



REMEMBERING
Sandra Marie Kowalewich

June 11, 1951 - April 12, 2024



Sandra was born to George and Etta Boyd on June 11, 1951, in Vancouver, British Columbia. She spent her younger years in Victoria with her sister Susan and brother Gordon (pre-deceased). After graduating from high school, she attended and excelled at UVIC where she earned a degree with a teaching designate.

As a university graduate, Sandra quickly put her skills to work and taught in communities all over British Columbia and the Northwest Territories. Her thoughtful and caring approach to her students was noted in every district she worked. She cherished her time teaching at Indigenous schools and her specialization in the learning assistance field allowed her to help those in need, something she truly valued. It was one of her early positions as a grade 1 teacher in Gold River where she met her husband Rick in 1973. Together with Rick, Sandra cared for foster children, volunteered for numerous organizations, and educated countless Canadians for decades.

Sandra's joy came from dogs and horses. Her younger years were filled with equestrian, but Sandra's true passion was with dogs. She was active in training, showing, and caring for dogs for her whole life. As a coordinator for of the Cowichan Dog Obedience and Training Club, she shared her knowledge by training and participating in nose work, obedience, and rally. As important as animals were to Sandra, she adored and doted on her four grandchildren and provided them with so much love and support.

Sandra passed away at her home in Shawnigan Lake, British Columbia on April 12, 2024. Sandra is survived by and will be deeply missed by her husband Richard, son Damian (Erin), and daughter Megan (Justin). She will always be remembered by her grandsons Dante and Hudson, granddaughters Vienna and Adalyn, sister

Susan, nephews Curtis and Ryan, and niece Erin. Of course, her beloved pugs, Hannah, Rauri, and Duchess miss their mom dearly.

A private celebration of life will occur with family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the SPCA or a local Kennel Club.

