



Sandi A. Essner

February 19, 1962 - May 6, 2022

On May 6, 2022, Sandra "Sandi" Ann Essner of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died at her home from stage 4 ovarian cancer which was diagnosed in June of 2016. She was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri to Marilynne Ann Toll and John Edward Toll Sr. on February 19, 1962. She lived in Puxico, Missouri her first 9 years of life on Mingo Wildlife Refuge before moving to Cape. She graduated from Cape Girardeau Central High School in 1980 and St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 1985. She married Chris Essner on October 21, 2000. Prior to her illness, she served as a hospital pharmacist for over 30 years which she considered her calling and a job she loved.

She was preceded in death by her mother, two brothers, John E. Toll Jr. and Scott Toll, and her father-in-law, John A. Essner. She is survived by her dear husband, Chris Essner, her precious children, Nicholas P. Essner of Cape and Alaya and Jayden Essner of the home. Additionally, she is survived by her father and step-mother, Jack and Marty Toll of Mountain View, Mo, her mother-in-law, Ina Essner of Cape, and her seven siblings, Susan Crites, Lee (Jeanie Branom) Toll, Barb (Greg) Cagle, Christy (Grady) Yount, Jackie (Greg) Twidwell, Patti (Ali) Raouf, and Kiersa (Jerome) Toll-Dubinski. In addition, survivors include a sister-in-law, Lisa Toll and her loving brothers and sisters-in-law from the Essner family that are too large to list. Also surviving are 42 nieces and nephews, and 23 grand nieces and nephews.

“I am thankful to every person who touched my life and shared love with me through the years. A big thanks to all the prayer warriors that never forgot me. I am grateful for Siteman Cancer Center and my beloved doctor and friend, Dr. Andrea Hagemann. I am forever indebted to Chris for his years of love and care of me and our young children. I am confident Chris will finish our promise to raise Alaya and Jayden giving them a family “forever and always”. I have a deep appreciation for the sacrifices Nick made and the love and support he gave me and our family during these challenging years. To all: “Thank you for the love and laughter that defined my life.” Sandi

A funeral mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in Jackson, Missouri on May 14, 2022 to begin at 10 a.m. Burial of her cremated remains at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau will follow the service.

“I felt no need for a long obituary because for the last 6 years I have shared most every thought or event that has happened in my life on CaringBridge. You can educate yourself on many things relating to cancer or glimpse into what it was like living with stage 4 cancer by visiting <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/sandiessner>”

Sandi requests contributions be made in her honor to the Siteman Cancer Center at Washington University to support ovarian cancer prevention and early detection research. Donations can be made two ways:

1) Via checks made out to Washington University and mailed to:

Siteman Cancer Center

MSC 1247-414-2100

7425 Forsyth Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63105

You must indicate the gift is in honor of Sandi Essner by including “Sandi Essner/Ovarian Cancer Detection” in the memo line

2) Online at siteman.wustl.edu/tribute.

Please indicate the gift is in honor of Sandi Essner by selecting “Other Designation”, and typing “Sandi Essner/Ovarian Cancer Detection” in the “Other” field.

To learn more about genetic testing, see links below:

Informational video - https://youtu.be/e_oFSxi36fk

Genetic testing toolkit website - <https://siteman.wustl.edu/prevention/genetic-counseling/family-genetic-testing-toolkit/>

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
208 S. Hope
Jackson, MO 63755

Tribute Wall

JH

“ It was a great joy to meet and get to know Sandi in pharmacy school! Then when we worked our first job in the same town after graduating was special. I got to know how special, sweet and awesome Sandi was. She will be missed by all that were fortunate to know her. My condolences for your loss

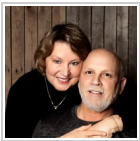


Jim Harmon - May 12, 2022 at 07:30 AM

GF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Sandi and my daughter Lynne Fee were good friends in high school. Sandi was beautiful both inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gretchen Fee.

Gretchen Fee - May 11, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ Sandi was such an inspiration to all! I loved reading her journals and feeling very close to her. She fought with such grace and determination to beat this horrible disease. She has earned her wings and is now at great peace! Thank you Sandi for sharing your life with me and your heart! God bless your family! Our Prayers and thoughts are with your loved ones. Until we meet again! Love you forever and always!



Pat & Allen Leech

Patricia Leech - May 11, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ Patricia Leech lit a candle in memory of Sandi A. Essner



Patricia Leech - May 11, 2022 at 09:19 AM

LS

“ I remember Sandi as one of my freshman students at Central. She was such a kind and beautiful girl that will not be forgotten. Prayers for the family

Linda Schild - May 11, 2022 at 07:58 AM

TO

“ Chris & family,
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Sandi.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Tammy & Rick Ostendorf

Tammy Ostendorf - May 10, 2022 at 05:13 PM

SS

“ Sorry to read that Sandi passed. I know she fought this for a long time and also know her suffering is over and she has been renewed thru Jesus Christ. Praying that the family works thru this time. God bless you all. Steve Shelton

Steve Shelton - May 10, 2022 at 10:28 AM

IE

“ *IMCS & Health Innovas Employees purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandi A. Essner.*



IMCS & Health Innovas Employees - May 09, 2022 at 02:58 PM

FB

“ *Sandi set a beautiful example of how to show grace and strength in real adversity. We send our condolences to all the Essner family. God comfort you all. The Blanton's (Joe, Felecia and Mark).*

Felecia Blanton - May 09, 2022 at 12:09 PM

NR

“ *Neva Kay, Susan & Liz Ross purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Sandi A. Essner.*



Neva Kay, Susan & Liz Ross - May 09, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Sandi A. Essner.*



May 08, 2022 at 05:27 PM

JM

“ *Sandi was a wonderful lady. It was always so uplifting to see and talk to her. She is an inspiration to all of us. We will all miss her.* ”

Jack McDonald - May 08, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sandi A. Essner.* ”



May 08, 2022 at 09:43 AM

SA

“ *A vibrant, intelligent, family loving woman. A strong and effective voice for ovarian cancer research and advocacy. A good friend for many years. God bless Sandi and God bless her family.* ”

Sarah Aydt - May 07, 2022 at 12:49 PM