



Ms. Sandra Denise Manning

March 10, 1964 - January 19, 2026

Sandra Denise Manning, age 61, was born on March 10, 1964, in Martin County, North Carolina, and transitioned peacefully in her home, surrounded by love, on January 19, 2026.

Sandra was a cherished mom, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend—someone whose presence brought warmth, strength, and comfort wherever she went. She was known for her kind heart, her resilient spirit, and her unwavering devotion to her family. She had a rare and beautiful way of making people feel seen, valued, and deeply loved—through her words, her actions, and by always showing up when it mattered the most. At the time of her illness, she was employed with Ayden Court dietitian department. She lived life on her own terms, moving to a rhythm entirely her own. Sandra truly marched to the beat of her own drum—bold, unapologetic, and beautifully authentic. She spoke her truth, stood firm in who she was, and reminded those around her of the quiet power of simply being real. Her strength was gentle, her love was fierce, and her spirit was unforgettable. She found joy in life's simplest moments—being surrounded by family, sharing laughter that lingered long after it faded, and creating memories that will now live on as treasured gifts in the hearts of those she loved.

As Scripture reminds us,

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Sandra lived her season fully, with courage, authenticity, and love, leaving

behind a story that will continue through the lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carrie Leatha Manning and John Wayne Manning Sr; nephews, Gregory Roundtree and Rodger Sumpter.

She leaves behind a legacy of love carried forward by her children, her daughter, Fatima Lynette Manning, her sons, Quintin O'Reily Shorter (Shade), Marty Vivian Shorter, Jr., and Marquel Kemi Gardner; her beloved granddaughters, Shaquanza Keira Manning and Key'Mya Gardner; brothers, John P. Purvis (Bessie), John Manning Jr. (Kimba), and Larry Manning; sisters, Brenda Roundtree (Reginald), Tequilla Manning, Shelia Dunn (Daryl), Teresa Manning-Roach (James), Yvette Lee, Tuwanda Stokes, and Tomeka Carr (Tarrus) along with a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, and dear friends.

Though she is no longer with us in body, her love remains—woven into our laughter, our memories, and the quiet moments when we feel her presence near. Sandra will be forever loved, forever missed, and forever remembered.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Estate

5971 Dudley Road
Grifton, NC 28530

Previous Events

Viewing/Visitation

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
3205 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858
(252) 355-9995
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

Graveside

JAN **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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5971 Dudley Road
Grifton, NC 28530

Tribute Wall



“ *Sad that I heard the news n wish I could been there to say my goodbye I will miss u auntie say hi to my dad for me 🙏🙏🙏* ”



Jair Royston - February 01 at 08:00 PM

EL

“ *Prayers and condolences to Yvette and the entire Manning Family. God has spoken. Amen. Evetta Lawrence-Davis AGHS Class of 83* ”

Evetta Lawrence-Davis - January 31 at 09:25 AM

EL

“ *Evetta Lawrence-Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sandra Denise Manning* ”



Evetta Lawrence-Davis - January 31 at 09:24 AM

EL

“ Yvette and the Manning Family ,
My prayers include you all during this time of
change. May peace, comfort, and strength
continue to prevail as you begin your new
chapter in life. Sandra was a schoolmate and
friend. God bless and keep you.
Dr. Evetta Lawrence-Davis,
AGHS Class of 83



Evetta Lawrence-Davis - January 31 at 01:08 AM



“ To my band/classmate Yvette and the Manning Family, I am so
incredibly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you
and your family during this difficult time.
Melvin C. Rosenboro,
AGHS Class of 83

Melvin Rosenboro - January 30 at 05:20 PM

NR

“ To the Manning Family: Our deepest
condolences to each and everyone of you.
May the Lord bless you at this difficult time. I,
Naomi and my family lived across the road
from you. I grew up with the oldest of the
family. I will never forget your loving mother (Carrie Manning) Be
blessed 🙌🏾 JT and Naomi Roundtree ❤️ 🙏



Naomi Roundtree - January 30 at 10:45 AM

ST

“ Sending heartfelt support and strength to the family during this challenging time, with wishes for resilience and brighter days ahead from Bobby and Barbara Green, from Virginia Beach Va ❤️🙏



Seadra Tyson - January 30 at 10:01 AM

SR

“ Sherdene Roundtree lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sandra Denise Manning



Sherdene Roundtree - January 28 at 08:55 PM

FS

“ Dear Yvette, I'm sending heartfelt condolences to the Manning Family. May God continue to bless you and keep your family lifted. Sincerely, Classmate Flo Smith and Family



Flo Smith - January 28 at 08:12 PM

ZB

“ Zachary Bunns lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sandra Denise Manning



Zachary Bunns - January 28 at 04:00 PM

AM

“ *May Almighty Father God bless and comfort the family* 🍷💖💖💖🙏💖🙏💖



Anthony Martin and jashon Johnson martin - January 28 at 02:43 PM

JG

“ *Joyce Grimes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sandra Denise Manning*



