

Sandra Elizabeth Ambrosi, May 15, 1938 - August 13, 2021 Sandra Elizabeth (Sandy) Ambrosi passed away in her home on August 13, 2021. Sandy was born in Albany, NY and raised in West Hartford, CT and was a graduate of William S. Hall High School. She was also a graduate of the Columbia University School of Nursing (BSN), the University of Washington School of Nursing (MSN), and the University of Hartford (MPH).

For more than 50 years, Sandy was an active nurse and hospital administrator, working in hospitals and health care systems in Connecticut and California, as well as working as a school nurse for the San Diego Unified School District until her retirement in 2003. Sandy was also a very active volunteer in the San Diego area, working for the San Diego Symphony, the Ronald McDonald House, the Suicide Prevention Council, the Glenner Alzheimer's Family Center, as well as other organizations.

Sandy was a past President and longtime member of the National Association of Health Care Quality. She was instrumental in the founding of the organization in the mid-to-late 70's and continued to attend the annual conferences and other events long after her retirement. She always looked forward to gathering with her fellow past presidents at the conference and catching up and sharing laughs and stories.

Sandy was a proud mom and grandmother. She always made a holiday pilgrimage to the East Coast to visit her kids and grandkids, most recently visiting her daughter in December 2020-January 2021. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Marie Lawson, and her partner Carli Bushey of Key Largo, Florida; her son Ronald James (Jamie) Ambrosi, his wife Vidya, and their three children of Clarksville, MD; Arija Mortlock Applegate, her husband Chris, and their three children of Murrieta, CA; and several nieces and nephews, friends, and neighbors, all of whom loved her very much. She was predeceased by her sister Katrina Swann of Annandale, VA, her grandson Ryan Lawson of Willington, CT, and her long-time partner Janice Yaconiello of San Diego, CA.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made on Sandy's behalf to two organizations that she cherished very deeply: the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego. Both organizations help kids in need of medical assistance and health care services, something Sandy was passionate about. A virtual celebration of life will be held at a future date.