



## Sandra Joy Lowry

May 15, 1943 - September 19, 2016

### SANDRA JOY LOWRY

TORRINGTON, Wyoming --- Sandra (Sandy) Joy Lowry, 73, passed away Monday, September 19, 2016 at her home.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 24, at the Colyer Funeral Home with Reverend Rick Cederholm officiating. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fort Laramie Historical Association in Fort Laramie, Wyoming or the Festival of Hope at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, in Sandy's memory.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send their condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Sandy was born May 15, 1943, in Torrington, Wyoming and was adopted by her loving parents Archie Joseph and Vesta Jane (Craig) Speak.

She was a devoted student, librarian, historian, and archivist. Sandy served as a librarian at the Laramie County Public Library in Cheyenne, Wyoming, the Platte County Library in Wheatland, Wyoming, the Teton County Library in Jackson, Wyoming and approximately 36 years at the Fort Laramie National Historic Site Library in Fort Laramie, Wyoming where she enjoyed serving as a resource for academic historians. She returned to school and obtained her Associates Degree at Eastern Wyoming College and in 1984, subsequently, received her BA in Social Science from the University of Wyoming graduating Phi Beta Kappa. Sandy was also a skilled craftswoman and excelled in

knitting and other crafts. She was an adventurer and loved international travel. Throughout her years, she touched many lives and was greatly respected by many for her kindness and compassion. Sandy was often noted for her wit and joyful and mischievous sarcasm. In her words, "She lived, she loved, she laughed, she cried, she knitted, she read, she died."

Survivors include her son Anthony (Jacqueline) Lowry and their children Emma and Aidan, of Logan, Utah; son Christopher (Katharine Semsar) Lowry and their children Ian and Lily, of Boulder, Colorado; son Jay (Theresa) Lowry of San Diego, California and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was preceded in passing by her parents; husband Charles E. Lowry and sister Jerry Speak.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

PF

“ I am going to miss Sandy. She was my rock in times of trouble, my laughter in times of sadness, my answer to life's questions about what to do with 3 sons! She was a faithful friend and employee. I know that anyone who took the time to know Sandy will always appreciate the unique person she was. I hope the NPS will truly appreciate what they had in her! If the good Lord is willing and the creeks don't rise, I'll see her on the other side! Love to her boys from Pat Fullmer, her Fort Friend.

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**Pat Fullmer** - September 28, 2016 at 10:48 PM

PH

“ We lost a dear friend. Sandy loved those Fort Laramie archives and knew their contents intimately. People like me often started projects by first writing Sandy and wondering what she, the fort, had. Her responses were joyful and helpful, and sometimes surpriseful. It'll never be the same.

*God bless you, Sandy, and God keep you.*

*Paul Hedren  
Omaha*

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**Paul Hedren** - September 23, 2016 at 04:27 PM

PB

“ Pat Brown lit a candle in memory of Sandra Joy Lowry



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**Pat Brown** - September 22, 2016 at 07:54 PM

KW

“ We send our sincere sympathies to the family of Sandy. Our prayers are with you boys and your families at this time. We have enjoyed knowing her and her activities have not gone unnoticed. Keith and Gwen Whitney

Keith and Gwen Whitney - September 22, 2016 at 12:57 PM

BP

“ I had the pleasure of working at Fort Laramie NHS for over 6 years. During that time Sandy was the person you went to for those questions that even Steve Fullmer couldn't answer. She gave me hours of her time over those years helping me find answers in the park library. She was truly one of a kind. Her humor and wit were always present. What a loss to Goshen County.



Bryan Piercy - September 21, 2016 at 08:51 PM

JH

“ I spent time with Sandy many times when I went to the fort. She was always a pleasure to be with. Great stories about the fort and many other things. She was always so funny.....she had me in stitches often. Sandy was a wonderful person, fun to be with, and she will be greatly missed. Good-bye Sandy.....enjoy Heaven!!

Joy Hobbs

Joy Hobbs - September 21, 2016 at 08:50 PM

JH

“ *Joy Hobbs sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Sandra Joy Lowry*



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**Joy Hobbs** - September 21, 2016 at 08:47 PM