



## Sandra Joyce Staaf

January 29, 1947 - February 23, 2019

Sandra Joyce Staaf, 72, of Orlando, Florida passed away Saturday, February 23, 2019. She was born on January 29, 1947 in Pennsylvania. She was an Administrative Assistant, retiring after 23 years with Valencia College. She enjoyed baking, knitting, reading, and puzzles.

Sande is survived by her daughter, Darla Ann Brown; son, David Alan Staaf; daughter, Heather Ann Morse; daughter, Bette Jo Kiss (Shandor Kiss); grandchildren, John, Joseph, Kamala, Sarah, Allison "Niki", and Timothy; great grandchildren, Abel and Kali; and "Her Babies", Sadie and Tommy.

There will be a Celebration of Life service on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 2PM at Lighthouse Baptist Church located at 3838 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, Florida 32792.

Sande was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. She will be missed by all that knew her.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lighthouse Baptist Church  
3838 Howell Branch Road  
Winter Park, FL 32792

# Tribute Wall



“ Mom. I really had a hard time qith Christmas this year. For the firat time i broke down and could not hold it in. I am so sorry. Now Davys birthday is tomorrow which means yours in in 11 days. We are suppose to get together as a family for a brunch ti celebrate you....I pray all goes well. I love and miss you so much. I try to talk to you often I pray you hear me. Love you and I know I will see you again.



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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - January 18, 2023 at 08:37 PM



Please overlook my spelling in post above. Fat fingers and tears don't mix 😞

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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - January 18, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ I get it in waves Mom, and it sucks!! I miss you so much. Nikki's birthday was on the 1st, John's birthday was a couple days ago, today is BJ's birthday, Timothy's birthday is coming up and so is Christmas. I know that you're with me, but it's not the same. I want to hear your voice and hug you, I want you to irritate me. I love and miss you so much.

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**Darla Brown** - December 17, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ Missing you so much. Love you

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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - April 09, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *Bette Staaf-Kiss lit a candle in memory of Sandra Joyce Staaf*



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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - April 09, 2021 at 06:18 PM

DB

“ *Happy Birthday in Heaven Mom*



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**Darla Brown** - January 29, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ *Thinking of you*



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**Darla Brown** - June 19, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *For you mom may it burn as bright as you*



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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - February 23, 2020 at 03:07 AM



“ Mom I cannot believe it has been a year since you went home to Heaven. It feels like yesterday. I still find myself wanting to call or run down the street to talk....then remember your not there. I talk to you almost every day and pray you hear me. Mom please know how much I love and miss you. Until I see you again.... I love you

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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - February 23, 2020 at 03:04 AM



“ Hi Mom. Well, it's Thanksgiving morning and I am really really missing you. No making our lists this year. BY and I did our Thanksgiving shopping online this year, you would love that. I know, that you know, that I think of you everyday. Missing you. I love you

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**Darla Brown** - November 28, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ Mom that candle is for you on Mothers Day. .So proud of Darla, Heather, John and Myself....After mothers day breakfast yesterday we all went to your house and shared beautiful memories as we placed you in our chosen pieces..... I told Shan I needed to go pick you up....I think he is still scratching his head...lol.... Darla and I took you out for soup for Mothers day dinner the waitress said next time you come bring someone new...I showed her my necklace and said I did.... I brought my MOM...Darla did the same and reminded her to cherish her mom while she can because you just cant imagine how hard it will be without her. MOM....this is super hard. I screen shotted an image of you telling me Happy Mothers Day on FB memories just because I new I would not be getting that message from you this year....and although you are not here to read the Happy Mothers Day message I sent you...I sent it anyway. We take for granted the time we have. Always thinking there will be another day another moment another memory to be made.... then we sit here and type this message because we cant have another day, moment or make a new memory. I love and MISSSSSSSSS you. <3.<3...<3....xoxoxoxo

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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - May 13, 2019 at 01:57 AM

DB

*Beautiful words and memories....well said B. Love you*

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**Darla Brown** - January 29, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ Bette Staaf-Kiss lit a candle in memory of Sandra Joyce Staaf



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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - May 13, 2019 at 01:40 AM



“ Mom, Mother's Day is this Sunday. I don't know how this is going to be for us. I would give anything to have you here, I miss you so much! Some days are better than others, but I'm not used to not having you in my life. I love you and miss you so much. You are always on my mind and in my heart. I love you

Darla Brown - May 10, 2019 at 05:53 PM



Well we made it through the day. Mothers day was not the same but I am glad we all shared it together.

Bette Staaf-Kiss - May 13, 2019 at 01:39 AM



Me too

Darla Brown - May 14, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ Mom I know I dont have yo post here to talk with you but sometimes putting in on here helps me. I have had so many memories rush over me the last couple of weeks .... I enjoy seeing some of the old things but I have to say I do not like going through the house...I dont want to get rid of a thing unfortunately my house is not large enough to hold it all....I love looking at your old drawings and art work you made for Gammy when you were 5....WOW.... I am the keeper of the BIBLES for the family which are amazing to see as well all the writings from the family in them awesome.....although I enjoy learning and seeing these things from our family I would much rather have you....I miss you mom the family needs you so please keep watching over us all and help nudge us in the right direction so we remain in Gods path and see you again. I love you mom thanks for listening.

