



## Sandra Sarantis

August 7, 2020

Huntersville--Our beloved Sandy Sarantis, R.N. passed away, a victim of COVID-19. She was the most amazing and beautiful person inside and out and fought a courageous and valiant battle. Please pray for our Frontline healthcare workers as they risk their lives every day as do the brave first responders.

Heaven gained a beautiful angel...our hearts are broken but we are comforted with the fact that she's finally home with Jesus and the loved ones we've lost. She was truly an angel on Earth and had a way of making everyone she met feel special and loved.

As a truly remarkable nurse, Sandy's calling was to help and care for people and even though she was fearful of the virus, she would let not let that paralyze her and continued to help her patients as she felt suffocated in the PPE.

Sandy loved her family, her Bailey girl, her boyfriend and her friends with all her heart. She loved God and Jesus, nature, hiking, travel, adventures, wine tastings and pampering her family and friends. Please pray for us as we are heartbroken.

Our family will offer a \$1000 and \$500 scholarship in her honor every year to dependents of Novant Health care workers . It will be for students pursuing higher education in Nursing or other medical fields, Teaching and Social Work, School Counselors or Law Enforcement.

A private service will be held at James Funeral Home.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville, NC is serving the family of Sandy and online condolences can be made to [jamesfuneralhomelkn.com](http://jamesfuneralhomelkn.com)

# Comments

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“ Jan Giglio lit a candle in memory of Sandra Sarantis



Jan Giglio - October 31, 2020 at 10:29 PM

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“ Dear Sandy...my forever friend...you are now in the arms of the Angel's, Mommy, Daddy, Stephanie, Trampus(now I can hear your contagious laughing of how he goosed me & tried to bite me through the fence of your Mom's old house in Pompano.

I cry every time I think about the memories we have shared together since the late 1970's. I love you & miss you so much. you weren't supposed to go first. There was so much life & love left in you but now you are free with no pain and our guardian angel. Say Hi to Tess( radar),Stephanie, Daddy, Trampus(sp?) who really did not like me...please meet my brother Daniel, my Dad Carl & his wife Annette and hug everyone for me...you and I will be connected forever...till I see you again, love you, your forever friend, Jan. & Joe & Apollo( who truly does love me) Just think in our next life we will be forever friends again. I look forward to that!

I feel the pain of Billy,Kelly,Athena,Marisa,Delambra, Roger, Zulema, your 2 sweet beautiful exchange students.and all the friends and family you left behind who miss you so much. And one more thing, I will never say goodbye because I know we will meet again as I celebrate & toast to my beautiful friend & your beautiful life & I drink from your special hand painted wine glass.

Jan Giglio - October 31, 2020 at 09:51 PM

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“ Sandy and I met in High School in 1972. She was a gift sent to me by God. I considered her my sister. We had so many things in common. She loved life and adventure. She was kind, humble, and giving all throughout her life. We maintained our relationship during all these years. We traveled together and had so many plans looking into the future. She was an amazing friend, the best nurse I ever met and just a remarkable human being. Her loss has left a void in my heart that cannot be replaced with anything. My prayers go out to her loving family, Billy, Kelly, Athena, Bailey and her boyfriend Roger. May God hold them tight during this difficult time and give them the peace that only he can provide. Love Zulema and Pablo

**Zulema Garcia** - August 14, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ Zulema, I am sorry for your loss...I completely understand. Let's try to stay in touch maybe facebook,?

**Jan Giglio** - October 31, 2020 at 09:59 PM

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“ A year ago, she took two Japanese kids for home stay. That was when my journey with Sandy began. My name is Kaede Nishida and I was one of the kids who Sandy had taken care of me. From the day one, she was very caring, loving and cheerful. She was my mother to me and she always called me I'm her daughter. I still remembered when we were in the car, we laughed together about how Sandy's arm doesn't bend whenever she was driving.

There are tons of cheerful and loving memories with Sandy and every moments were unforgettable. Two weeks were too short but I am confident that we built the strongest bond. Even after I went back to Japan, she was always considering about me and had been doing face time every week. A week before I got message from Sandy that she got virus, we were talking about when we can meet each other again. We were saying “ after this pandemic ends, let's go to cabin again and do some crazy things! “ But unfortunately, this dream became dream now.

There is no way that I can explain how much I loved her and how much I am thankful to her in one word but I want to say “I really loved you. And I miss you.”

