



Sander Sundberg

October 19, 1941 - April 15, 2015

Sander E. 'Sandy' Sundberg, 73, a longtime resident of Long Lake, IL (and Tavares, FL) passed away April 15, 2015 in Chesapeake, VA from health complications.

Sandy was born in Chicago on October 19, 1941, the son of Margaret and the late Clarence Sundberg and grew up on the southwest side of Chicago.

He attended Morgan Park Military Academy, graduating in 1959. Sander met his future wife, Marilyn, during social events between MPMA and Loring School for Girls. After earning his bachelor's degree in biology from Wabash College, Sandy and Marilyn were married on May 25, 1963 in Chicago. Sandy earned a master's degree and doctorate from the University of Vermont, Burlington in limnology (the study of inland waters - lakes, reservoirs, rivers, streams, wetlands, and groundwater - as ecological systems interacting with their drainage basins and the atmosphere). After a brief tenure as a biology professor at Lake Forest College, Sandy began a 40-year career as an environmental consultant and professional engineer in the Chicago area until his retirement.

Sandy was involved in glee club while at Wabash. He became re-acquainted with the theater in the 1980's, while his daughters were students Grant Community High School, constructing sets and later directing musicals. In

middle age, after being dared by a friend, he auditioned for a role he played in college as Nicely Nicely Johnson in Guys and Dolls at PM&L Theater in Antioch. Over the years Sander enjoyed singing, acting, and directing many plays and musicals at PM&L.

Competitive sailing on Long Lake was a major part of the summers for over 60 years as a C Scow sailor and a race management officer. As a principal race officer, he traveled around the Midwest and East for regattas with Marilyn and other close friends. He was a US Sailing Certified Race Official, past Admiral of the ILYA Bilge Pullers and long time measurer for the Inland Lakes Yachting Association. He was also a board member and President of the Long Lake Improvement and Sanitation Association and helped foster better water quality and flood control on Long Lake.

Throughout his life, Sandy spent many hours planning and working on various “projects” with family members, including home repairs, boat maintenance, pier and boat lift installation, and maintenance and yard work, most often with the help of his daughters, Jennifer and Melinda. While brainstorming ways to keep squirrels out of his bird feeders, he recently admitted that it was more fun to create what you need rather than to go out and buy it.

In celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Sandy, Marilyn, Jennifer, Melinda, and granddaughter, Maryn took a cruise to Alaska in 2013. While in San Francisco after the cruise, the family saw America’s Cup racing up close. In later years, he relished bragging about his son-in-law, Joe, a commander in the United States Coast Guard. Sandy was able to travel to Chesapeake, VA for the Change of Command ceremony in July of 2014 when Joe took command of his first cutter. For the last seven years, the apple of his eye was his granddaughter, Maryn. Last fall, he even attended his very first ice show, Frozen On Ice....anything for Maryn.

All his life Sandy enjoyed a good joke or prank with family or friends. In the early evenings, Sander would sit on the deck and wait to see if there was going to be a “good” sunset. He would call anyone who was in the house out to watch the colors and clouds change several times during a sunset and try to capture the moment with a camera, never quite doing Mother Nature justice.

He is survived by his wife of almost 52 years Marilyn, daughters Jennifer Sundberg of Long Lake, Melinda (Joe) Sundland of Chesapeake, VA, grandchildren Maryn and Kyle Sundland, as well as sisters Jerilyn (Randy) Bus of Glen Ellyn and Kristine (Chris) Johnson of Long Lake, his mother Margaret (Meg) Sundberg of Lisle (formerly Marco Island, FL), his aunt, Phyllis Westlund of Schaumburg and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Clarence Sundberg.

A memorial visitation will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave (Rte 83) Lake Villa, IL 60046. A memorial service will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home on Saturday, April 25, 2015. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Sander's memory to:

Wabash College
301 W Wabash Avenue
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
www.wabash.edu

or

Long Lake Improvement and Sanitation Association

PO Box 175
Ingleside, IL 60041

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **25**. 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sander Sundberg*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Sander Sundberg*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *On behalf of the Sundberg and Sundland Families, I want to thank all of those who were able to attend the memorial service. It was such a moving tribute to my dad's life and truly a celebration. He would have been humbled by the outpouring of affection as we were as well. We know that there were many of you that were unable to attend but know you were thinking of us. Your thoughts, prayers and donations have been greatly appreciated and have been healing for us in this difficult time.*



Melinda Sundland - May 07, 2015 at 06:57 AM



“ *14 years of my Long Lake memories....you were such a good neighbor and mentor to my son....prayers are for you and your family.*

Joan Dolske

joan Dolske - April 25, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sander Sundberg.*



April 24, 2015 at 01:14 AM



“ *Christmas lights outlining that beautiful A frame when viewed from across the lake hold fond memories shared by the entire Fisher family - thanks Sandy.*

Suzee Elliott - April 22, 2015 at 08:53 PM



“ *Long Lake Improvement and Sanitation Association purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Sander Sundberg.*



Long Lake Improvement and Sanitation Association - April 22, 2015 at 03:24 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Sander Sundberg.*



April 22, 2015 at 01:15 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Joanne Rush - April 22, 2015 at 12:31 PM

JR

Wishing you peace ... and keeping you close in thought and heart. Hope you enjoy some of these video clips of Sander. The Rush family (and Phyllis Westlund too)!!

joanne rush - April 22, 2015 at 06:02 PM

JH

“ 1 file added to the album *Blue Chip*



Jim Huemann - April 22, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ Ringa Funeral Home purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Sander Sundberg.



Ringa Funeral Home - April 22, 2015 at 11:27 AM

TH

“ Saddened by this news. We were a great team at PM&L. We will miss him and send our condolences to his family. Tom and Kathy Hausman

Tom Hausman - April 21, 2015 at 11:27 PM

SP

“ Smooth sailing, Sandy. You can talk over old times with my dad when you get to heaven.--Susie Pegel, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, member Delavan Lake Yacht Club

Susie Pegel - April 21, 2015 at 06:08 PM



“ Garden Wreath was purchased for the family of Sander Sundberg.



April 21, 2015 at 11:12 AM

SS

“ I remember Sander playing Five Foot Two Eyes of Blue on the ukulele last summer for Maryn my condolences to yourfamily.

Sherry Sundland - April 18, 2015 at 01:08 PM

TK

“ I loved working with Sandy when he performed PRO duties at Lake Eustis Sailing Club. He was non-sense and always on time, and he had the most unusual techniques to setting the start line, including the use of his cigarette pack to check if the line was square. I will miss him dearly. Tom Kidd, LESC, Eustis, FL.

Tom Kidd - April 17, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ *On behalf of the Ringa Family, we want to extend our sympathies to Sander's family. Long Lake will never be the same. We will miss our friend.* ”



Ringa Funeral Home - April 17, 2015 at 09:57 AM