



The Four Wheel Independent

SPECIAL MEMORIAL EDITION



Sandra Lee Holmes, 64, passed away on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at her residence surrounded by family. She was born in Harrisburg, PA, on December 25, 1953 to the late Robert L. Griffith and Evelyn E. Hoerner Griffith. Sandra was the treasurer for the Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club. She graduated with an associate degree from Colorado Technical University. She enjoyed camping with her friends and family, continuing her education and was always willing to help anyone out who was in need. Sandra was an accounts payable/archive assistant at the Engineering Firm of Gannett Fleming in Camp Hill, PA and a coding specialist at Dr. Pikulin's Chiropractor office.

She is survived by her Loving husband Earl Holmes, daughter Carri Stimeling (Bill Dailey), son Eric Rider and his wife Angela, granddaughter Angelia Holmes, grandson Austin Rider, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Sandra is preceded in death by her sister, Christine Griffith.

There will be a memorial service on Friday, August 3, at 6:00 pm, at Jesse H. Geigle Funeral Home, 2100 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA. A public visitation will be held an hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Toys for Tots, harrisburg-pa.toysfortots.org. The arrangements for the family are under the care of Jesse H. Geigle Funeral Home.



When thinking of Sandy, I am not quite sure where to start. When I first came to the Club, back in 1995, she was one of the first to welcome me. Sandy (my wife) and I were completely new to classic cars and classic car clubs. The only reason we chose Corvairs was due to the fact the Corvair was my first car. My kids were selling sweet corn that summer and a Club member, Pat Lindsey, stopped, not for corn, but to admire my '64 that was sitting there. Pat gave me the initial information about the Club. The first function we attended was Corvair Days, held in York at the time. Guess who was the first to welcome us, Sandy Holmes! It was as if she had known us for years, not hours. It was because of that initial greeting we eventually became members. She was so gracious and friendly that we joined and became active in Club activities. Sandy instilled the friendship and camaraderie that the Club is known for. During our early dealing with the CPCC, it was Sandy who epitomized the Club to us. There were many times Sandy would call us just to find out how we were. She would always brighten our day. I feel that many new members could simply say "ditto" to what I just said. Sandy was there to welcome all new members.

Over the years I have known Sandy, I did not realize how active she was behind the scenes. This was really evident during my health struggles. She would send me cards and call me to check as to how I was doing. What made this special was her sincerity, she really cared for people. Most recently, as the Club was preparing for Corvair Day, JOHN and I often talked how much she did behind the scenes. I was amazed how involved she was. It seemed to be the "little things" she took care of without anyone, especially me, appreciating her tireless labor. Of course there was that "sinister" streak that was evident during the annual AACA Museum scavenger hunt held at Corvair Day. I can remember being frustrated year after year never seeming to be able to find all the answers. I was always greeted by that pixie-like smile when I finished, as if she was telling me that she got one over on me, all without ever uttering a word.

With so many memories, it is very difficult to try to choose just a few. In closing, I will simply state, we miss you Sandy. You were the matriarch of this Club and are irreplaceable. Sandy and I will forever hold your memory dear. Rest now and we will see you down the road.

John and Sandy Johnson



The names of Sandy & Earl Holmes were familiar to me long before I joined CORSA or the CPCC. Sandy & Earl also had a large involvement with the Studebaker Club. And proving that history does indeed repeat itself, they were both hard workers there too! So, when I attended my first (and shamefully only) CPCC meet in 2008 on my way to the Studebaker International in Lancaster, I was delighted to finally be able to put faces to two familiar names from a parallel existence.

I found Sandy and Earl to be every bit as hard workers in the CPCC as they were in the SDC. A boon to members of both clubs who benefited greatly as a result of their efforts for the common good. Personally, they were very welcoming to a stranger at a CORSA meet (particularly a foreigner with a funny orphan brand car) and went out of their way to ensure that my friend and I had a good time and could participate in all sorts of activities. This kindness continued all week at the SDC.

Sadly, though I never met Sandy again, we did speak periodically on the telephone. My abiding memory of her will always be that she was the proverbial American that one read about in books as a child in India - kind, helpful, warm hearted, practical and hard working. I know more about running car clubs than most and deeply appreciate the efforts Sandy & Earl put in. We were truly blessed to have such good people in our organization.

Belatedly, thank you Sandy and if they have classic cars in Heaven, I'm sure St. Peter will arrange for you to have a Corvair & a Studebaker.

RIP

Manny Motashaw



Earl and Family,

Our memories of Sandy during our many years in the club include an always present, kind, and cheerful presence. You just knew that she was a good manager and dependable behind the scenes as well as visibly at meetings and events.