Your forever host-daughter,  
Kaede Nishida



**Kaede Nishida** - August 13, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ Hi Kaede,  
She loved you so much & always spoke about you. I am sorry you could not follow up with your dreams to go back to the cabin but I know she is your angel and will always watch over you.

**Jan Giglio** - October 31, 2020 at 09:57 PM

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“ I was so sad to read about Sandys passing. Its been quite a few years since we talked and got together. My first cousin is Nick Sarandis , so even though we were not blood related we always considered our selves as cousins. My deepest and heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family.  
Sincerely, Diane Bellas



**Diane Bellas** - August 13, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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“ Marshall Smithman lit a candle in memory of Sandra Sarantis



**marshall smithman** - August 13, 2020 at 07:48 AM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to Sandy's family, friends, and coworkers. It was a wonderful blessing to know Sandy and work with her. She was a great nurse and courageously fought COVID-19. She was such a sweet, joyful, and kind person. I will miss her dearly. May God rest your beautiful soul, my friend. Love and prayers, Lona



**Lona W** - August 12, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss Lona. I was Sandy's friend since the late 70's in Florida. I miss her so much and feel for those friends in North Carolina who I've never met. I know she was loved and missed by many.

**Jan Giglio** - October 31, 2020 at 10:04 PM

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“ It's been many years since I have seen Sandy. I feel very fortunate that I had the opportunity to spend time with Sandy on several occasions through knowing her brother Bill. I am especially thankful for the couple of occasions in which my husband and I were able to ski in Colorado with Sandy (she was a daredevil on ski's). I will always remember Sandy's fun-loving nature. I will remember the sparkle in her eyes and her million dollar smile. I'll remember how she cared for others. What a legacy that Sandy has left through the many lives that she touched in caring for and loving her patients. I will especially remember the immeasurable love that she had for her family.

May Sandy's relationship with her Savior and Lord bring her family peace in knowing she is in the arms of her heavenly Father. With Much Love, Julie Vande Steeg XOXO

**Julie Vande Steeg** - August 12, 2020 at 06:27 PM

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“ Barbara lit a candle in memory of Sandra Sarantis



**Barbara** - August 12, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ A few years ago, Sandy participated with me in a behavioral assessment called the Predictive Index that indicates how a person is "hard-wired". Sandy's results: ALTRUIST - A congenial, unassuming, unselfish person with a genuine interest in other people and a strong, intuitive understanding of them; a person who drives for the "greater good" rather than self...one who derives particular satisfaction from doing things for others. This assessment fits perfectly for this beautiful angel. You will be missed. Much Love , Susanne



**Ssuanne Swinnie** - August 12, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ Susanne,  
This assessment is my forever friend Sandy. Couldn't be a more perfect description of my beautiful friend.

**Jan Giglio** - October 31, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Sarantis.



August 12, 2020 at 09:27 AM

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“ I did not have the honor of knowing Sandra personally. I am also a nurse with Novant. Please know you have my condolences and the utmost respect and pride for Sandra for her dedication to our profession. God bless you family.

Vicki Hughes, RN



Vicki - August 11, 2020 at 11:08 PM

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“ Hello I didn't know Sandra but my name is Shannon My mom was the atrium nurse that passed away and I understand completely how you feel and what you're going through I'm very sorry for your loss. Sandra and my mom were hero's in my book. They did what they loved to do which was help and heal and genuinely care for people . I wish there was something I could say to take away your pain or grief. I'm truly very sorry. I'll say a prayer for her and your family. At least we know that they're no longer in pain and can go home now to god, and to heaven where they are needed much love coming your way and that I know she will be missed greatly as much as my mom is



Shannon liberto - August 11, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, Shannon. Your mom and Sandra were true heroes. Prayers for you and your family

Lona W - August 13, 2020 at 12:30 AM



“ Shannon,  
Prayers for you and your Mom who is now your guardian angel like Sandy. They both gave their lives to helping others.

Jan Giglio - October 31, 2020 at 10:14 PM

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“ Sandy and I enjoyed a 30 year friendship. We met in Santa Monica while working as Traveling Nurses. After a few years we both moved back home, she to Florida, me to Washington State. I left clinical nursing while she continued on as a Certified Medical/Surgical Nurse at the bedside.

