



## Sandra "Sandie" Pedraja Ortiz

March 18, 1934 - December 17, 2023

Sandra B. "Sandie" Pedraja Ortiz, age 89, of Bourbonnais, passed away Sunday, December 17, 2023 at her home.

She was born March 18, 1934 in Kankakee, the daughter of John & Cecelia Clark Blandy.

Sandie married Dr. Norberto Pedraja Ortiz on August 20, 1955 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on September 17, 2004.

Sandie created a loving home in Momence and later in Bourbonnais. Through-out her life she was an active volunteer with many organizations in both Kankakee and Momence, including utilizing herself taught language skills to help acclimate families new to the US. Sandie had a great love of her family, friends, animals, reading and traveling.

While in Momence, Sandie was a parishioner at St. Patrick Church (Momence), where she often played the organ during mass and later a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Cecelia Ortiz Muuss of Westfield, IN and Rebecca Groth of Bourbonnais, one sister, Jacklynn "Jackie" Bournique of

Bourbonnais, her late son, Bert Ortiz's fiancée, Betsy Hill Ludlow. She cherished her time with her six grandchildren, Eric, Zachary, Jordan, Jeff, Alexis and Maddee and her great-grandchildren, Keegan, Anna, Andrew, Grayson, Sophia and Noah and her beloved cat, Rascal.

In addition to her husband, Sandie is preceded in death by her parents, one son, Bert Ortiz, and her sister Priscilla Blandy.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held from 9:00 until the time of the 10:00 memorial Mass on February 17, 2024 at Maternity B.V.M Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Helen Wheeler Center, Kankakee, or the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-6726

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church  
308 E. Marsile  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-8285  
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

## Memorial Mass

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church  
308 E. Marsile  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-8285  
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ Steve Anderson lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sandie" Pedraja Ortiz



Steve Anderson - February 14, 2024 at 05:29 PM

TE

“ Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sandie" Pedraja Ortiz



Tim and Connie Eaker - February 14, 2024 at 03:26 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sandie" Pedraja Ortiz



Joseph Giacchino - February 14, 2024 at 12:59 PM

KA

“ Kathy lit a candle in memory of Sandra "Sandie" Pedraja Ortiz



kathy - February 14, 2024 at 12:09 PM

CW

“ Cheryl Wilson lit a candle in memory of  
Sandra "Sandie" Pedraja Ortiz



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**Cheryl Wilson** - February 14, 2024 at 09:18 AM