



Rosemary Sandifer

May 19, 2026

Rosemary Sandifer 86, of Spring, Texas passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026. Rosemary was born in Brooklyn, New York to the late John and Mary (Lehane) Baker. Though she moved away from Brooklyn in her early thirties, there was always a place in her heart for her New York heritage that stayed with her throughout her life.

Although Rosemary accomplished a great number of things in her life, her greatest accomplishment was unquestionably her dedication to her role as a mother to two boys. Having joined Shell Oil Company in its Legal Department in the late 60's, in 1970, she made the difficult decision to accept a role offered to her in Houston that meant moving away from her family and building a new life for herself and her two boys. She never looked back and proceeded to establish a foundation of family and stability that shaped the lives of her immediate family and generations which followed.

Rosemary met the love of her life in Gene Sandifer and married in 1985. She retired from a successful career at Shell Oil in the early 90's, and she and Gene enjoyed many happy years in retirement supporting their respective families but also enjoying their travels and many volunteer efforts, including the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Houston as well as coordinating the Meals on Wheels program and administering the Outreach Farm during their time living in Pawleys Island, South Carolina. They were active volunteers in their parish churches, primarily St. Jerome in Houston and Precious Blood in Pawleys Island.

Throughout her life, to the very end, Rosemary sought out opportunities to support her family and remained very close to multiple generations of children, stepchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Christmas dinners at which multiple generations of family would gather for “Me-Ma’s meatballs and spaghetti” were legendary. Rosemary was a devoted friend to many and was remarkable in her determination to stay in touch with friends and family despite the separation of many hundreds if not thousands of miles. She will be sorely missed.

In addition to her parents, Rosemary was predeceased by her brother, William (Billy) Baker and stepson, Galen Sandifer. Rosemary is survived by her two sons: James McHugh (Annie) and John McHugh (Coleen) (the two boys who joined her on that trip to Texas almost 56 years ago!) as well as her sister Catherine Gillespie, her stepson Gene (Sharon) ; her grandchildren Erin (John) and Corey McHugh; and the primary source of joy in her life during her final years, her great granddaughter, Charlotte. She was also a devoted “MeMa” to each of Gene’s grandchildren and great grandchildren. She had numerous nieces, nephews and cousins who will miss her greatly.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
302 Magnolia Blvd.
Magnolia, TX 77355

Funeral Mass

MAY **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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302 Magnolia Blvd.
Magnolia, TX 77355

Burial

MAY **26** (CT)

Magnolia Memorial Gardens Cemetery
811 South Magnolia Blvd.
Magnolia, TX 77355
(281) 356-3363
magnoliafh@yahoo.com
<https://magnoliafunerals.com>

Tribute Wall

TC

“ I was a babysitter for her sons in Brooklyn. She was a happy and lovely woman. RIP T OConnell

Theresa O Connell - June 06 at 03:33 PM

RL

“ Roy Allen and Lori purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rosemary Sandifer.



Roy Allen and Lori - May 24 at 09:51 PM

YC

“ I worked with Mrs. Rosemary many years and I am so sad to hear about her passing. She was a very kind and wonderful person. She always treated me as part of her family. I feel so blessed to have been able to be a part of her life.

I enjoyed going to visit her, spending time with her and helping her decorate her Christmas tree every year. I will continue to remember her today and always. I will miss her dearly. Rest in peace Mrs. Rosemary.



Yaneth Castro - May 23 at 02:29 PM

TF

“ *The Williams family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rosemary Sandifer.*



The Williams family - May 23 at 10:20 AM

TM

“ *Theresa Medina purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rosemary Sandifer.*



Theresa Medina - May 22 at 06:23 PM

LE

“ *Love from the O'Neill family in England purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rosemary Sandifer.*



Love from the O'Neill family in England - May 22 at 02:36 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rosemary Sandifer.*



May 22 at 12:33 PM

EF

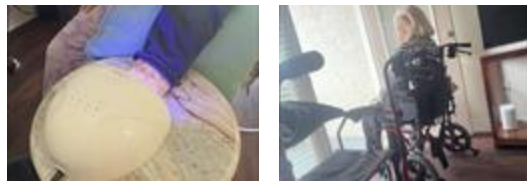
“ Ertl Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Rosemary Sandifer.



Ertl Family - May 21 at 09:46 PM

TM

“ i was mrs rosemarys caretaker for the last couple months and grew such a great bond with her! she was like a grandma i never really had! i'm so glad i got to be apart of her life and know her! She will be very missed ❤️



Taylor mahshie - May 21 at 04:17 PM

PE

*Please accept our deepest condolences. We may not have met Rosemary, but we are witnesses of the fabulous job she did with her son, whom we love and admire. James, may your mom rest in peace. I'm sure she was very proud of the amazing man that you are. The care you provided her shows your true character.
With love, Alan and Pilar Ertl*

Pilar Ertl - May 21 at 10:08 PM

EC

“ Erin, John, and Charlotte purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Rosemary Sandifer.



Erin, John, and Charlotte - May 21 at 11:59 AM

WC

“ With Love your Sister Catherine purchased the Divine Light for the family of Rosemary Sandifer.



With Love your Sister Catherine - May 20 at 03:39 PM