



## Sandy Vaughn

October 22, 1955 - November 1, 2023

Sandra Diane Vaughn, 68, of Cape Girardeau passed away on November 1 in her home after a courageous 7 year battle with cancer.

She was born October 22, 1955 in Cape Girardeau to Floyd Almond and Anna Mae Smith.

She was a 1973 graduate of University High in Cape Girardeau, MO

She and Jon Robert Vaughn were married September 23, 2000.

Sandy dedicated most of her life to the Girl Scout organization. She served in many different capacities, including girl scout leader, horse program coordinator, camp director, and Director of Properties and Risk management. Over the years she mentored thousands of young girl scouts and staff. She also served as the Health and Safety Director for the American Red Cross where she taught first aid and CPR classes. Sandy loved to swim and spent countless hours training lifeguards and teaching young kids to swim as well.

Sandy loved to be outdoors. She loved to camp with her friends, ride her horses, and take long walks with her dogs.

Sandy's biggest love in life was her grandkids. She adored "her boys" and loved to spend time with them picking blackberries, camping, canoeing, riding horses, and playing at the creek.

Sandy is survived by her husband Jon Robert (Bob) Vaughn of Patton, MO; two brothers, Mike (Mary) Smith of Gordonville, MO, and Tim (Karen) Smith of Fletcher, MO. She was the proud mom of two daughters, Jaime (Skip) Stroder of Cape Girardeau, MO and Stacie (Stephen) Dotson of Jackson, MO, and proud grandma of four grandchildren, Cody (Lizz) Schremp of Uniontown, MO, Tyler Stroder of Auburn, Washington, and Grant and Evan Dotson of Jackson, MO; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Anna Smith.

Visitation will be Monday, November 6 from 3-6pm at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel, Cape Girardeau

Funeral service will follow immediately at 6pm at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel, Cape Girardeau

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The American Cancer Society.

People, especially kids, were drawn to Sandy and she was loved by all who met her. Her impact was immeasurable. Even though she is no longer with us, her legacy will continue through the many lives she touched. Her light will continue to shine bright.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

NOV 6. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SO

“ Mike and family,

*I am so sad and sorry over your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.*



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**Susie O'Connell** - November 06, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandy Vaughn.



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November 06, 2023 at 01:56 PM

OM

“ Oakland Baptist Church —DeSoto, MO planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandy Vaughn.

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**Oakland Baptist Church —DeSoto, MO** - November 06, 2023 at 01:56 PM

MW

“ Cody and Lizz, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. With deepest sympathy, Melissa Weber

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**Melissa Weber** - November 06, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandy Vaughn.*



November 06, 2023 at 06:59 AM



“ *Heaven gained a great one. Sandy truly was a sister to every girl scout, she was one to me. Always supportive, hardworking, fun loving, positive, full of joy. She will be missed by many.*

**Carlene Clingsmith** - November 05, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ *Sandy was so sweet & full of spirit. I met her in Girl Scouts. We went camping, canoeing & horseback riding. We took the girls to Switzerland & stayed in the International Chalet for one week; then stayed in the Olave House in London for one week. She was a lot of fun & never tired of being with the girls! She will be missed by many!*

**Jeanne Kelp** - November 04, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies, Hank & Bob Wms families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sandy Vaughn.*



**Deepest sympathies, Hank & Bob Wms families** - November 03, 2023 at 05:01 PM

M(

“ When I met Sandy I saw her as a threat, then a competitor and then a good Friend. She will really be missed. I Loved her Pokey ❤️

Mary Campbell (Pokey) - November 03, 2023 at 10:15 AM

PR

“ Dear sweet Sandy. So many memories of Cherokee Ridge, Sacajawea, and so many other events. My challenging wrangler training that you helped me put into perspective. The trail rides, ring riding, making breakfast for soooo many girls, dipping frogs from the pool. I cherish the time I knew you. Rest my friend and ride all of your beautiful horse friends with no pain or worries.



Pam Roche' - November 03, 2023 at 09:06 AM

KH

Rest in peace my dear friend

Kim Hindman - November 03, 2023 at 09:49 AM

GK

Sandy loved life and made everyone around her happy. Happy trails dear loved one.

genie m kremer - November 04, 2023 at 11:37 PM

JB

Like so many others, I met Sandy through Girl Scouts. Her love of the outdoors and horses was an inspiration to many. She was so full of life and fun and she proved it with scouting. Enjoy that big trail ride in the sky. You are loved and will be missed by many.

Jill Becker - November 06, 2023 at 11:30 AM

CD

*Such a blessing to so many Girl Scouts, young and older alike. Will truly be missed. Her inspiration and joyful nature will always be remembered.*

*Carol Dippold*

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**Carol Dippold** - November 11, 2023 at 10:12 PM

LG

“ Love Grace purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sandy Vaughn.



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**Love Grace** - November 02, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sandy Vaughn.

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November 02, 2023 at 03:07 PM