Bette Staaf-Kiss - April 17, 2019 at 02:18 AM



“ Mom...I new this would be hard but how hard I was uncertain....i miss you so much...I love you

Bette Staaf-Kiss - March 28, 2019 at 04:51 AM



So true, so true. I have tears rolling down my face right now. I miss her so much!

Darla Brown - March 28, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ I miss you

Darla Brown - March 23, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ Mom today was so very hard....but I know you would have been proud. The turn out you had was amazing and the Celebration of life was too.... How I wish you were here and I wasnt typing this but giving you a big hug instead. Mom I love you.....until I see you again

Bette Staaf-Kiss - March 09, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ The Graham family David Tarry and Alex. purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Sandra Joyce Staaf.



The Graham family David Tarry and Alex. - March 08, 2019 at 10:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sandra Joyce Staaf.*



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March 08, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *East Campus Math Department and Maryke Lee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sandra Joyce Staaf.*



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**East Campus Math Department and Maryke Lee** - March 06, 2019 at 05:20 PM



“ *Darla,  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family and all those people who loved your mom.  
A mother is with us always, forever in our hearts and memories.  
Suzie Gant  
Valencia College*

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**Suzie Gant** - March 06, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sandra Joyce Staaf.*



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March 06, 2019 at 08:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sandra Joyce Staaf.*



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March 05, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ *I remember Sande feeding me dinners like I was one of her own, and then loading us up to head to Eddie Graham where we would work the concessions for wrestling nights (Dave and I working not so much). Great memories! Sande was a beautiful soul and will be greatly missed. Love and support to all the family. Tre Moore and Family*



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**Tre** - March 05, 2019 at 09:11 PM



*Tre thank you for sharing that I remember eddie gram i worked there too....and love those memories*

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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - March 09, 2019 at 09:29 PM

HT

“ I was a math student at the time that Sandy was teaching at Valencia Community College. She always tried to help me even tho I was in a self paced class. During a visit to her office on one occasion, Sandy lightly smacked me in the back of the head and ordered me to do what she had previously explained to me to do on a math problem. I realized at that moment that I had already known how to do the problem. It just took for her to knock some sense in to my head so that I could figure it out! It really was funny! What a great gift she had in teaching! She will be greatly missed! Holly Taylor

Holly Taylor - March 05, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Joyce Staaf.



March 02, 2019 at 10:26 AM

CG

“ My condolences to your family Sandra, you did a wonderful job. May you Rest In Peace and may the Peace of God be with your family 🙏



Criss Green - March 01, 2019 at 07:05 PM

BT

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Staaf family. I never had the pleasure of meeting Sandra, but I know she must be a remarkable woman to have raise such a incredible son. God Bless.

*Brenda Tegeder*

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**Brenda Tegeder** - February 28, 2019 at 06:33 PM

GB

“ Sande's One tough cookie that couldn't break. Raising them kids was no walk in the park. Ha At least junior. Ha ha The fact that all turned out great and strong as she is testimony to her great job. Now hopefully Bj, Heather , Dar and junior can use that strength to heal like we all know she would want. Peace and happiness from my family to hers.



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**Green Bean** - February 28, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sandra Joyce Staaf.



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February 27, 2019 at 07:45 PM

KW

“ Ms. Sande, my heart broke in little pieces when I heard the news earlier this afternoon. I remember our last conversation, trying to catch up on how retirement life was treating you and how I was doing. From the first day I met you as a new employee sharing the same building space, you were always there to help me navigate through things and answer my many questions. When you retired, it was indeed a sad day. I will always remember your kindness; you were a beacon of hope and strength, and I will remember you that way going forward. You will be missed, but NEVER forgotten. May you rest in peace eternally and until then, enjoy your rest. My sincere condolences to Darla and the rest of your family.



*Kareen Watson  
Valencia College*

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**Kareen Watson** - February 27, 2019 at 04:31 PM

JM

“ God chooses special people to come along side us in our journey to help us find our way. Sande was one of those people in my life and the lives of many others. There is no one quite like our Mom to take on that role. I was most blessed to have my own wonderful Mom and my second Mom, Sande. When I came to Valencia as a young teacher, Sande was just like a second Mom in my life. She helped me find my way and made such an amazing difference in my journey. Sande, you know I even called you "Mom" on many occasions and I know someday I will get to tell you that again. Thank you for all you gave to me and for bringing God's presence into my life. My thoughts and prayers to the Staaf family, especially you Darla. I am always just down the hall if you have a need. Thanks again "Mom" for everything.

