



Mrs. Alexandra "Sandy" Williams

May 25, 1956 - November 9, 2020

On November 9, 2020, Judge Alexandra N. Williams, beloved wife of Dana Williams; devoted mother to Sarah Williams, Douglas Williams and wife Bridgette; loving sister to F. Kenneth Nichols, Jr., Dr. Scott F. Nichols and wife Muriel; dotting aunt to Todd A. Nichols, Spencer S. Nichols and wife Audrey; dear great-aunt to Henry and Lilly; and soon to be grandmother, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. Friend to countless and admired by many, Sandy lived to help others. Her vitality, brightness, and endless compassion for others was evident to all she knew. Her deep faith and belief in love were a comfort to the end. To know Sandy was an affirmation of the joy of life and love. She will be deeply missed. She was 64 years old.

Due to Covid -19 restrictions there will be a private service to be followed by a celebration of life at a future date. One of Sandy's requests is that in lieu of sending anything please make a donation in her memory to the GBMC Sandra & Malcolm Berman Cancer Institute at 6701 North Charles Street Towson, MD 21204 or through the website GBMC.ORG/GIVE (go to Donate Now icon).

Tribute Wall

GB

“ I am deeply saddened by Sandy's death. I have known her since her first day as an Assistant State's Attorney and appeared before her many many times. She was an excellent lawyer, judge, and person. In 2000 I had Hodgkins Lymphoma. I was absolutely fine but looked horrible from the radiation- it makes your face gray. I appeared before Sandy and when she saw how I looked, she almost fell off the bench. I don't think she cared about what my client stole as she was so upset and concerned for me. After the case was over she called me up and with the most loving and kind voice she asked "how are you doing?" It was such a wonderful moment that I have told my children and other people it was worth having Hodgkins just for that experience. It still brings tears to my eyes as I type this. She was always just so special and she and Dana were so lucky to have one another. I, of course, will never forget her; but I really speak for the bar when I write this. We were all lucky to share her in whatever way we knew her. Rest in Peace dear Sandy.

Gary S. Bernstein - December 05, 2020 at 12:59 PM

JR

“ During my tour as a United States district judge, Sanda called a few times saying she had law clerk applications she thought may have been misdirected to her as she I shared similar names. I would occasionally call (and we both laughed) asking her whether she was stealing my law clerk applicants away from me. I have fond memories of this wonderful terrific judge.

Alexander Williams, Jr,
US District Judge (retired)

Judge Alexander Williams, Jr, Retired - November 29, 2020 at 09:29 AM

JH

“ I only had the opportunity to meet Ms. Williams on a few occasions. But I enjoyed our conversations. I will remember her as kind and charismatic. I am grateful to know the Williams' family, sending my love.

- Joy Hurley

Joy Hurley - November 18, 2020 at 08:44 AM

BH

“ I am deeply saddened by Sandy's passing. I met her during my many years with the District and Circuit Courts. Seeing her rise from the States Attorney Office to becoming a Judge was **OUTSTANDING**. Dana, may you and your family also cherish the happy memories of a remarkable lady.

Bill Hill

Bill Hill - November 13, 2020 at 06:41 AM

RS

“ Dear Family:

Sandy and I were together both as litigators before and judges on the bench for nearly 40 years. The most meaningful part of our friendship came after retirement. We were a mutual support group helping each other cope with life threatening illness. There were scores of emotional and insightful phone calls and personal visits. Our last time together was in March. Each of us was assigned a docket at the old Catonsville court location. We had lunch and spent time in chambers before and after each session. It was a wonderful day with lot of laughter recalling many fond memories. I will always remember her and especially that day.

I am deeply upset and saddened by Sandy's passing. I know what an indescribable loss this is for you. I pray that the time will not be distant when you will remember her with a smile instead of a tear.

