



Sandra Lee Welfelt

December 7, 1953 - March 23, 2026

Sandra (Sandy) Lee Welfelt passed away peacefully on March 23, 2026 after a decade-long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Born in Pasco on December 7, 1953, Sandy Werner grew up in Everett and spent her childhood riding horses, playing softball, collecting frogs, and doing just about anything else that she could outside. Sandy met her husband Louis (Jay) Welfelt in Ellensburg and they moved to Winthrop in 1980, followed by the birth of their daughters Jaime and Lindsay.

As one of the founding teachers of Little Star School, most of you will know Sandy from the 30 years she spent teaching generations of Little Star students how to be as kind and patient, and care for the natural world as much she did. She taught with love and compassion and made a profound impact on the students and teacher's alike.

Sandy spent nearly all of her free time playing outside with her friends and family. Whether it was clearing trails while horse packing into the Pasayten, volunteering as a MVSTA ski patrol, or coaching her daughter's softball teams, she was always up for an adventure and giving back to the community.

Sandy is survived by her husband Jay Welfelt, daughters Jaime and Lindsay Welfelt, son in law Bryan Pfaender, granddaughter Ingrid Pfaender, brothers Gary Werner, Paul Werner, and Sam Werner, niece Ashley Knight, and step

mother Wendy Werner. Her family wishes to thank Harmony House, Methow at Home, and all of her friends for their care and support over the last several years.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sandy was our boys' preschool teacher and a co-worker of mine for a short time. She was one of the most genuine teachers I have ever been blessed to know. She had a warmth and smile that just drew you to her. Our family is blessed to have known her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.* ”



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