*Joe Marek*

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**joe marek** - February 27, 2019 at 09:37 AM



*May she fly high with the angels, and kiss you (Darla) every night with butterfly kisses upon your eyelids each night* 💕 🌟

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**Yvette Smith** - February 27, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ Mom what can I say that you dont already know. You are the strongest woman I know. You were able to pick up the pieces and hold us together....during which time you were working 3 or 4 jobs and going to school....completing 2 degrees an AA and AS bought a home and just si much more. I was blessed to have my mom so close to me allowing me to visit as often as I wanted....however i want more time... Mom I dint know what GOD has planned for the rest of my life but it's so hard to imagine it without you physically right here next to me. My heart aches that I cant just run down and chat....but I know I will be seeing you again.....I remember the verse you always shared with me when we read scripture....John:14 1-3

1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 2.in my fathers house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you into myself; that were I am, there ye may be also.

I love you mom and will be with you again....BJ

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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - February 26, 2019 at 11:08 PM

PV

*Our hearts go out to everyone in the family and you are in our prayers.We had the pleasure of knowing Sandra and shared several occasions with her, Sandra was a great person in all the means it was a honor to have known her bless her and family.*

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**Pancracio Vargas** - February 28, 2019 at 06:46 PM



“ Bette Staaf-Kiss lit a candle in memory of Sandra Joyce Staaf



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**Bette Staaf-Kiss** - February 26, 2019 at 10:50 PM

JW

“ *Johnma Wells lit a candle in memory of Sandra Joyce Staaf*



Johnma wells - February 26, 2019 at 08:05 PM

JW

*What can you not say about this beautiful woman. She Rescue Me and made me a part of her family takes a lot to do something like that for someone she corrected me when I was wrong and she held me up when I was right she made my life better I miss you Mom I think about you all the time God bless your family and you until we meet again*

Johnma wells - February 26, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ *Darla Brown lit a candle in memory of Sandra Joyce Staaf*



Darla Brown - February 26, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ *I can't believe that you are gone.*

*I will miss our conversations, our laughs, weekend cookouts and making our Thanksgiving menu and lists 3 months earlier than we needed to. Lol*

*Your love for us is infinite and my love for you is beyond words. My first best friend, my mentor, my hero. You are forever in my heart. I love you Mom*

Darla Brown - February 26, 2019 at 07:53 PM

HM

“ *Heather Morse lit a candle in memory of Sandra Joyce Staaf*



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**Heather Morse** - February 26, 2019 at 03:11 PM

HM

“ *Mom you were more than a mother too me. You were my best friend. No, matter what was going on in my life or your's you would drop everything to make sure I was alright. I raised my children the way you raised us. Now, my daughter is raising her children the same way. Weather you know it or not you touched alot of people's lives. I wouldn't be the woman I am today without you. I love you, mom.*

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**Heather Morse** - February 26, 2019 at 03:08 PM

CB

“ *You were such a big part of my life for so many years Sande. You were my work Mom, my confidant and always had words of wisdom and encouragement to share with me. I am so thankful to have spent so many hours sharing memories, stories and prayers with you. I will treasure the memories of those conversations. My heart breaks for your children and grandchildren, I know how much you loved them. I love you "Grammy" Sande a piece of my heart goes with you. <3*



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**Cheryl Bailey** - February 26, 2019 at 03:05 PM

DS

“ I know that you are still with me because we will never break the bond that we have!  
You were not just a great mother but a great friend as well.

Thank you for putting up with all my antics and shenanigans, to put it politely.

I will always love you and miss you deeply.

While you are up there say hello to gammy and papa ,and our buddy Phil.

I'll talk to you tomorrow on the beach.(I'll bring Sun block and a candle).



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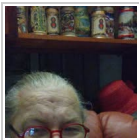
David Staaf - February 26, 2019 at 02:56 PM

JB

“ Your were like a second mom to me for awhile, those years we're learning years for all us at that time, I wouldn't change a thing!  
When I think of you it makes me smile, I'm so happy that I was able to have you in my life and to know you the way I did, till we meet again 🙏❤️

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Jackie Burlile - February 26, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ I was just a kid with a crush on her Daughter. It was like seventh grade and I would do anything just to hang out with " Darla" and Mom( Sandra )knew it. and very skillfully played it to her advantage. I cleaned her oven, defrosted her freezer. It was a long yet short summer. She was a great friend she made ms laugh and I'll never look at fudge the same way again.

Love ya Sandy and I hope you enjoy your new beginnings. ❤️

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Rick Burns - February 26, 2019 at 01:20 PM

CB

*LOL <3. Sande was a wise woman indeed!*

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**Cheryl Bailey** - February 26, 2019 at 06:39 PM

KH

“ *Enjoyed visiting with Sande at Darlas when ya girls got together. Many years before that as a tenor bopper going over their house where we all lived in Spanish Oaks. Sande was always welcoming. She will be missed by many.*



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**Kelly Hemby** - February 26, 2019 at 12:49 PM

KH

“ *Kelly Hemby lit a candle in memory of Sandra Joyce Staaf*



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**Kelly Hemby** - February 26, 2019 at 12:45 PM