



Sandra Louise Collins Garrison

April 29, 1952 - June 11, 2025

Sandra Louise Collins Garrison, age 73, of Buckhannon, and a past resident of Elkins, died Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at her home. She was born on April 29, 1952, in Center Point, WV, a daughter of the late Archie Carl and Bonnie Mae Starkey Collins. A special loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and confidant, Sandy will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her husband, Robert M. (Bob) Garrison, to whom she was united in marriage on August 12, 1973; three sons: Michael Garrison of Nitro, WV, Matthew Garrison and wife Lauren of Jonesboro, TN, and Mark Garrison and wife Sarah of Buckhannon; five grandchildren: Elias, Hayes, Violet, Sutton, and Max Garrison; two sisters: Linda Mitchell of Coshocton, OH and Barbara Davis of Morgantown; one brother Thomas A. Collins and wife Janet of Center Point, WV; and several nieces and nephews.

Sandy was a graduate of the Doddridge County High School, Class of 1970, and went on to earn a degree in Library Science from WVU. She was retired from the Upshur County Board of Education having taught English at Buckhannon-Upshur High School for many years and concluding her career as librarian at Buckhannon-Upshur Middle School. She touched many young lives during her long teaching career and always enjoyed seeing and visiting with former students.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 5-7:00 PM, at

the Way of Holiness Church. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at the church with Pastor Jerry Murrell officiating.

Following the services, the body will be cremated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mountain Loggers Group's "Log-a-Load for Kids" fund (2W1312) at WVU Children's Hospital at <https://give.wvu.edu/give/430998/#!/donation/checkout>.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Way of Holiness Church
2337 Old Weston Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201
<https://www.thewayofholiness.org/>

Funeral

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ Bob, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss of Sandy. Her passing took me completely by surprise. You have my deepest sympathies and condolences to you and your family. Jim Lohner

James Lohner - June 19, 2025 at 07:12 PM

RW

“ Garrison family, Patty and I send our deepest condolences to you on the passing of a wonderful person and good friend who we knew from her many years in the Upshur County school system. She always had a smile on her face and was a hard worker who cared deeply for the students. Our prayers are with you all. Patty and Roy Wager

Roy Wager - June 19, 2025 at 08:55 AM

BZ

“ So any years, so many memories. I knew Sandy from her teenage and college days. Then our kids were young at the same time and into so much when they could be together. We had many laughs together(loved her sense of humor) and many serious philosophical discussions. I will miss her greatly. Butch and "boys", I am so sorry for your loss. Much love to you all. Bev

Beverley Zinn - June 18, 2025 at 08:54 PM

JO

“ Sandra will be missed greatly. I was just a young boy when she came into our family. She brought so much fun, laughter, joy and enrichment into our lives. She was a wonderful person that touched some many lives. She will be missed and forever in our hearts. She was a wonderful wife to our brother and a beautiful mother of 3 amazing young men.
Love you Sandra, until we meet again
John & Shelley



John - June 18, 2025 at 10:46 AM

EM

“ Bob and Family...We had the opportunity to see you last evening at the viewing. Your faith, strength and your love and support for each other reflects this amazing lady who instilled Godly characteristics in your lives. We heard stories from former students whose love and appreciation for her has remained with them throughout their lives. We enjoyed speaking with Michael, Mark (and family) and Matt. We came to offer you encouragement and in turn we were encouraged by each of you. It is said that memories are God's gift to us as a way of holding on to our loved ones when our arms can not. We pray such memories fill you with laughter, love, comfort and peace.
Love in Christ, Pastor Ed and Janet

Ed and Janet McDaniels - June 18, 2025 at 09:41 AM

LK

“ Bob, I'm so sorry to hear about Sandy's passing. She was such a nice lady. I always enjoyed talking to her whenever we ran into each other. I'm so glad you have your boys to help you through this sad time. 😞 Linda Kesling-Mills

Linda Kesling-Mills - June 17, 2025 at 08:06 PM

JH

“ Bob and family, Penny and I send our most sincere condolences to your entire family. Sandra’s passing is a tremendous loss to everyone who knew her or was fortunate enough to be a part of her family. Although we can’t be in town physically today, our thoughts and prayers are definitely with you family. We send our thoughts and prayers out your way. 🙏❤️🙏❤️

John and Penny Haymond - June 17, 2025 at 02:46 PM

NA

“ National Rifle Association purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison.



National Rifle Association - June 16, 2025 at 05:25 PM

RK

“ Rob Kimble lit a candle in memory of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison



Rob Kimble - June 16, 2025 at 12:52 PM

JM

“ Bob - we’re so sorry to hear about Sandy’s passing! I have fond memories of helping her with your wonderful boys when they were young! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time!
Jamie & Pete Morgan



jmorgan - June 16, 2025 at 08:15 AM

SS

“Sandy Garrison and I began our teaching journeys on the very same day, decades ago, at Buckhannon-Upshur High School. From that first day, a rare and beautiful friendship bloomed—effortless, full of laughter, and rooted in shared purpose. We quickly became not just colleagues, but kindred spirits.

