



Sandra Jean Ashley

December 31, 2023

SANDRA JEAN "SANDIE" (BISHOP) ASHLEY

Sandie was born in Rochester, New York, on 7 May 1949, the only child of Edward (Cockshott) Bishop and Beatrice (Wallace) Bishop. Her parents had each emigrated to the US from Canada, met in the US and married in Alexandria, Kentucky, on 5 December 1941. Sandie emigrated from the US back to Canada in 1969-70.

Her first job in Toronto was at Sunnybrook Hospital, probably as a mailroom clerk. She soon shifted to switchboard operator jobs, and worked at Bell Canada and at various answering services from her immigration until all the services stopped using PBX boards.

Sandie and Ross Ashley were together for 49 years, from 1974 to her demise.

Sandie loved music, singing, knitting, cats, reading science fiction and fantasy, watching her favourite soap opera daily, parades, fireworks, and her large overlapping circles of friends.

Much missed by Ross and the kitties.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sandie and I shared a lot of laughs over our jobs as switchboard operators in the olden days. My tribute to her is suggesting you watch Lily Tomlin, play Ernestine the telephone operator in a call to General Motors.(On YouTube). You can imagine sharing a good chuckle with Sandie who had a great sense of humour. Ring a dingy ding Sandie...*

Linda Pettigrew - February 22, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *Roger and I will always remember how Sandie lit up a room when she entered it. A joy to have known her--and memories of her to cherish.*

Julie Czerneda - February 09, 2024 at 07:18 AM



“ *I cannot seem to amend the obit and service statement now ... a memorial/Celebration of Life will happen at the Cecil Community Centre, 58 Cecil Street, Toronto, on 23 February from 7 to 9 PM.*

B. Ross Ashley - February 08, 2024 at 01:43 PM



*Hi Ross
Would love to come and celebrate Sandies life if you would allow me to do so I'd be glad to do so
Let me know what I can bring
Andrea*

Andrea Kurzfield - February 14, 2024 at 04:14 PM



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B. Ross Ashley - January 11, 2024 at 10:30 PM

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“ *Sandy, whose vibrant spirit and infectious joy touched the hearts of everyone fortunate enough to cross paths with her. Though my time knowing Sandy was brief, the impact she made on the world of knowledge and the lives of those around her was immeasurable. Sandy's lively nature and warm presence turned every library visit to our little group into a delightful experience, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the privilege to know her. Her enthusiasm for eclectic music, learning and sharing knowledge was truly remarkable, and her contributions to our group were undeniably huge. In celebrating Sandy's life, let us remember that the depth of connection is not measured by the length of time we know someone, but rather by the positive influence and joy they bring into our lives. May her spirit continue to inspire a love for having a zest for life in all of us. Rest in peace, dear Sandy, your legacy of joy and knowledge will forever live on in our hearts.*

Boris J. Cibic - January 11, 2024 at 09:37 AM



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B. Ross Ashley - January 11, 2024 at 12:37 AM



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B. Ross Ashley - January 10, 2024 at 11:59 PM



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B. Ross Ashley - January 10, 2024 at 11:56 PM