The bond we shared endured with visits back & forth. We were both eagerly anticipating her visit to me in Anacortes, WA. on Sept.10th. Both so excited, it had been too long.

Never in my imagination did I consider we would not grow old together, sharing our memories with each visit and making new ones.

There is a hole in my heart where Sandy lived. I will think of her and miss her everyday.

Barbara Marie



**Barbara Marie** - August 11, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Dear Barbara,

I wish I had met you. You and Sandy had a wonderful connection through nursing and becoming forever friends for so many years. I feel your loss.

**Jan Giglio** - October 31, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ My beautiful Aunt Sandy you will be missed so much I'm going to miss your beautiful smile and your Bright Eyes and your wisdom that you taught me I will carry on what you have taught me all my life I know you're my angel now I love you Aunt Sandy

**Delambra Goracoff Orso** - August 11, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ I don't know Sandy at all, but as a fellow RN, I feel compelled to lift her life in praise, & send my heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, & colleagues. Many hearts are broken, but she served with compassion & strength. Rest in Peace, Sandy.



**Ellen Civitello, RN** - August 11, 2020 at 05:30 PM

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“ Sandra, we knew each other for a lot of years. Our mutual connection was what type of fitness we were into from time to time. You always gave compliments. You were kind to everyone. I still see you in the halls caring for others. It seems I just saw you on M-S last week but know that isn't true. Continuing the prayers for your family and Bailey. You are missed.



**Elizabeth** - August 11, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ My beautiful Aunt Sandy I had just seen you seems like a bad dream but I know that you will not suffer anymore and I love you with all my heart I will miss your beautiful eyes and your your smile and all the wisdom that you had taught me I will make you proud of me and I know you will be watching over all of us you you are angel now

**Delambra** - August 11, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ i did not know Sandra but I also work for Novant Health in a medical office. Sandra sounds like she was a courageous and wonderful nurse! Deepest condolences and prayers for the family!

**Jodie Walker** - August 11, 2020 at 07:38 PM

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“ Barbara Marie purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sandra Sarantis.



Barbara Marie - August 11, 2020 at 12:15 PM

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“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Sandra Sarantis.



August 11, 2020 at 10:33 AM

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“ Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Sandra Sarantis.



August 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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“ I was blessed to know Sandy, although for such a short time I felt like she would be a forever friend. Love and Hugs to her family. We love you. Jan and Bing



Jan Crosby - August 11, 2020 at 08:24 AM

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“ GOD PLEASE WRAP YOUR ARMS AROUND THIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS .. PROVIDE THEM ALL WITH STRENGTH ...I DON'T KNOW YOU BUT I FELT YOUR SPIRIT WHEN I CAME ACROSS THE ARTICLE OF YOU PASSING.. YOU WILL FOREVER BE REMEMBERED.. I JUST WANNA SAY THANK YOU AND MAY YOU SLEEP IN PEACE .. YOU DID AN AMAZING JOB MAY GOD CONTINUE TOO BLESS THIS WONDERFUL FAMILY

Sharon McCray - August 11, 2020 at 03:39 AM

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“ RIP Sweet Sandra  
Thank you for all the talks about NY and always encouraging me to be the best that I can be! I will never forget you! Fly high with the Angels in Heaven



Josephine - August 10, 2020 at 11:29 PM

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“ As a longtime nurse and Presbyterian graduate I would like to thank you family for providing scholarships in her honor for young ppl to become nurses. I am thankful for other nurses who work tirelessly to care for the sick. Our Lord wanted her home and though your heart will ache , remember His promises! My sincerest sympathy and prayers!

sharan wilson rn bsn - August 10, 2020 at 08:11 PM

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“ With love, Scott and Kyla purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sandra Sarantis.



With love, Scott and Kyla - August 10, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ Fly high sweet Angel of Mercy. Thank you for your service. Prayers for family and coworkers.



**Sandra Harris** - August 10, 2020 at 06:40 PM

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“ I did not know this beautiful woman but as a resident of Huntersville I wanted to reach out and say how sorry I am for your loss and how thankful I am to have nurses such as Sandy Sarantis willing to work on the frontlines. Heroes in my book. May the Lord hold her family and friends close during this Holy time of mourning. Inger Manchester

**Inger Manchester** - August 10, 2020 at 06:20 PM

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“ Sara Turner lit a candle in memory of Sandra Sarantis



**Sara Turner** - August 10, 2020 at 06:03 PM