Joyce Grimes - January 28 at 08:57 AM

OL

“ *What the what the what the what I'll always love you, my friend forever old man*

Oldman - January 28 at 12:38 AM

JK

“ *Joyce Pollard Kornegay lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sandra Denise Manning*



Joyce Pollard Kornegay - January 27 at 06:26 PM

PG

“ On behalf of *POWER OF PRAYER PROPHETIC MINISTRY*, we would like to express our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. Our prayers are with you and your family. We pray that God will comfort you during this difficult time.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

*Elder Ritchie Garris &
Prophetess Lorraine Garris*

Prophetess Lorraine Garris - January 27 at 03:59 PM

AW

“ To the Manning family, sorry to hear of the passing of Sandra. The Whichard and Manning families go a long way back from the days of Helen's crossroad area. Sandra was a jewel to have know, I will remember her from that beautiful smile that she had. Rest Well my friend.

Al-kereen Whichard - January 27 at 03:08 PM

JK

Sending my condolences and prayers to the Manning Family this family and the Pollard family goes way back to the South Ayden days we all rode the same school bus together Sandra and I had a chance to work together back in 2022 we would always talk about those good old days Sandra will be truly missed sending my love and prayers to you all Rip my friend 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Joyce Pollard Kornegay - January 27 at 06:23 PM

OF

“ *Fatima and Family,
So sorry to hear of your loss. May God
continue to bless and comfort each of you
during this difficult time.*



Octavia Faison - January 27 at 10:02 AM

SD

“ *Sheila Manning Dunn lit a candle in memory
of Ms. Sandra Denise Manning*



sheila manning dunn - January 27 at 02:07 AM

LD

“ *My condolences to the Manning family. May God give you peace
and comfort during this difficult time. 🙏🙏*

Latisha Dail - January 25 at 09:24 PM

LM

“ *Teresa & the Manning Family, we are so sorry
for your loss. Please accept our heartfelt
condolences. May God continue to watch
over each of you in the coming days. Deepest
Sympathy, Leon Kornegay & Margaret
Chapman Williams*



Leon & Margaret - January 24 at 09:09 PM

RJ

Sorry to about Sandra passing God bless her and her family Robert Jones

Robert Jones - January 28 at 04:53 PM

CA

“ *Sandra Manning, as I always call you baby girl this is very difficult .We have been together from Haddock crossword, Venters, to now. From Ayden Elementary, Grammar, Ayden Grifton onto now. We were from the sandbox to now you was and still is my bestie this hurt right here but I know you in a better place and no more pain. I will miss you but I know Ms. Carrie has got you in here arms .You get your rest until we meet again. Love you Sandra Manning always forever you will be in my heart. Rest in peace now. Praying for the family. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏.*

Carolyn Applewhite.

MISSING YOU.I LOVE YOU BUT did LOVES YOU THE BEST.GOD BLESS

Carolyn Applewhite - January 24 at 08:04 PM

DW

“ *I will truly miss Sandra she was really beautiful my friend forever*

David Winstead - January 23 at 10:22 PM

CE

“ *Condolences to the Manning Family and sending prayers of comfort and strength during your time of grieving.*



Candace Edwards - January 23 at 12:28 PM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sandra Denise Manning*



Ben Wooten - January 22 at 11:40 PM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sandra Denise Manning*



Cecily Sene - January 22 at 02:46 AM

ME

“ *Sandra and I have been classmates every since K-12. We attended South Ayden High School for kindergarten then to Ayden Elementary, Ayden Grammar School on South Lee Street, Ayden Griffon was our last classmate time together AGHS'82. When ever we would see one another she would say my name and I would say her name then laugh. Rest now in the arms of our God from labor to reward.*

Humbley submitted

Marcha G. Edwards AGHS class of 1982

Marcha Edwards - January 21 at 11:47 PM

JH

“ *My classmate my friend you will be truly missed. Jacqueline Haddock class of 82*

Jacqueline Haddock - January 21 at 10:49 PM

BG

“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Mannings Family. Sandra will be truly missed by many. She use to be my neighbor and we both have enjoyed each other company. All the laughter we shared, and tears too - together. Sandra will truly be missed by many.. You could always count on her to lift your spirit and she was a great fighter until the end. Get your rest , you're with Mama now. SIP until we meet again

Betty Guion - January 21 at 09:44 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - January 20 at 03:59 PM

DL

To my classmate Yvetta and the Manning Family, I extend my sincere condolences to you all during this time of change. My prayer is that you will continue to find strength, comfort, and peace in the days and nights to come. Sandra was a friend and schoolmate. God bless you all.
Dr. Evetta Lawrence-Davis,
AGHS Class of 83

Dr. Evetta Lawrence-Davis - January 27 at 10:40 PM

LF

Sending condolences to the Manning Family from the Lawrence Family formerly of Ayden. We've shared many laughs and times together in school. God bless you all during this shift. You are in our hearts and prayers.

The Lawrence Family (Jeffrey, Melanie, Evetta , and Crystal)

Lawrence Family - January 29 at 03:22 PM