



Sandra Panak Newell

October 9, 1957 - May 18, 2016

Sandra Panak Newell decided to leave the operating table and walk down the streets of gold with her beloved husband and parents on May 18, 2016. Sandy retired from teaching after almost 30 years, combining both public and private school experiences. Her favorite pastime was attending southern gospel music concerts, preferably the Hoppers. She also enjoyed sports, both participating and observing.

Sandy was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Martin Panak, her mother, Elizabeth Carlton Panak, and her beloved husband of almost 34 years, David Glenn Newell. She is survived by her sister, Debra Ann Panak. A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2016 at New Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church, 80 Groome Road, Newport News, VA 23601. The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m., Sunday at the church. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2016 in Sunny Slope Cemetery, West Point, VA.

Memorials may be made to New Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church, 80 Groome Road, Newport News, VA 23601, or the Hopper Heritage Foundation, 2811 US Highway 220, Madison, NC 27025.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church
80 Groome Road
Newport News, VA 23601

Service

MAY **23.** 4:00 PM (ET)

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Newport News, VA 23601

Graveside Service

MAY **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Sunny Slope Cemetery
King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.
Isaiah 25:8

Jackson Family - May 24, 2016 at 07:18 PM

MA

“ I am sending my sincere condolences to the family. May you find comfort in this thought found at *Isaiah 61:1,2* which reads in part "God sent his son to bind up the brokenhearted and to comfort those who mourn."

Mary A - May 23, 2016 at 01:22 PM

HW

“ Sandy and Debbie have been friends of ours for a long time. Sandy was a very soft spoken sweet person. We will definitely miss her and loved her. But we are sure she is rejoicing in Heaven with her parents and her David. RIP Sandy and we'll see you again one day.

Helen, Wayne and Wanda - May 20, 2016 at 09:15 PM

DH

“ Sandy was one of the most beautiful people I knew, inside and out. The years we taught in classrooms side by side were some of the happiest of my teaching career. She was such a wonderful example to me of how we carry the Light of Christ within us. Always positive, kind, and caring, she made me want to be a better person and teacher. I know so many of her students and colleagues loved her dearly, and will miss her greatly. I was thinking of her this Wednesday, May 18, and about needing to text her and let her know I was back in Virginia so we could get together. I know she couldn't be happier than being with her Savior, and David, the Love of Her Life. I've cried many a tear over her loss, and will cry many more, but I know we will see each other again. Heaven was made for people like Sandy. I will miss you always, my friend. Love, Dee

Deadra Hanline - May 20, 2016 at 08:04 PM

SB

“ Sandy was very special to Rose and I. Always made us feel welcome when we visited and loved our kids and grandkids.

Steve Burnette - May 20, 2016 at 07:28 PM

LL

I still cannot believe she has passed. I know she is probably running the streets of heaven with David and her folks, taking in all the sights, and catching up with loved ones who've gone on before, and feasting at His table. I miss her tons already but am ever so thankful to have shared this earth journey with her, she was one of my favorite travelers, my sister in Christ, encouragers, listeners, teachers, and friends.

Linda Lewis - May 21, 2016 at 09:42 AM

MS

Debbie, I find myself in disbelief. Sandy was indeed a gentle spirit and a beautiful person, very much like your daddy. I pray that your memories and shared experiences will provide comfort in her loss. There's much to be said for knowing the destiny of one who has served our Lord. In Love, Michele

Michele Smith - June 03, 2016 at 09:24 AM