



## Sandra Lee Staggs

December 18, 1941 - February 15, 2025

Sandra Lee Staggs, born December 18, 1941, to the late Ewell Wright and Clara Rigsby Wright, passed away on February 15, 2025, at the age of 83. She was the widow of Mr. Waymer Staggs and a retired hospital lab supervisor.

While raising four children, she pursued her education, completing a year of training before beginning her career at the local hospital. Through hard work and dedication, she became a supervisor overseeing multiple small, rural hospital labs and even spent time teaching lab school. Despite facing challenges as a woman in a male-dominated field and lacking a formal degree beyond high school and trade school, she tirelessly expanded her knowledge of laboratory science. She worked full-time while managing a household, often putting in long hours, weekends, and on-call shifts that required late-night trips to the hospital.

After nearly 40 years of service, she retired due to health reasons. Her dedication and excellence were formally recognized in 1983 when she received the Distinguished Excellence Award from the American Medical Technologists Society, a prestigious national honor given to a laboratory technologist who made significant contributions to the profession. She was chosen for this award over every other tech in the United States that year—an incredible achievement. She exemplified true professionalism, and her impact

was felt long after she left the workplace. Her colleagues and those she mentored continued to speak of her dedication, perseverance, and the lasting impression she made in the field of laboratory science.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Sandra found joy in spending time with her family. She loved painting with her grandchildren, creating cherished memories through art, and watching movies with her grandson. These moments brought her great happiness and will be treasured by her loved ones.

Mrs. Staggs is survived by her son, Scott (Barbara) Staggs; daughter, Diane (Steve) Kemp; daughter, Susan Clements; sister, Linda Peery; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A gathering of friends and family will be held at Lewis County Memorial Gardens on Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. to scatter Ms. Sandra's ashes alongside her husband.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in remembrance of Ms. Sandra to the memory care or dementia organization of your choice.

McDonald Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Staggs family.

# Previous Events

## Scattering of Cremains

MAR **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lewis County Memorial Gardens  
1014 Summertown Hwy  
Hohenwald, TN 38462

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ *Sandra and I enjoyed listening to gospel music and remembering our childhood. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant.* ”

Linda Peery - March 07, 2025 at 07:35 AM

SC

“ *Susan Clements lit a candle in memory of Sandra Staggs* ”



Susan Clements - February 26, 2025 at 05:14 PM

AL

“ *Alex lit a candle in memory of Sandra Staggs* ”

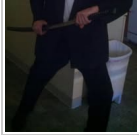


Alex - February 26, 2025 at 02:59 PM

LF

“ *I was blessed to share office space with Sandra in the 80s at Hickman County Health Services. She was a friend and I shall remember her fondly.* ”

Lenore Francisco-Locatelli - February 26, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ Logan Wochna lit a candle in memory of Sandra Staggs



Logan Wochna - February 25, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ logan lit a candle in memory of Sandra Staggs



logan - February 25, 2025 at 01:32 PM



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logan - February 25, 2025 at 01:31 PM



*This is truly mom*

Susan Clements - February 26, 2025 at 05:18 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Sandra Staggs*



Ronald Gammons - February 25, 2025 at 12:44 PM

BI

“ *Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Sandra Staggs*



Brenda Isbell - February 25, 2025 at 09:19 AM

CS

“ *Charlotte M Staggs lit a candle in memory of Sandra Staggs*



Charlotte M Staggs - February 24, 2025 at 10:58 PM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Sandra Staggs*



Michael Bates - February 24, 2025 at 07:47 PM

NT

*Always loving, true genuine friend Sandra was smart, intelligent, hard-working, fun, loving, and a very fair and impartial person. She gave me lots of good memories and good laughs. I will always cherish that. She will be miss.*

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**Nalini Talele** - March 09, 2025 at 01:04 PM