



## Sandy S. Gilson

January 23, 1943 - April 1, 2016

Sandra Sue Gilson, 73, of Lebanon, passed away Friday night, April 1, 2016, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on January 23, 1943, in Lebanon, Indiana, the only child of Doris Evelyn (Kissel) Smith and the late Cleo Smith.

She was a 1961 graduate of Lebanon High School. During her senior year, her family had graciously hosted an exchange student from Germany by the name of Gila Kuhne, she and Sandy had always kept in touch. Following high school, Sandy attended Franklin College for a year and then went down to Florida State University where she received her Bachelors Degree in Art. Upon her return to Indiana, she earned a Masters Degree from Indiana University.

In January 1971, she married Irving R. Gilson in Pensacola, Florida and they later divorced.

Sandy loved art and enjoyed being an art teacher. She taught in Florida, California, and during the mid-1970s, she moved back to Indiana where she taught for over 20 years in the Indianapolis area including the schools of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Gabriel, and Christ the King.

She had attended both Otterbein United Methodist Church and Centenary

United Methodist Church for many years. Other memberships included Boone County 4-H, Pi Phi Sorority at Franklin College and Tri Kappa Sorority in Lebanon. In 1960, she had the honor of being crowned "Miss Boone County". In addition, she enjoyed reading and gardening.

Sandy was a breast cancer survivor and a heart transplant recipient in 1998. She always had her loving family by her side.

Funeral Services are to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 3:00 p.m., at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana, with Rev. Anthony Stone and Rev. Jim Ramsey, officiating.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday beginning at 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service.

Entombment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon, Indiana.

Survivors:

Mother:

Doris E. Smith – Lebanon, Indiana

Two Daughters:

Wendy N. Bean and husband, Scott – Lebanon, Indiana

Kimberly A. Gilson – Las Vegas, Nevada

Two Grandsons:

Riley Bean – Lebanon, Indiana

Reed Bean – Lebanon, Indiana

Memorials may be made in Sandy's memory to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 2070, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268-1182 or to the

American Heart Association, 6100 West 96th Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis,

Indiana 46278 – 6005.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Myers Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Sandy S. Gilson*



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**Myers Mortuary** - April 04, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ *Sandy S. Gilson*

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November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM

CP

“ I first met Sandy about the time she was crowned Miss Boone County. Her family had recently moved across the street from us, and she came over dressed in a snappy black outfit with boots, displaying her radiant smile. She was so charming, engaging and beautiful! I was not yet a teenage and was mesmerized.

As my family and I got to know Sandy, we realized how kind and generous she was, being equally impressive on these inner parameters. We will miss you, Sandy. The world was a better place because you were here.

I also send deep condolences from my mother, Rosemary Evans, to you, Doris. You are a perpetually upbeat person, even when your circumstances are not ideal. I remember my mother talking to you each Sunday after church, and how you were always smiling and laughing. You also have been, and remain, a strong woman, and a great role model. My mother treasures your friendship, and my parents valued the relationship they had with you and Cleo. I remember the practical jokes my dad and Cleo played on each other, and how much Mom enjoyed playing bridge with you. These are all fond memories of my childhood. Thank you for your contribution to them, Doris. You raised an amazing daughter! God bless you!

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Christine Evans Page*

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**Christine Evans Page** - April 07, 2016 at 06:35 PM

SW

“ The first day of first grade at Lindbergh school, I met Sandy, I thought she was the most beautiful girl, her beautiful hair and she was so nice. All through school, she still was beautiful and friendly. She was raised up right by her parents. I remembered, I couldn't understand why my parents didn't name me, Sandy. I thought it was the most beautiful name to have. Miss you Sandy.

sonja clark woodruff - April 06, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Sandy's death. She and I went to school together from First Grade at Lindbergh through high school. She was a lovely person and will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Amy Buchanan Herman

Amy Herman - April 05, 2016 at 12:42 PM

BV

“ I met Sandi while a resident of the nursing home where she resided. I enjoyed talking with her and know she had been through a lot of trying times in her life. Prayers for your family as you go through your grief for her. She was a wonderful lady.  
Beverly Voorhis.

Beverly J Voorhis - April 05, 2016 at 11:25 AM

ES

“ To one of my first friends back to Lindberg Grade school days. RIP my friend.  
Love,  
Eris (McKenzie) Sallee



Eris (McKenzie) Sallee - April 04, 2016 at 03:43 PM

LC

*Never will forget her warm & sweet smile, thanks for the memories Sandy♥♥*

Lida Adams Chase - April 05, 2016 at 06:25 AM



“ 35 files added to the album LifeTributes



Myers Mortuary - April 04, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandy S. Gilson.



April 04, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sandy S. Gilson.



April 04, 2016 at 10:41 AM

MJ

“ I will always treasure the conversations and times spent with Sandy. She was a special person to me. I found so many things that we had in common especially talking about books and the finer things in life. Also the times when Mrs. Smith was able to visit her daughter sharing just a simple pop. She found her family very important to her this was something she treasured in her heart. Thank you family for giving me the opportunity to know Sandy, May the Lord bless you with good memories.

*In loving memories, Mary Jones*

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**Mary Jones** - April 04, 2016 at 07:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Sandy S. Gilson.



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April 03, 2016 at 08:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Sandy S. Gilson.



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April 03, 2016 at 03:12 PM