



Sandra Gist-Langiano

March 9, 1940 - September 20, 2020

Sandra Gist-Langiano passed away peacefully in the early morning of September 20, 2020.

She will always be loved and missed by her family and many friends. She was affectionately known as "Gigi" by her grandchildren because she said, "I am too young to be called grandma!"

Sandra was born March 9, 1940 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Mark and Florence LaRue. She moved to Tulare, California with her parents and her older brother, Everett, around 1945.

Sandra graduated from Sundale School and Tulare Union High School. She continued her education at College of the Sequoias. Sandra studied music at Centenary College of Louisiana. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Fresno State University and her master's degree from the University of LaVerne.

Sandra began her rewarding teaching career in Fresno in 1962. She returned to Tulare in 1965 to become a teacher at Sundale School where she has left an everlasting legacy. Sundale School was very close to her heart. Sandra was a respected teacher at the school for 38 years, teaching kindergarten through eighth grade. She was a nurturing role model for many children and made a positive impact in their lives. Sandra became extremely interested in teaching children about agriculture and gardening after visiting a beautiful

school garden in Hawaii. She worked tirelessly to make Sundale's school garden a reality. She had abundant knowledge of gardening and farming and it was her passion to share it with everyone.

Sandra and Terry farmed walnuts adjacent to their beautiful home, which is the same home that Sandra grew up in with her parents. They were successful in sustaining the family tradition of farming. She was very proud to be a member of the Tulare County Farm Bureau, where she was a committee chairwoman for over 20 years. Sandra volunteered her time for many years at the California Farm Equipment Show. In 2007, Sandra received the distinguished Common Threads Award which is given to women in agriculture for outstanding philanthropic and community service.

Her giving nature benefited numerous local charities with her personal involvement and donations including the Lighthouse Rescue Mission of Tulare and Grandma's House. She was a member of the Tulare Sunrise Rotary Club, Valley Oak Garden Club, Tulare County Symphony League, AAUW and many others throughout the years.

Sandra is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Terry Langiano; her brother, Everett LaRue of Mililani, Hawaii; her son, Mark Gist (Shelly) of Visalia; her step-daughter, Gina Pedrini (Nino) of Nevada; her step-son: Joe Lang of Flagstaff, Arizona; three grandchildren: Kaycie Gist, Melanie Gist and Logan Gist; 4 great-grandchildren: Tara, Phoenix, Hunter and Shiloh; one niece: Michele LaRue of Canton, NC; one nephew: David LaRue of Torrance, CA, as well as, many other family members and her closest friends: Walt and Ellen Gorelick.

We would also like to give a special thank you to the doctors and nurses at Kaweah Delta Hospital for giving the best care they could during the final three weeks of Sandra's life. We appreciate all the efforts that were made to

help her recover.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice in her name, so she may live on with her giving nature.

Please join us for an outdoor memorial service honoring Sandra on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tulare United Methodist Church, 228 W. Kern Ave., Tulare

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all attendees must practice social distancing. Masks are required.

Previous Events

Memorial

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Tulare United Methodist Church
228 W. Kern Ave
Tulare, CA 93274

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Sandra Gist-Langiano*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - October 23, 2020 at 04:26 PM

RS

“ *Mrs. G-L touched so many lives in Tulare. We were introduced to her through Sundale School. Not realizing she was also a neighbor one road over. She took the time to get to know you and wanted to know what made you tick. We remember 8th grade trips to Sacramento and San Francisco. The Bus driver who got lost on those one way streets, the side trips to see Phantom of the Opera. She was a big support with a Boy Scout Eagle Scout project for our Son at Sundale School. House sitting and getting calls to come help with her dog all such a personal side of Sandra. She played a very big part of making some very special memories for our Family. Thank you Gist-Langiano Family for sharing this very special Lady with all of us she will be truly missed. With Sympathy and Love~ Randy,Robin, Anthony, Tyler and Brian Souza and Families*

Robin Souza - October 24, 2020 at 11:15 AM

JH

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to Mark and Terry & family. Sandra was a wonderful teacher, mentor, 4-H Leader, neighbor and friend and will be dearly missed. May she rest in the Lord's peace. Love, Jennifer Fernandes Hanf and Family*

Jennifer A Fernandes Hanf - October 19, 2020 at 12:22 AM

RO

“ *We would like to send our love and sympathy to the family. What a beautiful lady Sandra was. She will be missed by many. Love, The Dung Family*

RobinDung - October 05, 2020 at 11:38 PM