

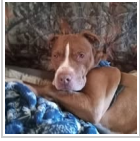


Sandra Kay Cook

September 4, 1943 - May 24, 2025

Sandra Kay Cook, passed away on May 24, 2025, in Rockvale, Colorado, after a brief but valiant battle with cancer. Born Sandra Kay Nelson on September 4, 1943 to John Lawrence Nelson Jr. and Verna Mae Nelson (Dykes). She was raised in Pueblo by her parents alongside her younger brother, James Patrick Philbin. Sandra dedicated many years to a career with Safeway, working at several of the company's Pueblo locations before retiring. She was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Cooke; mother, Verna Mae Philbin; father, John Philbin; grandmother, Genevieve Philbin and stepmother, Anne Nelson. Sandra is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Tracy Miller, Lisa (Michael) Hed and Kristina Sandoval; ten grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers; JP Philbin, John Nelson, Rick Nelson, Mike Nelson and Gary Nelson; sister, Barb Nelson Misch; nieces, nephews, as well as many cherished cousins and friends. At Sandra's request, cremation will take place with no service to be held. In honor of Sandra's deep affection for animals, donations may be made in her name to Southern Colorado Spay and Neuter. May her memory bring comfort to those who knew her.

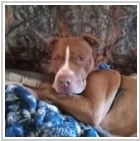
Tribute Wall



“ *Lora Manzanares lit a candle in memory of Sandra Kay Cook*



Lora Manzanares - July 09, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *TO MY OTHER MOTHER YOU HAVE BEEN ON MY MIND ALOT IM THANKFUL I GOT TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU I WISH I COULD OF SPENT MORE TIME AND HELPED TRACY MORE I LOVE YOU MOM FKY WITH THE ANGELS NOW AND YYOUR NEMORY WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME*

Lora Manzanares - July 09, 2025 at 05:08 PM

“ Those of you that know me, know that my Grammy Sandy was (and continues to be) my whole heart.

She was not my grandmother by blood but she still chose me to be her granddaughter in life and soul. We had an unbreakable bond as she did with all of her grandchildren.

She was fierce, courageous, open-minded, loving, and beautiful inside and out.

She took great pride in her family. She never missed an opportunity brag about us...even in our lowest moments. She took the time to get to know every single one of her grandchildren and great grandchildren in a special way. And she loved us all exactly the way we needed to be loved.

She had the mouth of sailor and the soul of a saint. She'd give you her last dollar just to see you smile, but she'd also tell you to get a damn job on your way out.

She had a profound love for animals of all kinds. Her and I would sit for hours while I shared pictures and videos of my fur babies with her. She even took care of my fur babies for me when I was in positions where I couldn't.

My favorite memory with her was when I was learning how to drive. It was just getting dark outside and I didn't have my lights on. I got pulled over and I ended up pulling over on the wrong side of the street. When the cop came to the window, my grandma leaned over and said, "Sorry! She's still learning how to drive and I don't know how to turn the damn lights on in this car either." The cop laughed and let us go.

For years she was my protector and my best friend.

I couldn't have asked for a better bonus grandma.

So, thank you Grammy. Thank you for teaching me how to use my voice. Thank you for teaching me how to be a better woman. Thank for showing me how to be a good and kind person. But most of all, thank you for including me in your journey.

I love you more than any words could ever express.

I miss you.

This isn't goodbye... I'll see you later ☐

Jessica - June 03, 2025 at 12:10 PM



Lisa Hed - June 09, 2025 at 04:22 PM

AA

“ I love you Grammy and I miss you so very much...❤️

I am so fortunate for you and that I have had the best Grandmother anyone would be blessed to enjoy. You're an absolute Angel. Forever and always you will be in my heart and on my mind.

I will never forget every look into your stunning soft blue eyes, your always even softer smile, or the touch of your (sometimes cold- uniquely you) hands holding my own or the embrace of your tight hugs. I will always remember how they send me to a place of nostalgia, happiness, and deep comfort to think of.

Thank you for always loving me, looking at me with such fondness and value, smiling and laughing with me, holding my hands, and giving me the most amazing hugs and kisses.

Thank you for your patience and consideration with me as a child and as I grew, thank you even more for the very same for my own daughter.

Thank you for teaching me, supporting me, and offering your guidance through both easy and hard times.

Thank you for being my confidante, mentor, and role model.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in every gift on my Birthdays and during the Holidays. I still have everything (with the exceptions of CANDY, Hahah...), and I will keep them and cherish them forever. Someday I will pass them on to my own daughter who knew you in all the same ways.

Most importantly, thank you for sharing your life with me with nothing but unconditional love.

I love you Grammy, and I miss you too. ❤️

Alicia Marie Archuleta - May 31, 2025 at 09:19 PM

LH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lisa Hed - May 31, 2025 at 05:08 PM

TR

“ I miss you Mama.



Tracy - May 30, 2025 at 09:57 PM

BN

You will be greatly missed Sandi for the good person you were and the way you dearly loved your grand children and animals. Your kind heart will always be remembered by myself and your Nelson brothers.

Barb

Barb Nelson - May 31, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JN

RIP Sandi. I hope you and Bill are together in your camp trailer along the Gunnison River somewhere.

John Nelson - June 01, 2025 at 05:42 PM