



Sandra Lynn "Sandy" Rector

August 30, 1952 - January 4, 2026

Sandra Lynn "Sandy" Rector, age 73, passed away on January 4, 2026. She was born in Millville, New Jersey, and at the time of her passing was a resident of Newport, Tennessee.

Sandra was a devoted mother, sister, and friend whose kindness and quiet strength left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She dedicated over 30 years of her life to nursing, caring for others with compassion and skill until her retirement in 2015. Her work was not just a career, but a calling, and she touched countless lives through her service.

Outside of her profession, Sandra found great joy in creativity and nature. She was an avid gardener who loved tending to her flowers and took pride in watching them grow. Her hobbies reflected her artistic spirit and included scrapbooking, creating "junk journals," collecting antiques, and painting ceramics. These passions brought her peace and happiness and will remain cherished reminders of her gentle soul.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Freeman, and her husband Tommy, of Newport, Tennessee; and her sister, Brenda Tuma, and her husband Edgar, of Vineland, New Jersey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Rector; her son, Scott Rector; her mother, Ella Cottrell; and her father, Merrill Cottrell.

In accordance with her wishes, Sandra will be cremated. A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Manes Funeral Home, Newport, Tennessee.

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sorry to read this. Sandy and I are distant Bradford cousins, and connected through family research. She missed her son terribly, and mentioned him frequently during our conversations. My sincere sympathies to her family.

Bradford Felmey - January 08 at 10:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your mom, Jennifer.

Tileah Lewis - January 07 at 04:36 PM

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“ So sorry for the loss of your mom. We shared some sad times. We both lost our sons. 💔. May she rest in peace. Sandy was my nurse at doctors office and she was a wonderful person 🌹

Kathleen Norcross - January 06 at 07:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra Lynn "Sandy" Rector.



January 06 at 11:31 AM



“ I remember going to Jersey n Kelley’s grandma kicked me out cause we were too loud lol. N I had to stay with Sandy n she made me feel so welcome n cared for. I always remember her for that. Love ya Sandy RIP 🙏❤️

Bettie Welch - January 06 at 09:42 AM

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“ So sorry Jennifer, continued prayers

Amy Riley - January 05 at 05:57 PM