

Sandra Rae Steele Harris

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Sandra Rae Steele Harris, went to be with our Lord on Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014. Sandy's life began in Enid on Aug. 8, 1942. She was born to the proud parents, Douglas and Peggy Steele. Like many children of her era, her father was away for several years fighting in WWII. So while her mom worked, she spent much time with her grandparents at their dairy farm north of Enid. Her early childhood stories were of drinking the fresh dairy milk and feeding lambs from a bottle.



After her father returned from the war, she moved with her parents to the Denver, Colo., area where her dad worked at her maternal grandparent's furniture store. While living there, a huge polio epidemic broke out and it was decided that Sandy and her aunt would be taken to the mountains for a few months because several children on their street contracted the disease.

After the polio scare, her grandfather passed away and the family business closed. Sandy moved back to Enid with her parents again.

Sandy moved back to live with her grandmother after high school. At the age of 21 she met Darryl Harris. After only a six week courtship, they were married. They stayed married for 51 years.

Together they had three children, Grant, Darelyn and Justin. Through her two sons, Sandy was blessed with two granddaughters, Sveta and Stella.

Sandy shared many characteristics with her mom, mainly those of creativity. As her mother had been a seamstress and had a love of painting, so did Sandra. She made many formal gowns for her daughter while in Rainbow Girls. She spent many hours painting, sewing, and creating. She also taught gymnastics and dancing well into her 60s at Kem's Gym.

There will be a memorial service for her to be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Sept. 29, at Grace Episcopal Church. All friends and family are welcome to come. It is the custom of the Episcopal Church to only have alter flowers. Please, instead of flowers, consider an offering that the family can use as a memorial for Sandy.

Friends and family are also welcome to share memories and comments on her page at Stittsworth Funeral Services, Enid.