



Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman

October 28, 1944 - October 27, 2025

Mrs. Sandra Joyce "Joy" Coleman "called home to glory," into the loving arms of our Heavenly Father at 12:20 pm, October 27, 2025. She leaves behind her grieving husband William "Bill" Coleman, of the home, after 61 years in Holy Matrimony, raising two sons, now with their spouses, William III (Debbie) of Johnson City with son Dominic; and Anthony (Deborah), of Huntsville, AL. with sons Nate and Jessie, and one great granddaughter Leah. She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends in Johnson City, TN, Chesapeake, VA, Portsmouth, RI, and Meridian, MS areas.

Sandra "Joy" was born to Elizabeth (Godette) Washington and Simmons H. Washington on October 28, 1944. She did not see her father until WWII ended in 1945 and immediately became "daddy's little girl". Her only sibling, Anthony "Bubba" was born in 1947. "Joy's" brother, father, and mother all preceded her in death and are buried in Meridian, MS.

Sandra grew up in her family's hometown of Meridian, MS, attending St. Joseph's Catholic Church School, and graduated from Harris High School in 1962.

She attended Dillard University in New Orleans, with Sociology as her major. Late in her freshman year she met Bill and in 1964 they were married and have remained faithfully married ever since.

Sandra maintained the household and mothered their two sons, while Bill was deployed serving his country. She raised two mature young men who respect and adore their mother, even though they called her "the warden"! Her career

covered an array of challenging jobs; volunteer Dental Assistant in the Newport, RI Navy Base Dental Clinic, Title One Reading Coach in an Annapolis, MD Elementary School, more than 10 years as a qualified Home Health Associate in RI, and in MD and finally a Loss Prevention Manager at Sears Roebuck in Chesapeake, VA and Johnson City, TN, where she retired after 25+ years of service. She adored and took pride in her Loss Prevention job and was often joked by her sons with the song verse, "Bad boys, bad boys, whatcha gonna do?"

Sandra was a loving companion, a devoted wife, and a superb mother. In support of Bill's service in Naval ships, she readily welcomed and mentored new wives into the lifestyle of a Navy spouse. Upon his retirement, they moved, for the last time, to Johnson City. Joy enjoyed involvement in local civic and social groups, and attendance at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
211 E. Lakeview Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37601

Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
211 E. Lakeview Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37601

Interment

NOV 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mountain Home National Cemetery
53 Memorial Ave
Mountain Home, TN 37684

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Bill, we are so sorry to hear of Joy's passing. We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and pray peace and comfort to you all.* ”

Mark & Kay Sirois - December 04, 2025 at 07:30 AM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman* ”



Mary Moore - November 12, 2025 at 06:15 PM

PA

“ *Phyllis Askew lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman* ”



Phyllis Askew - November 11, 2025 at 10:13 AM

PF

“ *Paul Faw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman* ”



Paul Faw - November 05, 2025 at 07:43 AM

MF

“ *Mr and Mrs Cedric Fernando and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman.*



Mr and Mrs Cedric Fernando and family - November 04, 2025
at 06:29 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman.*



November 04, 2025 at 03:00 PM

CB

“ *Charles Buffiord sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Charles Buffiord - November 04, 2025 at 02:09 PM

ML

“ *Mary Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Mary Latham - November 04, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Paulette Robinson - November 03, 2025 at 11:43 PM

RL

“ *Brother Coleman, Stephanie and I would like to express our sympathy in the passing of your wife Joyce. She was truly an awesome woman, and we always enjoyed seeing the beautiful relationship that you shared with each other. please know that you and the family are in our prayers. God bless, Pastor & Mrs. Lattany*

Rev. Lester D. Lattany - November 03, 2025 at 09:24 PM

MH

“ *mr Coleman sorry about your loss she was a special person heaven has gained a special lady from Michael Humphreys*

Michael Humphreys - November 03, 2025 at 05:54 PM

TG

“ *Terea And Thomas Graham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Terea and Thomas Graham - November 03, 2025 at 05:00 PM

NP

“ NANCY (AKINS) POSEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



NANCY (AKINS) POSEY - November 03, 2025 at 12:29 PM

JW

“ Janice Wells lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



janice wells - November 03, 2025 at 12:18 PM

AJ

“ Angelo B Newman Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



Angelo B Newman Jr. - November 03, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



Linda Workman - November 02, 2025 at 09:09 PM

PA

“ *Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Phyllis Askew - November 02, 2025 at 06:54 PM

VN

“ *Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Veral Neal - November 02, 2025 at 06:52 PM

