



## Sandra "Smiley" Burge

June 7, 1942 - July 24, 2014

Sandra Faye (Smiley) Burd Burge, 72, passed away July 24, 2014 at Mountain View Nursing Home. A native of Charleston, West Virginia, daughter of the late Raymond V. and Mildred Brown Burd, she was a former employee of Michelin and a member of Praise Cathedral Church, Greer, SC.

Surviving are three daughters, Laura Marshall-Powers (Richard-deceased) of Pickens, Lisa Baker (Dennis) of Simpsonville and Leah Wolfe (Ed) of Charlotte, North Carolina; a son, Greg Burge (Melynda) of Camden; former spouse and father of the children, Robert Burge (Kitty) of Anderson; two sisters, Billie Young of Wilmington, Delaware and Karen Seime Singleton of Charlotte, North Carolina; two brothers, Wayne Seime (Laure) of Austin, Texas and Glenn Seime of Santa Rosa, California; sixteen grandchildren, Thomas (Juri), Heather (Craig), Blake, Andrew (Beth), Daniel, Billy, Ashley, William, Brittany (Brent), Jonathan, Alexandra, Jennifer, Matthew, Nicholas, Isaiah, and Jessica; three great-grandchildren, Owen, Autumn, and Evan; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Also special friends Robbin McDonald, Donna Wilkins and Shawn Gamble.

Sandy took piano lessons as a young lady and sang in her church and high school choirs. She danced on pointe throughout her high school years in Joyce Potter's lavish dance recitals held at the DuPont Playhouse in downtown Wilmington along with both her sisters. She was the go-to-person with errands, cooking and taking care of her little sister, Karen. Sandy was very active in her church youth group activities & was a girl scout. She spent

most summers during the 50's and 60's in Cape May, NJ with her brothers and sisters and there are many happy memories created on the beaches there together; she was also a great jitterbug partner during Friday and Saturday night family ballroom dance outings at the elegant Convention Hall in Cape May. Sandy went to Norway for her graduation gift and stayed with friends of the family there. We are all sure she turned a quite a few Norwegian male heads that summer. She married and moved to SC, having four children, and also finished her college education at the University of SC Spartanburg, with a degree in elementary education.

Mrs. Burge was very active in her church and discovered her true calling in the late 90's to lead support groups for those who were hurting and in need of emotional and spiritual healing. Sandy, a.k.a. Smiley, would knowingly or not, strategically follow someone, befriend them and simply love on them covering them with Jesus with every word she spoke. She coerced people out of their shells and showed that it is ok "to just be" because her Heavenly Father, Daddy Abba, created us as "human beings" not "human doers". She taught many people thru various classes about Gods unconditional love. One of her favorite sayings: There is NOTHING I can do to make God love me more. There is NOTHING I can do to make God love me less. She taught many people to embrace their A.G.O. (Awful Growth Opportunities), those moments in life that are seemingly unbearable, and made her workshops a safe place to feel any emotion, and grow from it, in a supportive, calm environment. She guided many people to the hand of Jesus and He would then lead them on the path to individual healing. Through this painful healing she received joy as an obedient servant of her Loving Father. All this to say anyone privileged to come in contact with Sandy left changed. They became better people, better spouses, better parents, better siblings, better children, better co-workers and because of this, marriages remained intact, and are flourishing, relationships were restored, forgiveness was granted. Thank you, Sandy, for loving us to Jesus and His healing grace. These were words her children heard from many people. She loved her family deeply and loved Jesus and fulfilled her desire to

make people smile. Smiley will be remembered always.

Memorials may be made to Praise Cathedral, Greer, SC and Flowers by Virginia in Pickens, SC will be honored to handle requests for smiley face balloons and sunflowers. Visitation will be held 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at Wood Mortuary. Funeral services will be held 2:00pm on Friday, August 8, 2014 at Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. Jerry Madden and Rev. Eric Campbell. Burial will follow in Graceland East Memorial Park on Woodruff Rd in Greenville. Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland East Memorial Park

2206 Woodruff Road  
Simpsonville, SC 29681

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Service

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL  
300 West Poinsett Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sandra "Smiley" Burge.*



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August 06, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra "Smiley" Burge.*



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August 04, 2014 at 03:50 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear about your loss. Take comfort in knowing that her suffering is over and that her life with our Lord is just beginning! Be reassured that she is not gone but in your future. Blessings to you all.*

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**John Wright** - August 04, 2014 at 03:36 PM



“ *Smiley was an accurate nickname! So glad we got to meet her at the wedding. Looking forward to meeting her again at THE wedding!*

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**The Murrays** - August 04, 2014 at 11:08 AM

DS

“ We send our heartfelt condolences to Sandy's family. She was a great lady who loved the Lord, so we look forward with joy in knowing that we will meet again.

*Danny and Denise Stone*

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**Danny Stone** - August 03, 2014 at 02:35 PM

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“ I was in need of a lot of change when I met Sandy at Cornerstone and was "persuaded" to participate in discovery classes. I was radically impacted to the point that I began to lead classes. One of the things she got excited about in recent months was hearing that I had rewritten the material from the "Search--" class (with the author's permission) and used it for several years leading groups in prison. Her influence spread to so many she never met. She taught and lived Daddy God's unconditional love. I love you, Sandy. I believe you're "dancing with our Father God in fields of grace".  
*Natalie Brown*

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**Natalie Brown** - August 02, 2014 at 07:47 PM

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“ Smiley was in the SOAR group in Greer, SC when I worked in the Recreation Dept. She was always in good spirits even when her body was hurting. Thoughts and prayers go to the family.

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**wendy campbell** - July 29, 2014 at 09:18 AM

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*I took many classes with sandy. She greatly changed me. I'll miss u sandy. See u in heaven Marjorie less*

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**marjorieless** - August 07, 2014 at 03:24 PM