



Mrs. Sandra Akins Ellwood

September 20, 1944 - October 13, 2020

Statesboro, Georgia

Mrs. Sandra Akins Ellwood, age 76, died Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at East Georgia Regional

Medical Center. The Bulloch County native was a graduate of Statesboro High School and the

Massey College of Business in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sandra retired from Georgia Southern University after 27 years of distinguished service having

served as Executive Administrator of the Math/Computer Science Department. One of the highlights of her service at GSU was receiving the "Excellence of Merit" Award, one of the University's highest honors for faculty & staff. Prior to employment at Georgia Southern, Sandra

worked at ITT Grinnell where she met the late H. Eugene Ellwood and married soon thereafter.

The two were married until his passing in 2006. They shared 27 memory-filled years together

including annual pilgrimages with the extended family to Sandra's favorite vacation location at

Amelia Island, FL.

Among many great qualities, she was known best for her love of family, selflessness, and always having an encouraging word. She was also known for having a legendary sense of humor and wit that she put on display regularly and with great effect. Her faith propelled her

through life and provided guidance and comfort for everyone around her when life's inevitable

challenges presented themselves. She enjoyed a life in Christ and worshipped, sang in the

choir, taught Sunday School and at one point served as the Sunday School Director while a

member of Register Baptist Church in Register, GA. She loved her church and her church

family.

She is preceded in death by her father Henry Erastus Akins, mother Eva Lea Moore

Akins,

brothers Edwin Parker and Henry Jasper Akins, and her sister Eva Linda Akins Suddeth

as well

as her husband, H. Eugene Ellwood. Sandra is survived by her children, Laine (Matt)

Lynch of

Statesboro, Jim (Kathryn) Manley of Macon, Patrick (Stephanie) Manley of Portal, Lindi

(Conner) Sullivan of Augusta, Sandra's sister, Cynthia Akins Wycherley of Annapolis, MD

as

well as numerous grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

She is

also survived by Jamie Manley, her first husband and the father of Laine, Jim, and Patrick.

Visitation will be held at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home in Statesboro, Georgia on

Thursday,

October 15th from 5pm to 7pm.

The funeral service will be held in the chapel at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home on Friday,

October 16th at 11am With Dr. Jim Correll officiating.

A private family graveside service will follow at Lower Lotts Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Register, Georgia.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers any donations be made to the Register Baptist Church Building Fund.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery

Lower Lotts Creek Church Cemetery

225 Old Register Way
Statesboro, GA, 30458

Events

OCT **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home - Statesboro
502 Miller Street Ext., Statesboro, GA, US,
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OCT **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - October 15, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - October 15, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Marion Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Akins Ellwood



Marion Martin - October 16, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Sandra. We were classmates, finished highschool together in 1962 and were good friends. I will cherish the good memories of the times we had together. Prayers for all the family.

kay deal - October 16, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Sorry for you loss. I enjoyed the time I spent in GA with Sandy and Gene. Eric advanced his education the summer he stayed in GA. Ron B / Marilyn / Eric/ Brent./ Smith.

Ron B Smith - October 16, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ Arnold Deal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Akins Ellwood



Arnold Deal - October 16, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ Lillian Vaupel And Eugenia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Akins Ellwood



Lillian Vaupel and Eugenia Thomas - October 15, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Akins Ellwood.



October 15, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ 175 files added to the album LifeTributes



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - October 15, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Sandra was a high school friend. She was a bubbly person who was full of energy. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I know she will be missed. Carlette Harvey Ansley

carlette ansley - October 15, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ RIP Mrs. Sandra aka beautiful singing angel now. I am so sorry for your loss Mrs. Laine, Lindi, and the rest. whatever you go, whatever you do, angels are always watching over you all. Like your beautiful mother and father

Rebecca Rushing - October 15, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ Randall Moon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Akins Ellwood



Randall Moon - October 15, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ Jeffery And Mary Anne Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Akins Ellwood



Jeffery and Mary Anne Moore - October 15, 2020 at 06:55 AM



“ The thing I remember most about Sandra is her ever present smile and deep down goodness. Although I haven't seen her in many years, I have never forgotten her warm, caring manner. A wise man said, "Death is not extinguishing the light. It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come." It is a glorious dawn for Sandra. Love and best wishes to the family. Britt Franklin

Britt Franklin - October 15, 2020 at 05:14 AM



“ Ever since high school I always adored her. She was saucy yet respectful. She had that classic "Southern Lady Charm" -- a strong personal strength mixed with soft, beautiful femininity, each aspect of which she employed (with great effect) according to the situation. No wonder that she was so successful in life. I mourn her passing and send My praises to God for allowing me to know her for a short while.

Dan Broucek - October 15, 2020 at 12:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Akins Ellwood.



October 14, 2020 at 11:54 PM



“ Condolences to Lindi and the other children. Sandra was loved by so many and she touched countless lives. Rest in everlasting peace sweet Sandra. We love you more than you know.

Lila & Lonnie Roberts



Lila Roberts - October 14, 2020 at 08:49 PM



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October 14, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ Laine, Jim, Patrick and Lindi, ---Needless to say Jack and I were shocked when Scott came by and told us about your mothers passing. Had she been sick. We will see you tomorrow at the visitation. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Jack and Laura Lee



Laura Lee Sparks - October 14, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ I was so sad to hear of my dear cousin Sandra’s passing! She was very close to me growing up and spent several weeks during summer vacations visiting me in Cairo, Ga. As adults, distance kept us from being as close as in the past but after my Mother, Aunt Eva Akins Waller came to live with me she along with three other cousins made an overnight trip to visit Mother which meant the world to her and me. When Mother passed in 2017, Sandra was kind enough to sing at her little graveside service at Lower Lott’s Creek. We spoke a few times on the phone after that, and I am sad health kept me from visiting these past few years. Thankfully, we know Sandra is at home with the Lord and great joy is in Heaven at her arrival. We will see her one day again, May Our Lord Jesus grant you His great peace that passes all understanding. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. Much loving care, your Cousin, Carol Waller Connell

Carol W. Connell - October 14, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ I am thankful to have worked with Sandra in the Mathematics Department at Georgia Southern University. Sandra was always a very caring and helpful person in dealing with any question a person may have. She was always ready to help. I will always remember her kindness and help in addressing any issue that came to her attention. She was a joy in my life! She will forever be remembered as a wonderful friend. Thanks Sandra, Jane Cason

Jane Cason - October 14, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ Laine, I’m so sorry to hear about your mom. I had not seen her for so many years but I remember her as being so sweet and attractive. Impressive obit. Prayers for you all. Bonnie Taylor

Bonnie Taylor - October 14, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ Mrs. Sandra was such a special lady. Grace, kindness and a sharp sense of humor. Lots of love being sent your way. Love, Jenn

jenn morriss - October 14, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ You knew it was really Christmas when Sandra sang "O Holy Night." Nothing was ever so beautiful. I truly loved this woman and this family... Tell Linda, Gene, and Mr. Henry to save me a place in the choir.



Jody Rushing - October 14, 2020 at 03:35 PM