



Sandra (Downing) Stellos

December 1, 1937 - June 22, 2025

Sandra (Downing) Stellos, 87, a Nashua resident died after a long illness on Sunday, June 22, 2025 at Langdon Place of Nashua.

Sandi was born in Stonington, Connecticut on December 1, 1937. She was the daughter of Hilda (Schoolcraft) Downing and Harry C. Downing, Jr. She spent her early childhood in Ayer's Cliff, Quebec, Canada and Laconia, NH. She moved to Nashua, NH and shortly after met the love of her life, Jimmy Stellos.

Sandi was the beloved wife of James K. Stellos who died in January 2019. Jimmy and Sandi were married for 58 years. Sandi leaves behind the family she and Jimmy created, three daughters: Cassandra Stellos-Malvers and her husband Dennis Malvers, Melanie Stellos Colorusso and her partner John Hurley and Alyson Stellos-Hartsock and her husband David Hartsock. She also leaves six adored grandchildren: James Colorusso and his wife Emily Davis Colorusso, Michael Colorusso and his partner Meaghan Sullivan, Demetri Malvers, Maxwell Hartsock, Eftihia Malvers and Madeline Hartsock. She was also blessed with a great grandson a few weeks before her passing, Mackenzie Colorusso.

In addition to her parents, Sandi was predeceased by her sisters, Carol (Downing) Hallas and Sharon (Downing) Snell.

Along with Jimmy, Sandi was a volunteer and supporter of many organizations in the Nashua community for more than fifty years. Sandi's focus was on the groups and clubs that her family enjoyed. She was a girl scout leader, a Sunday School teacher, an advisor to the St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church GOYA youth organization and she never missed attending a school field trip as a chaperone! She was a mom taxi for her girls and any friend she found standing with them. She also served as the snack bar manager for St. Philip's weekly Bingo gatherings, a philanthropy that bought her joy and may have been what started her love of shopping the aisles of Sam's Club and BJ's!

Sandi loved spending her summers at her home on Lake Winnepesaukee. She packed up her girls and pets and moved to the lake at the close of every school year and spent the summer making the season special for her family. She was a skilled boat captain and could be found driving circles around the cove for a long line of neighborhood water skiers. She shared her love of crafts and reading with her girls and made sure to take all three to the local beach for daily swimming lessons. She loved the weekends the most when Jimmy would arrive, after a long week of work in Nashua, to join in the family love of lake life.

She loved traveling and enjoyed trips and cruises with Jimmy and friends to Greece, Spain, Italy, Morocco, and the Caribbean. She especially loved travel to Aruba every winter for more than 30 years. She loved her weekend trips to Foxwoods where she enjoyed friends, the slots and a good lemon drop martini. She was an avid Red Sox fan and was especially proud that she and Jimmy were Red Sox season ticket holders for more than 50 years.

She was a warm, kind woman with compassion for so many. She was always there for friends and family in their hours of need. She will be remembered as a woman who would drop everything to help anyone.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother. She adored her family and was loved by each of them in equal measure. "Aamie" was always there with advice to share and love to give. Her influence on the family she built will be felt for a lifetime.

Sandi's family especially want to express their gratitude to those who filled Sandi's days with love and care: Gloria Heneao, a very special friend for 25 years, whose devotion to Sandi was endless, the many loving caregivers of Visiting Angels of Nashua and the nursing staff of Langdon Place of Nashua. Each of these amazing people assisted Sandi's family in giving her loving care in the last years of her life. Sandi's family is grateful to the nurses and caregivers of Amedisys Hospice who provided her with care and comfort in her final days.

She passed from this world surrounded by her family and their love.

Family and friends are invited to Sandi's visitation on WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2025 from 9:00 until 10:00 AM at St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church, 500 West Hollis Street, Nashua. Her funeral service will follow in the church at 10:00 AM.

Sandi's family encourages friends and family to donate, in Sandi's memory, to one of her favorite organizations: Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance; 3 Crown Street; Nashua, NH 03060.

Previous Events

Family and Friends

JUN **25**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church
500 West Hollis St.
Nashua, NH

Funeral Service

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Sandra (Downing) Stellos.



December 06, 2025 at 12:05 AM



“ Jeff lit a candle in memory of Sandra (Downing) Stellos



Jeff - August 19, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ Cassie, Allison and Melanie. I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing.
She was a spunky and stylish woman with great dignity. May she rest in eternal peace. Missy M. (VA)

Missy - July 02, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ Sincere condolences to Melanie and all the family on the passing of yer beautiful mom may her gentle soul rest in peace thinking and praying for ye all at this time 🙏
Rachel & Ruby killarney xxxx

Rachel - June 27, 2025 at 03:22 AM

KR

“ Cassie, Melanie, Allison and families;
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I have fond memories of her kindness and sense of humor. My mom always talked about what a wonderful job she did raising you girls; and that obviously continued into the next generation. May your wonderful memories help ease your pain. Sending hugs and prayers to you all from the Ratzel family.
Krista Raabe

Krista Ratzel Raabe - June 25, 2025 at 03:32 PM

NC

“ Melanie, Cassie, Allison and family. There were many ties between my family and yours over the years. I will never forget her genuine kindness, humor and compassion. Wishing you beautiful memories. She was a very special lady and will live on in many hearts.

Nancy Christopher Chabot - June 25, 2025 at 01:42 PM

LS

“ Sending love and prayers to Melanie, Cassie and Allison and families. I remember your mom from our college days -- 'll never forget her kindness, humility, grace and incredible love for her family. She was one of the good ones -- may she rest in eternal peace.

Linda Savage - June 25, 2025 at 09:58 AM

DF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all family and acquaintances of Sandra. May she rest in eternal peace and we hope all memories of the wonderful woman she was, continually bestow comfort.



David Perault & Family - June 25, 2025 at 09:26 AM

JF

“ *The Fisher family is sadden to hear of your loss. Please know we are sending our thoughts and prayers of comfort during this difficult time.*

Judie Fisher - June 24, 2025 at 07:50 PM

JS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved mom! I have such fond memories of her while working with Melanie at Tollhouse preschool. I loved the Greek Easter where my son, as a child, got to baste the lamb cooking on the spit! He's never forgotten that. Sandi's hospitality, sense of humor, compassion, love of family and great personality will long be remembered! Xoxox Jen Seusing*

Jen Seusing - June 24, 2025 at 07:22 PM

MP

“ *Melanie Cassie and Alison , I am so sorry about your mom , I have nothing but nice memories of her from my more youthful days. Please know that you are all in my prayers. Deepest sympathies and much love to each of you.*

mark Phillips - June 24, 2025 at 06:58 PM

YG

“ *What an awesome lady your mom was...great memories of both your parents... RIP dear Sandra...
Yvonne Guri*

yvonne guri - June 24, 2025 at 06:46 PM

CK

“ Thinking of you during this difficult time . Memory Eternal.
Gail and Chuck Koustas

chuck koustas - June 24, 2025 at 12:40 PM

LB

“ On behalf of the entire Bishop Guertin Community, I offer our heartfelt condolences. We hope that you have been comforted by the outpouring of love from your friends and families. Sandi and Jimmy were supporters of our community and always held in the highest regard. Know we will hold you all in our thoughts, in our prayers and in our hearts during the difficult days ahead. May her memory be eternal and may she rest in God's sweetest peace. With our deepest sympathy;
Linda (Boilard) Brodeur, BGHS President

Linda Brodeur - June 24, 2025 at 08:54 AM

DM

“ Sandi was our baby sitter way back and we loved her. She was the only one who ever came back!
The Miller kids

Deborah Miller - June 24, 2025 at 08:37 AM