



Mrs. Sandra K Markham

June 2, 1956 - April 28, 2014

Sandra K. Markham passed away on April 28, 2014. She was known to family and friends as Sandi. Sandi was born June 2, 1956 in Albuquerque, N.M. Her parents were James Hart and Edith Frazier Hart. James was a high school teacher and Edith was a retired army nurse. Sandi developed allergies in New Mexico so her family moved to El Cajon, Calif. Sandi graduated from Grossmont High school as a straight 'A' student.

Sandi went to business school where she trained to be a court stenographer. Her first court-reporting job was in Hanford, Calif. She became a partner in the Quilty, McNutt and Markham Court Reporting firm.

Her husband, Arthur Tiernan Markham's first job after law school was as a Deputy District Attorney in Hanford, two years after Sandi got her job there. When Sandi and Arthur first met, he was wearing polyester and was a smoker; even so she was kind enough to date and then marry him on July 14, 1979. (One of the things that Arthur had going for him was that he had a cat. He gave up smoking cold turkey the first New Year's Eve after their marriage). Their first daughter Erin Allison Markham was born in Hanford in 1983.

Both Sandra and Arthur enjoyed living in a small town. Arthur's Aunt Jonne and Uncle Dick Markham had moved to Prescott in 1962. Arthur had kept Prescott in mind as a nice small town to live in. Arthur took and passed the Arizona bar. In 1985, Sandi and Arthur's family moved to Prescott to enjoy small town life with the advantage of having extended family, which included aunts and uncles and many cousins. Both Sandi and Arthur quickly found jobs

in Prescott.

Sandi and Arthur's second daughter, Megan Lindsay Markham, was born in Prescott in 1986. Family was always first for Sandi. Sandi often expressed her pride and love for her daughters.

In Arizona, Sandi worked 26 years as the official Court reporter for three Superior Court Judges until they each retired or were promoted: Judge James Sult, Judge Raymond Weaver, and Supreme Court Justice Robert Brutinel. For 10 years, she was the Chair of the Arizona Supreme Court's Arizona Board of Certified Reporters. She was also on the Supreme Court's Keeping the Record Committee and the Judicial Staff Education Committee. Sandi continued on with her education seeking a degree in Business Administration at Yavapai College and Old Dominion.

In private life, Sandi was active in many areas. She donated many hours to the Prescott School Bands as a Band booster. She was on the Prescott PTA board, was Treasurer for the Arizona State PTA for many years and was on the Prescott YMCA Board of Trustees.

Sandi has always been an avid gardener. The Saturday Farmers' market was also a cherished routine. She went for vigorous walks a few times each week with her ladies' walking group, all close friends. Sandi and Arthur loved to travel. Paris was their favorite city to visit. They, and Daphne Markham, were due to visit Paris next month to help celebrate Sandi's 58th birthday.

When Justice Brutinel was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court, Sandi decided to retire as a Court Reporter. For an entire 6 weeks, she worked in the garden and cooked fine French meals. However, retirement was just not her thing.

An opening occurred for the Clerk of the Yavapai County Superior Court. Arizona Governor Brewer appointed Sandi as the Clerk of the Yavapai County Superior Court in May 2011. Sandi put her entire effort into her position as the Clerk and was set to run for a new four-year term. Sandi in this capacity stayed active on the State level as well. She was recently appointed to be on the Supreme Court's Time Standards Committee as well as a Committee to

deal with reporting criminal convictions to the State and Federal data base systems. She also represented Yavapai County on the Arizona Association of Counties' Board of Directors.

Sandi is survived by her husband Arthur; daughters, Erin and Megan; and her extended family, including her best friends Mary Ann Markham and Daphne Markham.

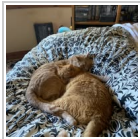
On May 10, 2014 at 11 a.m., a celebration of Sandi's life will take place at the Prescott High School Ruth Street Theater located in the Prescott High School Arts Center, 1050 Ruth St. Sandi's family invites all those who knew and loved her from her many facets of life to come to participate. Please bring a copy of your favorite picture of Sandi to the service. They will be displayed for others to enjoy. It would be appreciated if the family could keep these photos. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to either the Prescott Unified School District earmarked for the bands, 146 S. Granite St. Prescott AZ 86303, or to the Prescott YMCA, 750 W. Whipple St. Prescott AZ 86301.

Tribute Wall



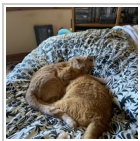
“ I just heard from Melody Vallas Habibe, Sandy’s close friend, neighbor, schoolmate that she passed at 58. We would swim often and play kids games on Severin Drive, La Mesa. Her Father helped me with math. She was lively, fun, and super cute. I visited her in Hanford and lost touch when she moved to Arizona. But always asked Melody how she was doing. I’m so sorry for your loss. She was wonderful. Joyce Kerr Labrinos.

joyce labrinos - October 29, 2023 at 07:17 PM



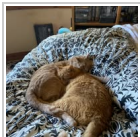
“ Megan Lindsay Markham was added to the Family Tree.

