



Sandra Elaine Redmond-Woods

December 16, 1935 - November 11, 2014

REDMOND-WOODS, Mrs. Sandra Elaine - age 78, passed away, Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, November 21, 2014 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., with the funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00 AM. Rev. Armand Collins, Officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry Street. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00AM Friday. Mrs. Redmond-Woods will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home from 1:00PM-8:00PM Thursday.

Mrs. Sandra Redmond Woods was born on December 16, 1935 at Hubbard Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee to William Redmond Jr. and Lillian Redmond.

Sandra's formal education began in a one-room schoolhouse outside of Franklin, Tennessee where her mother was her first teacher. The Redmond's had a sprawling farm in Franklin and Mr. Redmond owned and operated several businesses there, including a cafe' and liquor store. After Lillian Jones divorced her husband, she and Sandra moved to Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Woods attended elementary and middle school in Chicago before completing her K-12 education at Hyde Park High School in 1954.

After graduating from Hyde Park, Sandra decided to return to Tennessee to attend Fisk University in Nashville. At Fisk, she met and began dating honor

student and college basketball standout Esmo Woods. The couple completed requirements for their degrees from Fisk, first Esmo then Sandra, and were married in 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Woods moved to New York, New York where Esmo pursued a Master's of Arts in History at Columbia University. During their time in Manhattan, Mrs. Woods collaborated with world-renowned psychiatrist Dr. Keeve Brodman of Cornell University.

Once Esmo completed his Master's, he and Sandra relocated to Chicago. In the Windy City, Sandra was employed with the Chicago Land Clearance and the Chicago Sun Times before joining the Cook County Department of Public Aid where she was promoted from Social Worker to District Office Manager. Mrs. Woods continued her education at the University of Chicago and Loyola University. All three of Sandra and Esmo's children, Whitney, Wendell, and Christina, were born in the City by the Lake.

In 1969, the Woods family moved to Esmo's hometown of Pontiac, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Woods established Woods Village Day Care Center in the city. Many of the Village's graduates have gone on to successful careers and have made a positive impact in the Pontiac area and beyond.

The Pontiac Stadium Authority hired Sandra in 1975. Mrs. Woods began as the Financial Director before a stint in the Box Office and later in Promotions. Sandra received innumerable citations and honors as a result of her labor in the entertainment industry at the Pontiac Silverdome. Moreover, she was a pioneer--The American Cancer Society in Pontiac was founded under her leadership. In addition, Sandra was a PTA Board Member, Treasurer, and President.

Mrs. Sandra Redmond Woods is predeceased by her mother, father, and brother, William Redmond III. Her memory will be forever cherished by her husband of nearly 60 years, Esmo; her children, Whitney, Wendell, and Christina; grandchildren, Sidra Ellis, Hassan, Khira, and Najah Divers; and

great grandchildren, Patrick and Arbrianna Ellis.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 758-1913

Family Hour

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To my Uncle Tee, Whitney, Wendell, Christina and grandchildren, I am so sad to have heard about Aunt Sandra's death. I have too many memories of her in my life, especially going to Fisk University and spending time with her in the dorm and on campus. She was so caring and loving. She is now smiling, with complete peace, everlasting joy and love. She is with the Lord Christ Jesus and Jehovah God almighty. Daddy and grandmother are rejoicing with her presence. I sympathize with your loss, almost one year ago we lost our mom tragically, an unforeseen death. We knew that she was with our Lord thus our sorrow was enveloped with happiness for her soul. My prayers are to comfort you at this time and offer my complete love and condolence.

Alicia Redmond-Theodore

Alicia Theodore - November 17, 2014 at 09:09 PM

CD

Thank you so much, Alicia. We miss you all❤️❤️❤️

Christina Delgado - January 23, 2017 at 08:33 PM

MI

“ The CFC Herron cousins offer our condolence to you all in the passing of Aunt Sandra. She was very kind to me as a kid and a young man and always glad to see me as I was with seeing her! I will send special prayers for journey mercies for those traveling to Michigan and pray that our Heavenly Father will grant the entire family love and peace!

Milas J Armour III - November 16, 2014 at 09:33 PM

CD

Thank you so much for sharing your beautiful memories.. Blessings to you and yours..❤️

Christina Delgado - November 19, 2017 at 11:25 PM

JD

“ Aunt Sandra was a beautiful woman inside and out. She will be truly missed. My condolences to her husband, children, and grandchildren.


Jasmine Davenport

Jasmine Davenport - November 16, 2014 at 09:02 PM

CD

Thank you so much, Jasmine❤️❤️❤️

Christina Delgado - January 23, 2017 at 08:31 PM


Ibezimako
Ozo

“ We are saddened to hear about the passing of Aunt Sandra. We send you all our love and condolences.

Mario-Marlene-Angela- Celicia Theodore

Ibezimako Ozo - November 16, 2014 at 07:36 PM

KM

“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of a beautiful woman. I have find memories of seeing Sandra & her family when she visited her brother & his family in Chicago. My prayers are with you. Katrinka Markowitz (friend of Anita Redmond Davenport)

katrinka markowitz - November 16, 2014 at 06:13 PM

AD

“ Uncle Tee, Whitney, Wendell and Christina. I will miss Aunt Sandra. She was beautiful and full of love for her family. Just know that you all are in my prayers as Aunt Sandra is forever in my heart.
Love Nini

anita davenport - November 16, 2014 at 06:00 PM

MS

“ To the Family, "may God wrap His Loving arms around you". Mrs. Woods was a very loving, and giving. She always made me laugh. You will be missed. Marsha Singleton-Siesta Key, Fl



Marsha Singleton - November 14, 2014 at 01:37 PM

MH

“ Melanie Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandra Elaine Redmond-Woods



Melanie Hurner - November 12, 2014 at 11:46 AM