



## Sandra K. Novak

January 26, 1953 - April 4, 2013

Sandi K. Novak, 60, of Interlochen, went home to her Lord and Savior on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

Sandi was born January 26, 1953 to the late Frank and Minnie (Van Keppel) Roorda in Rensselaer, Indiana. She grew up in Northwest Indiana, spending time at a family farm sneaking tomatoes and bringing afternoon tea to her dad's upholstery shop. Sandi attended and graduated from Merrillville High School in Merrillville, Indiana.

On October 20, 1979, she married her workplace sweetheart, David Novak, in Chicago, Illinois. Together they lovingly raised four spirited daughters in Calumet City, Illinois and Interlochen, Michigan.

In earlier years, Sandi could often be found preparing luncheons at the Illiana Yacht Club in Whiting, Indiana; in the car driving one of her daughters to a sports practice, music lesson, or other activity; and relaxing on the backyard poolside deck with family and friends.

She was a gifted quilter, an avid crafter and enjoyed sewing, needle point, crocheting. Sandi was a prolific reader, with some of her favorite topics including U.S. Presidents, Pope John Paul II, and crime dramas.

Sandi was a lifelong animal lover, providing a home to the likes of dogs, cats, and birds; including several rescues. She had a passion also for shopping, baking, watching movies, and especially coloring with her grandchildren.

Sandi was an immensely proud grandmother of four, eager to be involved with her grandchildren in every capacity. She served for several years as a Board of Directors member for the Betsie Creek Crossings subdivision. Sandi also spent many years volunteering with various parent teacher organizations during her daughters' school years. She also made lasting relationships with many of her coworkers at Sears in Traverse City.

Sandi leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, David Novak of Interlochen, four daughters, Amanda (Shawn) Gaylord, Melinda Novak, Mary (Rod) Seaberg, Lyndsay (Michael) Tompkins, four grandchildren, Ella, Althea, Jillian, and Kahua, three sisters, Pamela (Thomas) Barnett, Jayne Roorda, Mary Martin, one brother, Frank Roordra, as well as many other loving family members, friends, and pets. Sandi was preceded in death by her parents, mother and father in-law, and brother in law John Novak.

Visitation for friends and family will be held Friday, April 12, 2013 from 4 to 7 PM at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City, with the Rosary to be led at 6:30 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 11 AM.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Mott's Children's Hospital through <http://www.mottchildren.org> and to the Mid-Michigan location of The Ronald McDonald House through <http://www.rmhc.org>

# Events

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**APR 12**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**APR 12**   **Rosary**   06:30PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
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**APR 13**   **Funeral Mass**   11:00AM

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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
308 Cedar Street, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

# Comments

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“ In Loving Memory of Sandra K. Novak



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home - April 12, 2013 at 02:45 PM

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“ I worked with Sandy at Sears. She was a very loving kind lady. She thought the world of her family. We where keeping track of each other through face book. I will miss her on face book. My sympathy and prayers go out to her family. She will be missed by all.

Cindy Lardie McGoon

cindy mcGoon - April 12, 2013 at 02:30 PM

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“ Dear Sister,

You know how I love you, and you see from where you are the tears that I cry. You once envied my gardens here on earth, now it is your gardens that I envy, and how you have met Jesus Christ, our Lord. I am certain that he has said to you, "Well Done"

I know how you cared about others, I know that you suffered, I know that you had love in your heart. Well done sister, Well done.

Unknowingly, I wrote this poem for you a while back, and it was your favorite. How could we have known the truth in these words, but sadly we did...

Your Brother, Frank.

### The Rain

An April morning rainstorm,  
a rough wool blanket of a sky,  
whose austerity is woven  
in shades of ash and grey.

Ponder how the heavens  
became so discontented,  
and the masquerade has ended  
when the tears descend from high.

Like a great orchestral silence  
before the first performance,  
hear a tambourine that whispers  
as the wind begins to rise.

Frank Roorda - April 10, 2013 at 10:33 PM

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Lyndsay Tompkins - April 08, 2013 at 11:32 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss Lyndsay and family. May God wrap his arms around you in this time of sorrow and help you remember the good times.



**Melissa Jonio** - April 08, 2013 at 04:17 AM

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“ To Sandra's family...I am so sorry for your deep, heartfelt loss! Every time she came in to see me she spent the entire time talking fondly about all of you and how proud she was of each of you. May you find comfort knowing she is in heaven, in the arms of God with all the loved ones that have gone before her. She is at peace, free of pain and watching over all of you. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed dearly!



**Jody Olsen** - April 07, 2013 at 09:51 PM

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“ Lots of fun times were held at the Novak household! Mrs. Novak was like super mom with the kids and it seemed like she lived at Schrum just as much as we did! God bless you Amanda, Melinda, Mary and Lindsay. Peace be with you!

**Jo Anna Mallek Deuter** - April 07, 2013 at 06:55 PM

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“ Sandy was an independent, strong-willed, and honest woman who devoted herself to her family. Raising 4 girls, numerous pets, she got the job done! She made it happen. I remember many overnights, parties, school functions, band, and just hanging out at the Novak household. Sandy was there. A life to celebrate indeed.



**Carrie Jarmusz** - April 07, 2013 at 06:20 PM

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“ Mrs. Novak was fierce, and so are her daughters (and what I've seen of her granddaughters!). I hope this makes you laugh girls - your mom scandalized me because she was the only friend's parent that swore around me. She talked to me like I was an adult (which I nearly was - I think I was 17 when we met?), when all the other parents were vague and polite. There was no BS with your mom! I love you and I wish I could be there with you right now.

**Ann** - April 07, 2013 at 01:14 PM



“ Thank you Ann! You hit the nail right on the head! : )

**Amanda** - April 07, 2013 at 03:41 PM

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**Amanda Gaylord** - April 07, 2013 at 10:58 AM



“ It was so good to visit everyone the weekend that picture was taken. I am so sorry our next meeting will be to say goodbye to your mom and our sister.

**Pamela** - April 08, 2013 at 10:14 AM

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“ Melinda and Amanda, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. I hope you find comfort in good memories and the love of family and friends.  
Amy Stevens

Amy Stevens - April 07, 2013 at 12:13 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have a lot of fond memories being with Sandy. We did a lot as neighbors. I enjoyed spending the time I visited in Michigan. She was the first to show me how to quilt with a rotary blade. I still have the first thing I made with her which was a pillow. I still enjoy the hobby very much. We shared a lot of laughter and also tears. I will never forget her.

Donna Zelesky - April 06, 2013 at 10:45 PM

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“ Amanda, I'm so sorry dear. I feel your pain in this time, hold tight to the great memories and time you all spent together to hold you close to your Mom. If you need an ear or a shoulder I'm here for you.

Lori Franklin - April 06, 2013 at 10:27 PM

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“ Sandra, I never knew you, but I know two of your daughters. They are among the kindest and most creative, dedicated people I know. I imagine that your personality was a part of this and a part of Amanda's darling children.

Lesley Skousen - April 06, 2013 at 09:46 PM

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“ To Sandi, who came into the Novak family and fit in so perfectly. Quick wit, no-nonsense and smack dab into the daredevil brigade, headed by Uncle Johnny. You had so many trials along the way but just bounced back because that was how it needed to be. Your family is beautiful, living life to the fullest, and that speaks volumes about you. You will be missed, but held in our hearts and always a part of us.

Terri - April 06, 2013 at 09:36 PM