There are no words vast enough to express how deeply I loved her, or how much I cherish the memories we created over the years. Our trips to the cabin in the mountains were filled with the kind of joy that lingers for a lifetime—crackling fires, heartfelt conversations, and the unmistakable comfort of Sandy’s good cooking wafting through the air.

One of my favorite memories is the time she came to visit me in Arizona. We crossed the border into Mexico and spent the day haggling over prices, giggling like schoolgirls, full of mischief and sunshine. It was pure Sandy—adventurous, warm, always up for a little fun

Shannon Smith - June 14, 2025 at 10:05 PM

JT

“Jimmy and Cheri Tacy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison.



Jimmy and Cheri Tacy - June 14, 2025 at 06:37 PM

DK

“ Bob and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember when all of the kids were little. 5 boys and 1 lone little girl. She was always included in the sleep overs and she and J.C. still refer to Sandy as Mother Garrison. She will be missed!

Debbie Kellar - June 14, 2025 at 02:50 PM

LC

“ Bob and family, we're so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. We're sorry we won't be able to be at Sandy's memorial service, but will be thinking of you.

Larry and Mary Clever

Larry Clever - June 14, 2025 at 02:35 PM

RP

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I spent a lot of time with the Garrison and Lynch families in the 70's and early 80's, and I have many wonderful memories. Sandy was a great person and will be missed by many.

Rick Pingley - June 14, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison.



June 14, 2025 at 07:36 AM

DT

“ Don & Trish Thomason lit a candle in memory of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison



Don & Trish Thomason - June 13, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison.



June 13, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison.

June 13, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison.



June 13, 2025 at 06:05 PM



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“ Bruce and Betsey purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison.



Bruce and Betsey - June 13, 2025 at 01:06 PM



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“ David F Marion of Wells Fargo Advisors purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison.



David F Marion of Wells Fargo Advisors - June 13, 2025 at 12:40 PM

DA

“ David F Marion of Wells Fargo Advisors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison.

David F Marion of Wells Fargo Advisors - June 13, 2025 at 12:40 PM

HH

“ I'm sorry to hear that Sandy is gone. I knew her when we were at the Middle school together. Always a sweet lady. Had Matt in class and enjoyed knowing him. Nice family. Sorry for your loss.

Hallie Hurst - June 13, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ Bob I am sorry for you and your families lost of Sandra. She was a very special person.

Larry Roth (Formal CLC Manager)

Larry Roth - June 13, 2025 at 09:28 AM

WW

“ Remember her well as the librarian..I was a custodian at middle school then.

William Wimer - June 13, 2025 at 08:48 AM

JB

“ I was so sad to learn of Sandra's passing. I taught with her at BU. She had such a great personality full of smiles and laughter. She was a great teacher to many kids in Upshur Co.9

Jane Brady - June 13, 2025 at 07:12 AM

BF

“ Sandy has been a part of my life for over 50 years. She married my brother and was best friends with my sister. She joined our crazy family and fit right in. Her sense of humor could not be matched. She had a heart of gold and was willing to help or lend an ear anytime it was needed. We spent hours on the phone over the years and she helped guide me through some rough times. We both got diagnosed with cancer around the same and she checked on me even as she was going through treatments herself. Sandy was a wonderful mom and loved her “boys”. More importantly she loved my brother through the thick and thins of life. She will be missed by everyone.

Betsey Frush - June 13, 2025 at 02:13 AM

CW

“ I’m very sorry Bob and your family for the loss of your wife/mom. Sandy was an amazing lady and I’m so lucky I got to knit w her while our children played football together. Thoughts and prayers for everyone.

Connie Wagoner - June 12, 2025 at 07:42 PM

TG

“ The Peeks of Georgia purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sandra Louise Collins Garrison.



The Peeks of Georgia - June 12, 2025 at 07:08 PM

TG

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The Peeks of Georgia - June 12, 2025 at 07:08 PM

CP

“ Heaven has a new angel. Sandy had a heart of gold and a hug that healed all wounds. Sandy, you were a ray of light and love that touched so many lives! You will forever be in our hearts!



Claudia Peek - June 12, 2025 at 07:03 PM

JB

“ I always enjoyed my visits with her in the library at BUMS, but I first met her as Elaine's senior English teacher. She always had a smile for everyone!

Julia Brady - June 12, 2025 at 06:06 PM

VW

“ Gary and family,
So sorry to hear that Sandy has passed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.



Vickie Ann Walton - June 12, 2025 at 01:16 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Sandy at the high school. She truly enjoyed her students. She was a unique person. I never realized she was from Doddridge county and I am from Tyler county.

Deborah Strader - June 12, 2025 at 09:06 AM