



Sandra Jane "Sandi" (Hendershot) Savoca

October 25, 1953 - May 15, 2026

Sandra Jane "Sandi"(Hendershot) Savoca, 72, of Mentor, passed away Friday, May 15, 2026, at Cleveland Clinic - Hillcrest Hospital, Mayfield Heights. She was born October 25, 1953, in Painesville.

Sandi's life was a beautiful example of faith, strength, perseverance, and unconditional love. For more than 40 years, she courageously battled multiple sclerosis, facing each challenge with quiet determination and remarkable grace. Though her physical struggles were immense, her spirit remained unshaken. She carried her burdens with dignity, rarely complaining, and continued to place her trust in God through every season of life. Her positivity, resilience, and unwavering hope inspired all who knew and loved her.

To her family, Sandi was the heart of the home and the center of every gathering. She had a way of making people feel loved, welcomed, and cared for simply by being present. Her greatest joy in life was her family, and she loved them fiercely and faithfully. Whether sharing laughter around the table, cheering on her grandchildren, or offering encouragement during difficult times, Sandi's love was constant and comforting. Even in the hardest moments, she never gave up.

Sandi taught those around her what true strength looked like - not only in enduring hardship, but in continuing to love deeply, hope endlessly, and trust

faithfully. Her life was a testimony to resilience and grace, and the legacy she leaves behind will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

She was also a devoted fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes and rarely missed an opportunity to cheer them on. Her Buckeye pride was unmistakable and brought her immense happiness throughout the years.

Sandi is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Joe Savoca; her children, David (Wendy) Savoca, Jenna (Ryan) Vorhies, and Kyle (Lisa) Savoca; her beloved grandchildren, Carter, Cooper, Wyatt, Emma Kate, Annabelle Joy, Gianna, Ava, and Lucas; her siblings, Ruthann (Greg) Armstrong, Chris Hendershot, and Rob (Vickie) Hendershot; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Joy Hendershot, and her sister, Deborah Hendershot.

A Celebration of Sandi's Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at Church of the Epiphany, 21000 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid, Ohio 44123.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 6155 Rockside Rd., Suite 202, Independence, Ohio 44131. www.nationalmssociety.org/

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
21000 Lakeshore Blvd.
Euclid, OH 44123

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *The only memory I have of Sandi is her husband's dedication to her health issues and the overall effect it had on everyone in the family. As I remember she battled this horrible disease for many years. Many thoughts and prayers to you Joe and your family at this difficult time. 🙏❤️* ”

Former Co-worker Bill Meyers in Parma

Bill Meyers - Yesterday at 09:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra Jane "Sandi" (Hendershot) Savoca.* ”



Yesterday at 10:26 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sandra Jane "Sandi" (Hendershot) Savoca.* ”

Yesterday at 10:26 AM

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“ Sandi and I first met in Girl Scouts at age 11. Our friendship continued from there through high school, college and life beyond; weddings, raising families, and pursuing careers-she in Nursing and me in Accounting. Sadly the MS cut her professional career short. I have many favorite memories of spending time together. One is the road trip to Las Vegas we took about twenty years ago as we drove one of my cars there for my son to keep. While we were there he and his future wife showed us around the Vegas strip. We spent about a week together and flew home happy to have had the experience.

Sandi loved life. She had a positive outlook and every time I spent time with her, she made me appreciate my own life more.

I will certainly miss her "Go Buckeyes" texts each and every game day.

My sincere condolences to Joe and the family.

Mary Weaver

Mary Weaver - May 24 at 01:01 PM