scout. Sandy is survived by brothers Hank Lewis and David Lewis, and niece Sarafina Lewis and nephew Wilton Lewis, all of whom supported her and loved her through her illness, and her faithful Lab mix, Radley.

In lieu of memorials, the family believes that Sandy, sharing her mother's practice of caring for others, would want to encourage everyone to schedule regular colonoscopies and physical check-ups and to support LGBTQ+ rights and causes that ensure the safety and dignity of all working people.

There will be a celebration of Sandy's life at a future date. If you can offer creative suggestions for this gathering or would like to receive information about attending, please email john.hank.lewis@gmail.com

Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to her tribute page at: <https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/sandy-lewis/#!/TributeWall>.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine, FL, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ For nearly 40 years Sandy has been a part of my life. Her family was like my second family and we shared many wonderful fun times together in VA, FL and NY. There were so many fun times along with some sad times. She adored and was adored by her amazing Mother Kit. She was a strong woman and a support to her Mother with the untimely death of two of her brothers. We laughed, we loved, we ate wonderful meals, usually with her own culinary flair and exuberance. Many drinks, much love, and laughter were intermingled with those tears of loss. But the joys of her love, vitality, wit and sense of humor will linger with me, long after many days of tears. "You were gone too soon, without proper goodbyes, but you will live in my heart and many others until we meet again and shuffle cards for the next Gin Rummy Game." My heart goes out to her two brothers, Hank and Dave and her wonderful Aunts Valarie and Janet and the entire family. I am grateful that Marsha could be with her during some of her last days and I know it had to comfort Sandy. You will be missed by many and we'll have a place at the table for you in our hearts. I love you "sister woman".

Doug Blevins - November 19, 2025 at 05:47 PM

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“ I was just talking about how awesome Sandy was! Reminiscing about her time here working with us and how sweet and kind she was and she loved our dog Bella and made her treats one day. She always did a stellar job I knew if Sandy was our opener I wouldn't have to worry if things were setup correctly I knew they always would be. Our staff was very sad to hear. We all loved working with Sandy. She will be missed dearly!

Freddy Underhill - November 18, 2025 at 05:18 PM

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“Sandy lived with me in Arlington Virginia when she went to law school about 4 decades ago. Since then she’s been a constant in my life and we have shared many, many adventures—good times, bad times, ups and downs. I can’t even begin to list the impact she’s had on my life, my kids and grandkids—the world will be a much less colorful place without her; but if you knew her you were truly blessed. May you now truly rest in peace, my never-still friend

Marsha Conway - November 14, 2025 at 09:56 PM