



## Cynthia Jo Sanden

July 13, 1962 - September 21, 2025

Cynthia “Cindy” Jo Sanden, age 63, of Overland Park, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 21, 2025, under hospice care at Villa of St. Francis, Olathe, KS. Cindy was born on July 13, 1962, in Lincoln, NE, and preceded in death by father William Neal, mother, Mary Lee Stahlnecker, and stepfather, Doran Stahlnecker.

Cindy is survived by her sister, Debra A. Hill, her stepbrother, Gregory S. Stahlnecker, her husband, Richard “Rick” Sanden, and her children, Delaina and Faye Sanden. Cindy also leaves many other family members and close friends who will deeply miss her.

Cindy was a loyal and loving mother, wife, friend, and family member. She lived her life with passion, creativity, and drive. Cindy worked independently as a graphic designer until 2021, after which she enjoyed her retirement through drawing, painting, traveling, visiting her children, and going on walks with Rick and friends.

Those who knew Cindy will remember the mischievous twinkle in her eye, her infectious smile, her steadfast commitment to her friends and family, her

amazing sense of style, and her unwavering commitment to sharing kindness and positivity with everyone. Cindy had a gift for making others feel loved and supported, which has left a lasting impact on all who crossed her path.

Celebration of life events will be held in Leawood, KS on Saturday, October 18, 2025, and in Lincoln, NE on Friday, November, 14, 2025. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 3PM at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, NE.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to either Charlotte Street, a Kansas City-local charity or The Burkholder Project, a Lincoln-local charity. Both these organizations support and promote local artists, a cause Cindy felt passionately about.

There is a Payment page on the Burkholder Project.com website that may be used for donating with a credit card, or we can take credit card information by phone at 402-477-3305. Checks may be mailed to The Burkholder Project, 719 P Street, Lincoln, NE, 68508.

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“ *My beautiful, ever kind, super creative, supportive and OHHH so fun cousin Cindy. Someone as wonderful as you doesn't just disappear. I am confident you are experiencing the afterlife with the same vigor you lived out your life on earth. Love ❤️ you, and I'll see you on the flipside!*

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