

There are times I will probably refer to Sandra in the present tense. I don't know that I have wrapped my arms around the fact that her body is no longer with us - but I know her spirit is still here.

Sandra is my Friend, my Good Friend, my Sister. Us only children adopt our sisters and I was privileged that she allowed me to adopt her.

In the early 90's I met Paul while working at Corgan Architects in Dallas. Paul and I quickly realized we were neighbors on the Southside of Fort Worth. This was when Paul and Sandra were in the little house, before they moved across the Park to the Big house. I soon met Sandra and it just seemed like we were friends instantly. We invited each other into our homes and our lives and begin to realize how much history and how many things we had in common. The years past and our bond grew.

Sandra knew me. Really knew me. Held me accountable for things. Challenged me. Challenged my beliefs. Sandra encouraged me. She laughed with me and cried with me. She was there for so many life events, large and small. But when the really hard things happened, like the deaths of my parents or an unexpected death of a beloved dog....well that is where she really shined.

I know Sandra is going to continue to challenge me - she is already challenging me. Linda, live life to the fullest....experience more, give more, love more.

I could stand up here and tell you story after story of how Sandra impacted my life for the better...but we don't have time and I am sure I would miss telling you something important. I told Daniel, while trying to write this, words are limiting, words are not enough - but words are all we have.

I know all of you have experienced our dear friend in many different ways.

If you will, quiet your mind, if you are so inclined close your eyes and focus on Sandra. Listen to these words that represent this incredible woman and think about who Sandra has been to you and how she has impacted your life.

BRAVE
SMART
DEDICATED
SELFLESS
COLLEAGUE
CAPABLE
UNSELFISH
INTENSE
ENERGETIC
FAIR
TALENTED
SERVANT
PROFESSIONAL
DETERMINED
PASSIONATE
LOYAL
HUMBLE
FRIEND
CREATIVE
GENEROUS
STRONG
BEAUTIFUL
MOTHER
WIFE
GRANDMOTHER
COMPANION
CONFIDANT
ARCHITECT
HOSTESS

HEAD STRONG
INDEPENDENT
INTERESTED
RESOURCEFUL
SISTER
AUNT
AUTHENTIC
PRINCIPLED
ADVOCATE
LEADER
NURTURING
CURIOUS
CONFIDENT
ENVIRONMENT
ANIMALS
MUSIC
TRAVELER
POLITICS
MOVIES
HOME maker
GARDENER
READER
BUNKO
BOOK CLUB
GAL
LOVE

Sandra, I love you and I will miss you.

Sandra, we love you and we will miss you.