Bob Steinberg

Robert Steinberg - November 11, 2020 at 09:34 PM

SC

If Sandy was your friend, she was also your cheerleader. When I was at my lowest point, Sandy was there, no questions asked. She supported and encouraged me and never accepted that she was an integral part in my recovery. This was what distinguished her as a wife, mother, relative and friend. I don't know anyone who loved their husband and children more than Sandy. Family was the most important part of her life as evidenced by the hours she spent with her Mother while working and raising her children. She considered the Courthouse staff family as well as all the interns, law clerks and young lawyers she supervised in the State's Attorney's Office and as Administrative Judge. Her final words to her last remaining secretary was "I love you." Sandy was first and foremost a lady. She and I were Old School, Emily Post and written thank you notes. As a prosecutor, she would often be horrified by the conduct of a defendant but never was unprofessional. Sandy was an honest advocate without malice and gracious in every case. She always tried to do the right thing . When we learned of her passing Nicky cried and said "such a good woman." She loved to cook and garden so on her birthday I would give her a planter of herbs. As other friends, she and I had private little jokes or nicknames. I was Big and she was Little Sis. She would get so enthusiastic about things like a closing for a snow day or someone's birthday or a staff wedding or baby shower. She enjoyed other people's happy times and commemorating them. Why you ask? Because we were her family and she was never too busy for us. Some people are irreplaceable. God gave me Sandy when I needed her and I thank the Lord for every day she graced the Earth. Dana, Sarah, Douglas and Brigitte I hope it gives you some comfort to know that I am a better person because of Sandy and there are many more who benefitted from her goodness and graciousness.

With love, SallyC and Nicky and William

Sally Chester - November 12, 2020 at 07:00 PM

SW

I first met Sandy when she was a prosecutor and I was a defense attorney. Shortly thereafter the Towson Times wrote an article about married couples who were all attorneys and practicing in Baltimore County. I still have the article with pictures of Sandy and Dana and Jacquie and me. I ultimately served on the District Court when Sandy was the Administrative Judge. When jacquie was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer, Sandy made certain that I was able to have the freedom to be available to take care of her. Little did we know that the same terrible disease would claim Sandy's life about five years later. Life can be cruel. Since learning of Sandy's diagnosis I hoped and prayed that she would be victorious in her courageous battle with this terrible disease. Prayers go unanswered.

She was a wonderful person and I will never forget her kindness and friendship.

To Dana and the kids, I know all of your thoughts and feelings. What a shame that Sandy could not see the birth of her grandchild. Time will heal, but never entirely. The pain of seeing her suffer will fade , and all of the good times will stand out as you will always think of her. Never forget!. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Steve Wyman

Steve Wyman - November 13, 2020 at 04:38 PM

LB

While my contact with Sandy was sporadic and intermittent mainly at judiciary and bar association functions and occasionally socially through mutual friends over many years, Sandy could still be your cheerleader.. She was always very encouraging and supportive to me and many other judicial and legal colleagues and staff during our careers. She was dedicated to the law and her family with equal devotion. I ran a road race with her early in our judicial careers. and saw that same focus and steadfastness that she applied consistently to judging and the administration of the District Court engrained in her nature and personality. Our prayers and sympathy to Dana and her family at her untimely passing.

Lou Becker

Louis Becker - November 15, 2020 at 01:19 PM

WO

As a Public Safety Worker for 42 years I had the privilege to know Sandy, Dana , Shara and Douglas . What a fine family. Both Dana and Sandy never stopped helping , working and directing , and setting a wonderful example of what parenting is all about. While being parents was #1 in Sandy ' s life, she dedicated herself to exercising her professional responsibilities in the highest manner. A wonderful Judge, wife, and mother. As a neighbor with a wife, and three children , we will miss Sandy greatly. Thanks to the Lord for making her presents and her wonderful family on this earth known to us.

William O'Donnell - November 16, 2020 at 11:32 AM

GP

Dana: Donna and I just heard of Sandy's passing. We are deeply saddened. I thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. May her memory be eternal.

Gary Padussis - September 14, 2021 at 09:58 AM