



## Ms. Sandra Rose "Sandy" Ferro

January 10, 1939 - July 27, 2015

Ms. Sandra Rose "Sandy" Ferro, age 76, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 27, 2015 at her home with her family by her side.

Sandy was born in Utica on January 10, 1939 to Frank A. and Margaret (Pellettieri) Ferro. Sandy graduated from Utica Catholic Academy, the State University of New York at Cortland, and she had a Masters degree in Education Administration from Hofstra University. Sandy began her teaching career with a five year stint at the Bay Shore School district on Long Island. She returned to Utica in 1964 where she initially taught at Kemble School, then at UFA as the History Department Chair before becoming Assistant Principal at TR Proctor High School until her retirement in 1994.

Sandy belonged to and supported many organizations, including book clubs and museums, but her favorite organization was the Historic Old St. John's Church Choir where she was a member for sixty years. Sandy was a good athlete, (an on-and-off Yankee fan, mostly on), an avid golfer, and a world traveler.

Sandy had a wide circle of friends, many of whom were in touch for decades, from high school and college classmates to travel companions and neighbors. But one of the things she most cherished was running into a former student on the street or getting a letter from a former student who would say, "You made a difference in my life." Sandy had a great sense of humor and was a good conversationalist, but her overriding attribute was her caring attitude. She always put others' needs ahead of her own, even as she battled cancer.

Survivors include two sisters, Nancy & Donald Light of Utica, and Lynn Ferro of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts; and a brother Frank Ferro of Utica. She also leaves six nephews, two grand-nieces, and first cousin and best friend, Joan Salerno of Utica. Sandy was predeceased by a sister Georgina "Gina" Ferro of Albany, NY; and a brother Jerry Ferro of Tucson, AZ.

Thank you is extended to Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. on behalf of Sandy's family for the comfort and support they provided.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the Historic Old St. John's Church Memorial Fund; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Sandy's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Paul Madej. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

WG

“ Sixty+ years ago I entered the '56 UCA graduating class. It didn't take long to know Sandy as a friend. After graduation we reconnected when she served as teacher and VP. Most recently, we'd occasionally meet when she was out in the community. Looking back over the years I searched for a most outstanding memory of Sandy. I found one that illustrated and also foreshadowed her future as a person who would and could meet the needs of all who came to her. One of the many nights we spent talking on the phone as teenagers, I asked her for a special favor: Please call your friend and intercede for me. I'd like to go out with her. She met that need. Now she's with the One who meets all our needs. God bless her.

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**W. Griffin** - August 01, 2015 at 09:13 AM

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“ I remember Ms. Ferro fondly as my 7th grade teacher at Kemble School. She was such a loving and energetic teacher who stressed the importance of being a responsible citizen, carrying out our civic duties. I also always looked forward to listening to the choir at St. John's midnight mass and hearing Ms. Ferro's beautiful and angelic voice.

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**Teresa Morelle** - July 31, 2015 at 10:27 AM

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“ So very sad to hear of Sandy's death. She was a wonderful teacher, friend and champion to me for many years. Sandy was very generous of her time and energy. She helped me in so many ways. She was a great teacher, so enthusiastic about history and politics. I remember filling out a questionnaire in class to see which way you were leaning politically, democrat or republican. When I told her I thought I was definitely a democrat she smiled that wicked smile and said "that's the best way to be kid". She was always encouraging and helpful to all and very well thought of. I have so many wonderful memories of times spent with Sandy from our yearly trips to the Ballet at Saratoga to our visits in Phoenix when Sandy was here to visit Lynn. The world is a little less bright without Sandy in it. My sincere condolences to her wonderful family whom she loved so much.

Colleen Feeley - July 30, 2015 at 07:56 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ms. Sandra Rose "Sandy" Ferro.



July 30, 2015 at 03:45 PM

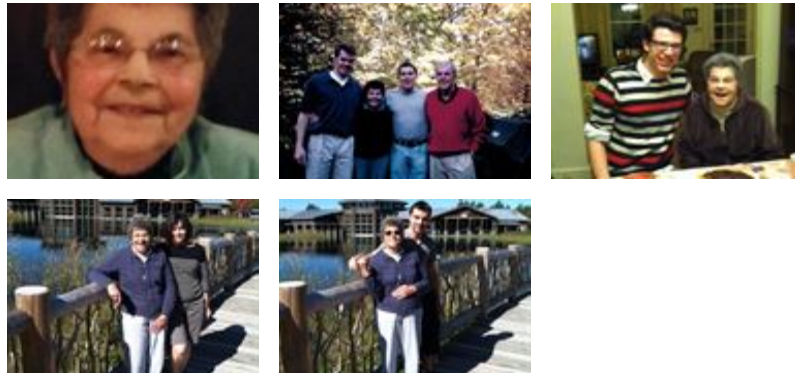
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“ So sorry to hear of Sandy's passing. We always enjoyed her company so much at the Nole parties. She was a wonderful, dynamic woman who was engaging and kind. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Emily (Lee) and Ramiro DeTraglia

Emily DeTraglia - July 30, 2015 at 09:04 AM



“ 71 files added to the album LifeTributes



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - July 29, 2015 at 10:08 PM

AK

“ My beloved wife Diane benefited from Sandy’s wonderful zest for learning, community spirit and her civic pride becoming a much loved teacher thanks to Miss Ferro’s nurturing during her early career

*You have certain duties as a citizen - Sandy would drum into her students & colleagues*

*A life lesson, never forgotten. I loved to see her bright, smiling face at Concerts, recitals and movies at Munson Williams Proctor – and her voice as part of the choir at our Christmas events at MWPAI says Adrian*

*It’s getting harder and harder to find Miss Ferro’s out there – thank you for your gift to us, Utica & NY*

*Along with Joan Salerno and many many Teachers, we are all saddened with your passing – Bless you Sandy*

*“You made a difference in my life.” – Diane vanderKraan & Adrian vanderKraan*

AKA - July 29, 2015 at 07:55 PM

PP

“ Aunt Sandy was kind, caring and loving to all of her siblings, in-laws, nephews and great nieces. She was there in times of great happiness as well as great sorrow, and could be counted on for sympathy, support, encouragement and pride whenever necessary. It was never you against the world when Sandy was around. She will be missed by many.

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**Pat Ferro Pollok** - July 29, 2015 at 06:36 PM

AD

“ I am a former student of Miss Ferro at UFA class of 76 she was not only my History teacher but she was our class advisor she always treated me with great respect and remember her telling us that no question was a stupid question.  
I send my condolences to her family, she will be missed AnnMarie DeSantis  
UFA class of 76

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**AnnMarie DeSantis** - July 29, 2015 at 07:12 AM

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“ We loved visiting with Aunt Sandy at the famous Frankie dinners held at her nephew's house in San Francisco, It always made the dinner a little more special when Aunt Sandy was in town with Frank (no offense Frankie). We love you all and are so sorry to hear the news. Our thoughts go out to all of you. xoxo, Mike "Doughboy" and Amy Evans

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**Amy Redell** - July 29, 2015 at 12:50 AM

SV

“ *Miss Ferro was a chaperone on my senior trip to Italy and I remember her going around with our group. She was the coolest chaperone ever. Years later we became her neighbor. My kids loved going over to water her flowers and then went in to have some fruit. They also loved trick or treating for a pen and of course a special bag of candy for each of them. Miss Ferro will be missed by me and my family. She had an impact on our lives that will never be forgotten.*

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**Sandy VanDeusen** - July 27, 2015 at 08:59 PM