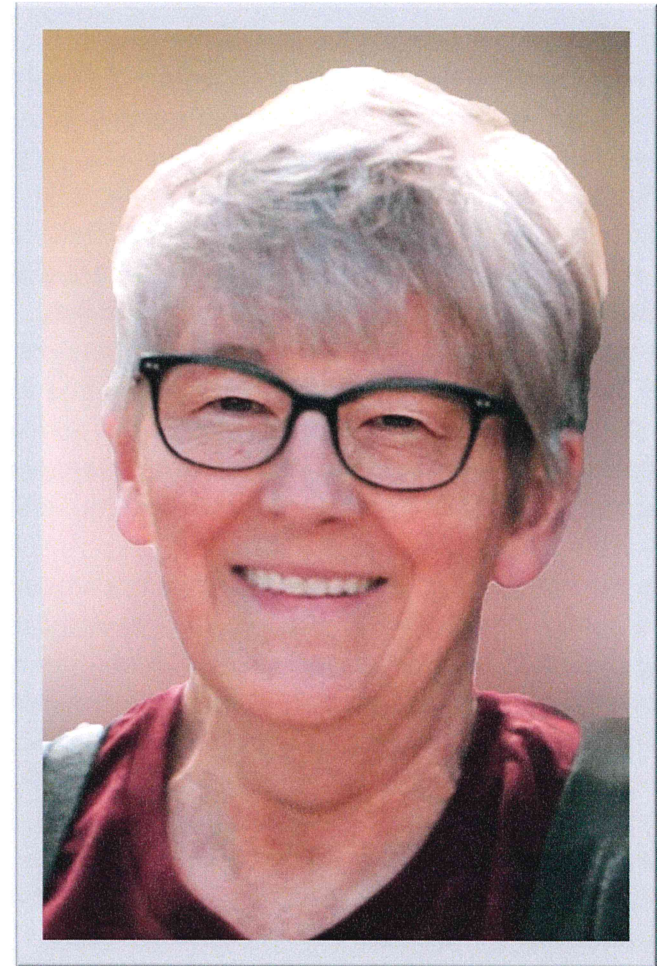


*Celebrating The Life Of  
Sandra Van Der Brink*

**HER JOURNEY**

Don't think of her as gone away,  
her journey's just begun.  
Life holds so many facets,  
this earth is only one.  
Just think of her as resting,  
from the sorrow and the tears.  
In a place of warmth and comfort,  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how she must be wishing  
that we could know today,  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of her as living,  
in the hearts of those she touched.  
For nothing loved is ever lost,  
and she was loved so much.



*August 31, 1960  
August 31, 2024*

Sandra “Sandy” Lynn Van Der Brink was born on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1960, in Sioux Center, IA to Dennis & Faye (Veltkamp) Medalen. She was united in marriage to Dave Van Der Brink on May 30th, 1979. They settled in Ireton, IA where they raised 5 children. Sandy dedicated her life to her family, her community, and her faith, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and compassion.

Sandy was a woman of remarkable dedication and work ethic. She worked in production for Harkers and Pella before turning her attention to caring for others as an in-home daycare provider. She continued her service to the community as an paraeducator at West Sioux Elementary, an urgent care receptionist at the Hawarden Hospital, and taught CPR for American Heart Association. She served 23 years as an EMT with the Ireton Fire & Rescue where she provided care and comfort to those in need during critical moments.

Sandy was an active member of the First Reformed Church of Ireton, Iowa, where her faith was a guiding light in her life. She was deeply involved in the church community, offering her time and support to various activities and events. She passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

Family was the heart of Sandy’s world. Sandy was passionate about her role as a nanny, pouring her heart into her grandchildren’s lives and creating cherished memories with each of them. She is survived by her devoted husband, Dave Van Der Brink; her loving mother, Faye Medalen; her cherished children, Justin Van Der Brink, Felix & (Krystal) Van Der Brink, Josh & (Elizabeth) Van Der Brink, Devin & (Lisa) Van Der Brink, and Heidi & (Kirk) McInnis; and siblings, Doug & (Brenda) Medalen, Wanda & (Steve) Van Otterloo, Sonia & (Mark) Schemling, and Nicki Curry & (Chuck Shrider). She also leaves behind 12 beloved grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

In addition to her love for her family, Sandy had a passion for cooking and baking, particularly cakes. Her kitchen was always filled with the aroma of homemade meals and sweet treats.

Sandy will be remembered for her kindness, her unwavering faith, and her selfless dedication to her family and community. Her warmth and generosity touched the lives of everyone she met, and her legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Sandra “Sandy” Lynn Van Der Brink***

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 5, 2024  
First Reformed Church  
Ireton, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Gerald Norman

**ORGANIST**

Wanda Van Ravenswaay

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*“It Is Well With My Soul”*

*“Old Rugged Cross”*

*“Amazing Grace”*

**HONORARY CASKET BEARER**

Liam Van Der Brink

**CASKET BEARERS**

Justin Van Der Brink ~ Felix Van Der Brink

Josh Van Der Brink ~ Devin Van Der Brink

Mason Van Der Brink ~ AJ Van Der Brink

**INTERMENT**

Pleasant Hill Cemetery  
Ireton, Iowa

*Please join Sandy’s family for lunch and fellowship  
at the Ireton Community Center following the committal.*