Megan Markham - April 30, 2015 at 04:42 AM



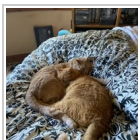
“ Erin Alison Markham was added to the Family Tree.

Megan Markham - April 30, 2015 at 04:41 AM



“ Arthur T Markham was added to the Family Tree.

Megan Markham - April 30, 2015 at 04:40 AM



“ My biggest memory of my mom is of her picking grey hairs out of my head. I always said to friends that was her greatest joy. Now that it is a year later, I actually miss that time with her.... Sandra K Markham aka Mom, I will miss you forever.

Megan Markham

Megan Markham - April 30, 2015 at 04:37 AM

JS

“ *Sandi was a wonderful person. I knew her when she first came to Prescott. We would encounter each other on morning walks---she is one direction, I in another---and would stop to talk. We talked gardening. She told me about her first trip to Paris. Her family, of course, was always first in her thoughts. My condolences to her family. Prescott has lost a valuable, loving, honorable member of its family.*

Jeri Smith-Fornara

Jeri Smith-Fornara - May 10, 2014 at 10:32 AM

MF

“ *Arthur, Erin & Megan,*

Treasure the wonderful years you had with Sandi and they will never disappear--always remember the years you had with a terrific woman, wife & mother. Sandi was beautiful both inside and out. Wee-g & I will forever be thankful that we knew her!

Merle & Wee-g Frost

Merle Frost - May 09, 2014 at 06:23 PM

MM

“ *Truly a sorrowful passing of a wonderful lady who gave it all to her family, her friends and co-workers, career and community. We are truly sorry for your loss and will join the long list of folks who say "fair-well Sandi", a most gracious lady.*

Jim and Myra Musgrove

Myra Musgrove - May 09, 2014 at 04:11 PM

FJ

“ *Sandi, the halls of the Court House will never be the same without your beautiful red hair and smile that light up the room. I'll treasure the talks we had while going up and down the Courthouse stairs. The love you and Arthur had and the proud mom of two beautiful daughters. God bless you and your family for what you have given to our community. I will truly miss you kindness and encouraging words.*

Fred and Sammie Janes

Fred and Sammie Janes - May 09, 2014 at 12:05 AM

JH

“ *Arthur and family,
We are so saddened to hear about Sandi. She was such a beautiful woman in every way and will be terribly missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jill and Richard Hale

Jill Hale - May 07, 2014 at 04:31 PM

CD

“ *Dear Arthur, Erin, and Megan: Sandi was a good friend to many and an inspiration to all. She will be in our hearts forever. You have our deepest sympathies. Thinking of you and your wonderful family.*

Warren and Carol Darrow



Carol Darrow - May 06, 2014 at 11:45 PM

EF

“ *Sandi, it has been wonderful knowing you, and maybe we will meet again.*

Arthur, Erin, Megan, I am so sorry to hear about Sandi's passing. Keep her in your hearts, and you will never be apart.

Ed Fisher

Ed Fisher - May 05, 2014 at 11:16 PM

JL

“ *Dear Arthur, Erin, Megan and family,*

Everyone is both shocked and saddened. It will take much time to heal. We hope you can take some comfort in the realization that your Sandi was much admired, respected and loved, and that she celebrated her special life each and every day.

We will be visiting family in L.A. Friday-Monday and unable to attend the gatherings. But please know that our thoughts are with you all and that you can call on us going forward.

*Honoring Sandi and your life together,
Jim and Carol Landis*

Jim and Carol Landis - May 05, 2014 at 06:04 PM

CB

“ *Sandi will be missed by all of us in Yavapai County. She was a positive influence in the court system and to all of us as a friend and colleague. My wife and I will miss her pleaseant smile and kind manner. We pray for you Arthur and your entire family.*

Craig and Sandi Brown

Craig Brown - May 04, 2014 at 03:33 PM

JN

“ *Jack~N~Jackie Guzma N lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Sandra K Markham*



Jack~N~Jackie Guzma n - May 04, 2014 at 11:29 AM

DL

“ Arthur and family, Mary and I are most saddened by Sandi's passing and send our condolences to you. We are living in Las Vegas now and will be unable to attend the memorial service. I have written a short poem I would like to share with you.

THE EMPTINESS

by David W Lundy

*It gets bigger with each passing,
that place we used to know,
where sometimes we would see a friend
and hugged and said hello.*

*Now all that's left is emptiness
where once there used to be
a person whom we knew and loved,
who now and then we'd see.*

*Might pass while in the hallway
or have a lunch or two,
perhaps a wave, perhaps a smile,
a comfort thing we knew.*

*That's gone, now we have emptiness,
just memories that we see,
a laugh, a nod, a quick hello,
a friend that used to be.*

David & Mary Lundy - May 02, 2014 at 01:28 AM