Often it seems a person is even more appreciated by others when they are gone. Daily life could not have been easy for her over the past few years. Thanks to Earl and family, she was able and willing to participate in Corvair life. God bless her and may she rest In Peace.

Ron and Betty Hash



Sandy was one of my first club contacts back in 2014 when we moved from Oklahoma to Pennsylvania. She kept me informed about the club meetings and included me on her email list, not only about club activities, but also about the latest cartoons she had run across. Unrelated to club activities, Sandy shared her back surgery experience, a great help with my thought process before my back surgery. Sandy was always a willing and positive influence. We are missing her.

Curt and Jane Bonser



I have known Sandy for 12 years. Since I became President I have interacted more with Sandy. I always felt Earl and Sandy should take some time off to enjoy the Corvair Hobby more. After hearing all the coworkers and employers talk about her, I know she loved her work and the people she worked for and with. She always liked doing everything herself, especially Corvair Day. I believe she wanted to be sure everything was done correctly. Earl and Sandy did about everything to make sure Corvair Day ran smoothly. I did have some concern this year without Sandy taking care of Corvair Day registration desk. She had many friends, everywhere she went she ended up with new friends. Everyone at the AACA Museum knew Sandy and when I visited to do the scavenger hunt, they all indicated they would miss seeing her. Whenever I would call Sandy or she would call me, Joyce knew I would be at least a half an hour.

We will certainly miss her at meetings and events, she was little and quiet but you always knew she was there. If you had to question her about something, she would blame any short comings on a "brain fart". She always had the answer to a question before you asked the question. I know we will all miss her hugs, which was one of her main requirements when you saw her.

DEAR SANDY, REST IN PEACE, WE ALL MISS YOU.

JOHN Berkheimer



Sandy was a friend, and a fun -loving person. She loved people and also working with the C.P.C.C. members. Working along side her at Corvair Days over the last 18 years was a real treat. On September 22, 2018 - Corvair Day was very different without Sandy. I learned a lot from her over the years, and I think we would have made her proud. " REST WITH THE ANGELS", Sandy.

Your Friend,
Linda Enfield



John and Sandy Johnson shared exactly how we feel about Sandy.

From the very first time Lou and I went to a our first Corvair meeting, Sandy made us feel so welcomed. After talking with Sandy, I realized we had a lot in common. We both had just underwent weight loss surgery. From then on, we would talk and try to help each other as we were going through many of the same adjustments to our new ways of eating.

Sandy worked so hard for our club without ever complaining. I don't think any of us knew just what all she did "behind the scenes" for our club. She is truly missed by so many of us. Her commitment to the club was always at the top her list. She always had a smile on her face whenever she would see you. I miss that smile. Sandy, rest in peace our dear friend. We will meet again in heaven. May God continue to be with Earl and the family during this time.

Carol and Lou Trimper



Dave Steigauf, Carol Trimper, Norman Masenheimer, Lou Trimper, JOHN Berkheimer, Becky and Tom Zinn, Yvonne & Paul Brown, John Johnson, Linda Enfield, Micah Johnson, Jim Enfield, Sandy Holmes, Dan Hinkle, and Earl Holmes at Cabela's.



Sandy & Earl shopping at Cabela's with Lou Trimper



Norman Masenheimer, Sandy, Earl, and Dave Steigau attending a group picnic meeting



Dan Hinkle, Sandy, and Earl at Corvair Ranch Open House



Jane and Curt Bonser, Joyce and JOHN Berkheimer, Jim and Linda Enfield with Sandy and Earl at Corvair Day Banquet



Linda helping Sandy at Corvair Day 2017



Sandy registering attendees at Corvair Day 2017

You are forever in our hearts. Until we meet again...our dear friend.

The Central Pennsylvania Corvair Club (C.P.C.C.) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair and Corvair powered vehicles. We provide knowledge about the Corvair to our members and other car enthusiasts, as well as hold monthly meetings, events, and social gatherings for the enjoyment of our members.

C.P.C.C. is Chapter #170 of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). Dues for C.P.C.C. are \$16.00 per year or two years for \$30.00, which must be sent in the form of a check or money order payable to "C.P.C.C." and mailed to C.P.C.C. Treasurer, c/o John Berkheimer, 403 Dart Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. It is suggested that C.P.C.C. members also become members of CORSA, the national organization. CORSA dues are \$45.00 per year. Dues may be sent to CORSA, P.O. Box 607, Lemont, IL 60439-0607 or online at <http://members.corvair.org>.

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