



Sandra Roberts

May 29, 1947 - January 29, 2026

Sandra D. Roberts (Rosenblatt) had a legendary stubborn streak and was a fighter up until January 29, 2026. She was so stubborn that she refused to carry a cell phone—much to the frustration of her children, Jennifer and David. Her grandchildren, Vince, Emma, and Trevor, adored her feistiness and her impressive, seemingly bottomless appetite.

There are countless photos over the years of Sandra happily feasting on her favorite meals from Buffalo Joe's, Russell's Ribs, Hunan Egg Roll King, Great Beijing, Dengeo's, Patio, and Wolfy's—the list goes on. Her grandchildren also loved her legendary candy drawer, always stocked with favorites like York Peppermint Patties and coconut patties, along with the never-ending supply of ice cream in the freezer.

Her thirst for education and learning continued well into her later years. Sandra earned degrees and certifications from Loyola University, Roosevelt University, and Chicago State University. Over the years, she wore many professional hats—educator, paralegal, librarian—and she even taught taxi drivers (not how to drive, as that was admittedly not one of her strengths).

Sandra was truly a force of nature and will be remembered not only for her determination, but for the many jobs she worked to keep a roof over her children's heads. At one point, she worked three jobs to ensure the bills were

paid. As a result, her children learned independence early—sometimes surviving on gas-station food or leaving a trail of chaos in the kitchen.

When she did have time to cook, she made her infamous cabbage soup, much to her children's dismay. The condo would reek for days. Her kids definitely preferred her sugar cookies. Years later, however, her grandson would devour that same cabbage soup, proudly declaring it "THE BEST MEAL EVER!"

Sandra became a second mom to many, and people often share stories with her children about the ways she helped them through difficult times. She loved her creature comforts—Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune were must-watch television. She collected turtles and had a special love for yellow roses, which reminded her of her own childhood.

Sandra was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed.

The family has chosen a private cremation.

Calls of condolence may be made at the family residence in Vernon Hills on Sunday, February 1, 11am - 8pm and Monday February 2, 4-8pm. Please contact Inclusive Funeral Care for details: 773-318-1305. Private scattering of cremated remains to occur around her 79th birthday in May.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society: www.cancer.org.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Previous Events

Calls of Condolence

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

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“ I met Sandra when I was just starting college, and she quickly became a second mom to me, as I was far from my own family, she took me in and made me part of hers without hesitation. Sandra loved food—especially Chinese takeout—and she introduced me to the comfort of classic Jewish delicatessens, sharing not just meals but warmth, humor, and care.

She battled cancer for several years with a strength that matched her stubborn Chicago spirit. She refused to let the illness take her joy or her identity. That same grit showed up in everything she did. I remember how hard she worked, traveling miles each day from trains to buses, early mornings to late evenings, doing whatever it took to provide for her children and their education.

Life was not easy for Sandra. She faced many struggles, but she never let them harden her heart. She loved her family and friends fiercely and completely, no matter the circumstances. I will always be grateful for the way she showed up for me when I needed her most. Sandra will always be remembered as family to me, and her kindness and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

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