MC

“ *Mr&Mr Allen Conley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Mr&Mr Allen Conley - November 02, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman.*



November 02, 2025 at 04:10 PM

VR

“ Vangeline Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



Vangeline Rollins - November 02, 2025 at 10:48 AM

JH

“ I have known Sandra my entire life. We grew up together from Kindergarten through high school. The majority of our school years at St. Joseph in Meridian Mississippi. Our Senior Year St. Joseph closed and we had to go to Harris High our Senior Year. We were Dear friends throughout her life and so were our families. I will miss her greatly and love her forever. May she rest in Heavenly Peace. I offer my sincere condolences to her family and friends. May her Memory be a Blessing. 🙏🙏🙏



Joyce Harris - November 02, 2025 at 09:24 AM

CR

“ Cecil and I along with our sons. Gene and Eddie, are saddened to learn of Joy's passing. She had the most beautiful smile and sweet personality which endeared her to many. Bill, you and your family are in our prayers and will continue to be so. Joy is now with the ancestors at rest and in the presence of God. May you rest in the comfort of knowing that She was a gift from God and as the days pass I pray that God will comfort you with precious memories and bring you peace beyond all understanding.

Cecil and Clara Faye Rutledge - November 01, 2025 at 11:46 PM

DD

“ Donna L Drakeford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



Donna L Drakeford - November 01, 2025 at 05:53 PM

DG

“ Joy will always be remembered and our friendship cherished. Although very humble, she was a master at most of everything. I will miss her dearly. Prayers of comfort to Bill and family.



Deborah Grey - November 01, 2025 at 05:52 PM

LB

“ Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - November 01, 2025 at 05:06 PM

MJ

“ Mary Ann James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



Mary Ann James - November 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM

KM

“ Karen Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



Karen Morrison - November 01, 2025 at 01:31 PM

LB

“ Lynn & Rayetts Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



Lynn & Rayetts Bachman - November 01, 2025 at 12:19 PM

CA

“ Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



crystal anderson - November 01, 2025 at 11:23 AM

JH

Love you forever Joy, May you rest in Paradise. ❤️🙏❤️

Joyce Ann Harris - November 01, 2025 at 12:28 PM

WS

“ *Walter And Dorothy Sawyers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Walter and Dorothy Sawyers - November 01, 2025 at 10:38 AM

RF

“ *Renea Hall & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Renea Hall & Family - November 01, 2025 at 10:37 AM

CF

“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Carla Forney - November 01, 2025 at 08:47 AM

SB

“ *Sylvia Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



sylvia Bachman - November 01, 2025 at 08:34 AM

ET

“ *Bill, you and Joy were the perfect couple. I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and love for your family at this difficult time.* ”



Edith Tillman-Johnson - November 01, 2025 at 08:27 AM

AT

“ *God Bless, RIP.* ”



Arnold Thomas - November 01, 2025 at 08:21 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman* ”



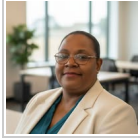
Melvin Drumgoole - November 01, 2025 at 07:34 AM

AS

“ *Arthur H. Coleman Sr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman* ”



Arthur H. Coleman Sr. - October 31, 2025 at 10:07 PM



“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Mary Rollins - October 31, 2025 at 09:48 PM

PR

“ *Patria Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Patria Rhea - October 31, 2025 at 08:46 PM

CS

“ *Clarence Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Clarence Stewart - October 31, 2025 at 08:37 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Pauline Douglas - October 31, 2025 at 08:26 PM

JA

“ Jaymon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



Jaymon - October 31, 2025 at 08:21 PM

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Jaymon - October 31, 2025 at 08:21 PM

GF

“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Coleman. Our prayer is that you take comfort in God’s love and his peace that surpasses all of our understanding. -Philippians 4:7

Gilbert, Demetrice and family - October 31, 2025 at 06:23 PM

FL

“ Frazier Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman



Frazier Lyons - October 31, 2025 at 06:08 PM

AH

“ *Our sincere condolences
Margie & Artis Hampton, classmate, T.J. Harris class of 1962*

Artis W. Hampton - October 31, 2025 at 06:00 PM

SW

“ *Susan And Steve Wagner lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington
Coleman*



Susan and Steve Wagner - October 31, 2025 at 04:56 PM

GS

“ *We send our sincere condolences to the Coleman family.
Ron and Gwen Smith*

Gwendolyn Smith - October 31, 2025 at 02:24 PM

VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mrs. Sandra Joyce Washington Coleman*



Viola Patton - October 31, 2025 at 02:21 PM