



## Sandra June Russell

February 19, 1948 - October 8, 2024

Sandra June (DuCharme) Russell, 76 years old. Born in Elkhart, Indiana to parents, Robert and Alice DuCharme died on October 8, 2024, at her home after courageously battling cancer and renal failure for a decade.

She received a B.S. degree from MTSU and a degree of Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Tennessee.

She was a strong advocate for child welfare and the need to find orphans and other children a good permanent home. She started by working for Governor Alexanders Commission on Adoption and ended by founding her own nonprofit adoption agency, Heaven Sent Children in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and she rejoiced in giving thousands of children a family.

For many years she was a Girl Scout leader usually having 2 troops of different age groups. At the same time she served in Scout Administration in Montgomery County, Tennessee and as chairman of the Girl Scout Council in Vernon Parish, LA.

During her husband's military career, she Was employed by the U.S. Army and worked with young soldiers helping them and their families with training, education and welfare on post around the world.

She is survived by daughters Kristen Russell, Melissa Klein and Tonya Russell; Granddaughter Carlson; sisters, Roberta Thomas, Kathy Mow, brother Robert DuCharme, Husband of 56 years, Wayne Russell.

She was a member of Westside Nazarene Church in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

A private graveside service will be held on October 11, 2024, with Rev. Bobby

McBee officiating.

IN lieu of flowers donations in her memory can be sent to Family Food Ministry, 662 Sarvis Branch Road Estill Springs, Tennessee 37330.

Online condolences may be made at [www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com).  
Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are so deeply saddened by the loss of Sandy our cousin we will always remember her for her deep and faithful love of God. She loved her family and was always dedicated to keeping family members updated on activities of her Wayne and her girls activities. We will truly miss her annual Christmas letters that that made us feel closer to her all the time. We know she is with the Lord now and can finally rest in peace and not have to endure the illnesses that she has been suffering for so long. She is now no longer suffering, and in the presence of our Lord.  
*Paul and Kathleen Tasin.*

Paul and Kathleen Tasin. - October 13, 2024 at 12:00 PM

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“ Ms Sandi you will be missed. You became a part of my life by allowing me to provide care to you. I know your looking down and smiling screaming no more dialysis. May you rest forever with our lord. Wayne and Kris we are here for yall. Sending prayers

Mike Snow - October 10, 2024 at 09:33 PM

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“ Your Cousins, Dorothy and Amber Larocca. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Sandra June Russell.



Your Cousins, Dorothy and Amber Larocca. - October 10, 2024 at 02:08 PM

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“ Your Cousins, Dorothy and Amber Larocca. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra June Russell.

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**Your Cousins, Dorothy and Amber Larocca.** - October 10, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ She will always be remembered for the way she loved and cared for others. May she rest in peace in the arms of Jesus who has welcomed her to the eternal home she looked forward to as she navigated this broken world helping children in it find arms to welcome them home. She finally can hear Him saying to her, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Come, rest, and experience all the love, comfort, peace and feeling of being home you shared with everyone else."  
Love and miss you. Condolences to family and friends. I know their are many.

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**Robin Paulus** - October 09, 2024 at 07:33 PM