



Mrs. Sandra Ritchie Rihs

April 9, 1948 - May 2, 2014

Sandra Ritchie Rihs of Ohio Township died Friday, May 2, 2014, following a well-fought eight-year battle with cancer. Born April 9, 1948, to the late James Hartley and Lorell Fabricius Ritchie, she was a 1966 graduate of North Allegheny High School and a 1970 graduate of Mount Union College. On July 25, 1970, she married Jack Rihs, and together they had three children: Bethany Weidenhammer (Andrew), Jonathan Rihs (Staci), and Alison Rihs. She was “Gram” to Abigail, Madison, and Jacob Rihs; and Aaron and Matthew Weidenhammer. She was the caring sister of three brothers, James (Tracy), Jack (Susan), and David (Kim), and much-loved “Aunt Sandy” to nine nieces and nephews and four great nieces and nephews. Sandy remembered everyone she ever met and will be greatly missed by those whose lives she touched. She taught first grade at Friday Street School (Shaler) and later served as a teacher’s aide at Avonworth Middle School through Holy Family Institute. As a member of Ingomar United Methodist Church for 53 years, she taught preschool, provided quilts to ill children through Project Linus, served as a wedding coordinator, began a knitting ministry, participated in Bible study, and provided meals for the Pleasant Valley Men’s Shelter. “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Her life will be celebrated at Ingomar United Methodist Church, 1501 W. Ingomar Road, on Wednesday, May 7, at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Ridetovictory.org to support Jonathan’s bike ride benefitting cancer research or Good Samaritan Hospice House, 3500

Brooktree Road, Suite 320, Wexford, PA 15090.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ingomar United Methodist Church
1501 W. Ingomar Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Tribute Wall

GW

“ So sorry to hear of Sandy's passing. I was fortunate to have known her for many years. What a smile! I know you will all miss her very much but a life like hers surely lives on forever in everyone lucky enough to have been a part of her beautiful life.

George "Chip" Wanner - May 05, 2014 at 12:12 PM