



## Sandra Ann Hickey

November 4, 2020

Sandra Ann Hickey, 77, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Wednesday, November 4th, 2020 at Masonic Villages. She was the daughter of the late Francesco and Carmen Castano. She was married to her late husband Leon C. Hickey, who passed away in 2016, for 24 years.

Sandy graduated from Lancaster Catholic High School. She went on to work as a Telephone Operator at Bell Telephone and later at Lancaster General Hospital. Sandy was a devout Catholic and attended St. Anthony's Catholic Church for 25 years. She was artistic and enjoyed various mediums including painting, drawing, and coloring. She also sang in the choir at Sacred Heart Church. Animals held a special place in Sandy's heart, especially her many pet dogs, cats, and her Cockatiel Henry.

Sandy was a people-person, with a large circle of friends. She greatly enjoyed playing Rummy with them and going out to dinners. Her family fondly remembers her good cooking and her kind heart. She was always a helping hand to her neighbors and those around her. Sandy was a wonderful mother and was even called "mom" by her son's neighborhood friends as he grew up.

Sandy is survived by her son, James L. Mays (Angela) of Millersville, PA, her sisters, Titina Heisler of Millersville, PA, Rose Macrina of Lancaster, PA, and Philomena McKinney of North Carolina, her brother, Gregory Castano (Lisa)

of Lancaster, PA, her grandchildren: Jadan Mays, Xavier Mays, and William Minnick, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Sandy is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Leon C. Hickey.

A Memorial Service for Sandy will be held on Thursday, November 12th, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster PA 17603. A private family interment will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Sandy's name to Masonic Villages, 1 Masonic Dr, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Her family would like to thank Masonic Villages for their fantastic care.

\*\*Sandy's Memorial Service is available to be viewed by Tribucast  
<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/94736753> \*\*

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph New Catholic Cemetery

Lancaster, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra Ann Hickey*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Aunt Sandy was the best! I remember sitting in her kitchen with her, my mom, and Jimmy and we'd all get to laughing so hard. Her and my mom were best pals, and I always called Jimmy my little buddy. We will miss her laugh and smile. All our prayers and love to the family. from Lee Dulio and Missy Dulio Foltz*

**Melissa Dulio Foltz** - November 23, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - November 11, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Jadan Mays** - November 10, 2020 at 11:15 AM

JM

“ *Best Nanny I could ever ask for. She was bright, kind, caring, happy, sweet and sometimes sassy(: I will always remember her for as long as I live. My family and I will miss her dearly but I am blessed to say she is with the Lord and Pappy. I love you Nanny!*



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**Jadan Mays** - November 10, 2020 at 11:13 AM

MP

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**Melissa Pallishusky** - November 10, 2020 at 10:34 AM

MP

“ *Sandy was the best Nan my kids could ever have. We will miss you dearly and so happy you will be reunited with Leon. Thinking of Jim and family.*

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**Melissa Pallishusky** - November 10, 2020 at 10:16 AM

SS

“ *I TOOK COMMUNION TO SANDY AND LEON FOR A FEW YEARS AND THEN TO SANDY AFTER LEON PASSED AWAY. THEY WERE A BEAUTIFUL COUPLE AND I AM SURE THEY ARER HAPPY TO BE REUNITED IN HEAVEN. MAY GOD GIVE BOTH OF THEM ETERANL REST.*

**SHEILA SCHOEPLIN**

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**Sheila M. Schoeplein** - November 09, 2020 at 07:50 PM

FS

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember her so well. Sandy and I went to LCHS together. We were really good friends in school, but after graduation we lost track of each other. Sandy was very funny and a great help with assignments when needed. I will offer Mass up for Sandy on Sunday. My prayers go out to the family.

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**Fran Lombardo Spangler** - November 09, 2020 at 05:06 PM

PM

“ I remember my sister Sandy as someone who cared deeply for her family, friends and pets. Whenever we visited family in PA she was there to greet us, give directions, take us out to eat and share her joy. I especially remember her cockatiel, Henry who talked to her and kept her happy with his talking and funny antics. I am sending sympathy to the whole family but especially her son Jim, and his family.

*Love, Philomena and family*

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**Philomena Mckinney** - November 09, 2020 at 10:13 AM

AN

“ I knew sandy from working at Masonic village. I loved spending extra time with her doing little crafts, going out on the balcony to water the plants, tending to mason the bird, and listening to the stories of her past. She will be missed by all of us, and I hope the family finds peace and comfort.

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**Angela** - November 08, 2020 at 10:00 AM

GC

“ *I will always cherish the many fond memories of Sandy from her childhood to this very day when she will be with God and his saints in heaven! Our heartfelt sympathy to her son Jim and family!*

*Love,* <sup>L</sup><sub>SEP</sub> *Brother Greg and all of the family*

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**Gregory L Castano** - November 07, 2020 at 08:37 AM