



Sandra Maria Avila

July 29, 1946 - August 24, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Sandra Avila, 78, on August 24, 2024, after a brief illness and hospitalization. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Sandra was born on July 29, 1946, in São Paulo, Brazil to Erina Ponzoni and Elyseu Perazzolo. After attending the prestigious Dante Alighieri School, Sandra went on to study chemistry and worked as a chemist in both Brazil and the United States.

In 1965, she met Geraldo Avila, and they wed on January 10, 1970, before going on to have three children, Leonardo, Rafael, and Carolina.

Ever courageous, Sandra immigrated to the United States with Geraldo and their three young children in 1980, settling in Delaware and overcoming many difficulties.

Sandra was a great cook and passed on her love of good food to all three children. She had a keen eye for fashion and loved a good samba, a competitive international futebol match, and sweet confections. Sandra's feisty and adventurous spirit was strong; she traveled many times throughout Brazil and Europe. She always enjoyed a strong espresso and a good glass of French wine.

Sandra is predeceased by her parents and her sister, Liliana. She is survived by her husband, Geraldo; her three children, Leonardo (Lorri) Avila, Rafael (Megan) Avila, and Carolina (Billy) Biebel and her eight grandchildren, Grace, Liliana, Emilia, Carly, William, Leonardo, Zoe and Ella.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, September 6, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 515 Harmony Street, New Castle, DE 19720, followed by a Memorial Mass which begins at 11:00. Family and friends are invited to a luncheon immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Brandywine Valley SPCA of New Castle by visiting <https://bvspca.org/donate/donation-form>.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **6**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
515 Harmony Street
New Castle, DE 19720

Funeral Service

SEP **6**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Rivell family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sandra Maria Avila.*



The Rivell family - September 03, 2024 at 06:51 PM

IA

“ *IOLE E DICART*

Geraldo, Leo, Rafa e Carol. Que vocês tenham força e paz para passarem por esse momento de dor.

Assim como vocês também sentirei falta da minha querida amiga de infância.

Nenhuma palavra ameniza a dor da perda mas o que conforta nosso coração é lembrar dos bons e alegres momentos que passamos juntas.

Que Deus possa confortar o coração de todos! Amém!



Iole Armele - August 29, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Maria Avila.*



August 28, 2024 at 01:11 PM

LM

“ *Sandra will always have a place in our hearts. She will be missed.* ”

Lissa Miller - August 28, 2024 at 10:49 AM

CA

“ *Querido tio Geraldo ,Leo, Rafa, Carol e familiares*

Sei que não existe palavras para aliviar a dor deste momento, mas quero deixar aqui meu carinho, amor e sentimentos . Peço a Deus que conforte seus corações. Ela agora vive no céu e estará sempre com vocês 💕

Um grande beijo e forte abraço de toda a família . DEUS ABENÇOE VOCÊS 🙏



Cristina Armele - August 27, 2024 at 08:32 PM

SM

Deus receba Sandra na sua glória! Sou prima do Brasil e soube pelo primo Luciano. Deus de forças para vc Geraldo e sua família! Abraços

Silvana Maria Voltan Muller - August 29, 2024 at 09:24 AM

MA

“ *Nada nos prepara para a perda de uma pessoa amada. Minhas orações e meus pensamentos estão com vocês. Que a memória da tia Sandra viva sempre em nossos corações. Meus sentimentos a toda a família.* ”



Milena Armele - August 27, 2024 at 07:58 PM

TA

“ *The Hammonds Pat, Terry, TJ and Ann purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandra Maria Avila.*



The Hammonds Pat, Terry, TJ and Ann - August 27, 2024 at 02:33 PM