



Those Who've Sailed On...

**Sandra Joyce Beard April 25, 1943 - February 13, 2026**

Sandra Joyce (Bennett) Beard of Grosse Pointe Farms passed away peacefully on February 13, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, warmth, humor and quiet strength that will live on in all who knew her.

Sandy was an avid gardener who found joy in nurturing life from the soil, transforming her yard into a place of beauty and serenity. She had a deep love of reading, always eager to learn, reflect, and lose herself in the pages of a good book. She also cherished time spent boating on the Sandy B, embracing the calm days she enjoyed on the water with her husband.

Above all, Sandy was devoted to her family. She shared a loving marriage and is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Patrick, whose partnership and companionship meant the world to her. Together, they built a life centered on love, laughter, and resilience through both happy and challenging times.

Sandy was a proud and caring mother to her three sons, Rich Dyer (Alison), Allen Dyer (Donna), and Chris Dyer. She found immense joy in watching them grow into the men they are today. Her love only multiplied with the arrival of her six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, each of whom brought her immeasurable happiness and pride.

Sandy is survived by her brother Tom Bennett, sister-in-law Barbara (Beard) Taylor (John) and many special nieces, nephews and cousins who were an important part of her life.

She will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her generous heart, and the steady presence she provided for her family and friends. Though she will be deeply missed, her memory will live on in blooming gardens, well-worn books, carefully assembled jigsaw puzzles, peaceful waters, and in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

Her family takes comfort in knowing she passed peacefully, surrounded by the love she gave so freely throughout her life.

A celebration of life is planned for mid-March, details to come.