

SANDRA (SANDIE) G. BRAND



Sandra (Sandie) G. Brand, passed away peacefully on September 10, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. With her deep commitment to family and passion for life, Sandie lived to the fullest. Whether you bumped into her at the opera, on the tennis court, or at the bridge table, you could count on Sandie for the most engaging conversation. Earlier in life, she graduated from Penn State University where she learned to play

bridge. An ardent player from then on, Sandie became an esteemed Ruby Life Master, only a few points shy of Gold after her last tournament. She became a medical technologist, worked for JDRF, and held numerous volunteer leadership positions, including membership chair at Rodef Shalom where she made lifelong friends. As a wife, Sandie found comfort and happiness in her husband's sense of humor, his support, and their shared love of travel. They explored picturesque landscapes across the country and fascinating places around the world. She was a fierce advocate and pillar of support for her children and for countless friends and family members who already miss her dearly. Known as Grandmama to her beloved grandchildren, Sandie's greatest joys were watching them swim, develop their passions, and eat Hershey's (smoochie) kisses from her purse. The world has lost an irreplaceable woman who will be remembered for her zest for life, her thoughtful hand-written letters on monogrammed stationery, and her effortless, unflinching love for those she held dear. Sandie is survived by her husband, Robert N. Brand; her daughter, Heidi Spear; her son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Christy Spear, and their children Elijah, Eve, and Ethan Spear; her sister, Jeannie Gurgon; and her niece, Megan (Jim) Simpson, and their children Ben, Erik, and Alex. Sandie also is survived by Laura Brand, Adam Weene (husband), and their children, Max, Zoe, and Eli Weene, Leigh and Elizabeth Brand, Gus and Lily Lehmmuller, and George and Caroline Brand. Services at Rodef Shalom Temple, 4905 Fifth Avenue, (at Morewood) on Thursday, September 13, 2023, at 12 Noon. Visitation one hour prior to services at Temple (11 AM – 12 Noon). Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, family-owned and operated. www.schugar.com.

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