



Sondra Gayle Carr

August 31, 1946 - March 15, 2023

Sondra Gayle Carr, 76, of Orlando, FL, died on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Sondra was born in Huntsville, Alabama on August 31, 1946 to parents, Vivian and Fred Medders. She spent most of her childhood in Summerville, GA until her father moved his family to Orlando in 1957.

Sondra graduated from Boone High School in 1964 where she met her former husband, Kenneth “Butch” Ganninger, the father of her 3 children, whom she was married to for 25 years.

Sondra studied at Orlando College to become a medical assistant. She worked for Roberts Orthopedics for nearly 30 years.

Sondra was a very loving, generous and kind soul who opened her heart and home to many during her lifetime. She enjoyed hosting parties and large gatherings of family & friends, especially during the holidays. Whether it was Thanksgiving dinner or a 4th of July pool party, it wasn't uncommon for new faces to be seen around the table as she so often opened her home to those who had nowhere else to go. While she was teased by her family for the many “strays” she brought home, most became permanent fixtures in their family.

Sondra was a passionate Georgia Bulldog fan, loved the movie A Summer Place, occasionally indulged in a well-made pina colada and especially

enjoyed splurging on her two grandchildren. She was a champion of animal welfare and supported many organizations whose mission was to protect and care for animals.

Sondra is survived by her son, Marc Ganninger; daughters, Kristi (Andrew) Wilson and Tammy Clelland; grandson, Jackson Turpin; granddaughter, Payton Wilson, her aunt, Nelda Smith, many cousins and 2 grandpuppies.

She is predeceased by her parents, Vivian and Fred Medders, her former husband, Kenneth A. Ganninger and former husband, John A. Carr.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 8th at 1PM at Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka, FL. A reception will be held immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made in Sondra's name to the Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando. May she be forever surrounded by four-legged animals in heaven.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memory Gardens

3329 E Semoran Blvd
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KE

“ *Sondra was a wonderful friend and we will miss her very much. We enjoyed our many good times together with her family and friends. She was always so thoughtful and caring. Bill, Lorraine and Susan Kendall*

Kendall's - April 08, 2023 at 10:13 AM

TC

*Thank you so much for coming to her service. It was so great to see you three, even under the circumstances. Your family has been a permanent fixture in my life for as long as I can remember and I'm grateful for that. Please keep me posted on how you're doing. While I know Susan is always there for you, I'm just a phone call away in the event you need an extra hand!
Love you, Tammy*

Tammy Clelland - April 11, 2023 at 01:12 AM

PP

“ *Sondra was a very sweet lady. We worked together at Modern Health for a short while. I loved hearing her talk about her dog Elvis. I was born in GA and we used to share stories of growing up in the south. She was a lovely person and will be missed.
Pam Provo*

Pam Provo - April 01, 2023 at 08:54 PM

SS

“ *Sondra was a precious soul and sweet friend from our days at Boone. Our love of animals and rescue and saving their lives and protecting them anyway we can linked us all these years. I am certain that every animal she helped and loved at the Rainbow Bridge are so excited to see her as are all family and friends that predeceased her. Be at peace sweet friend now. 🙏🐾❤️*

Shannon Simpson - April 01, 2023 at 07:49 AM

TC

Thank you for sharing that, Shannon. Mom definitely loved animals. We always got a kick out of an embarrassing moment of mine where I was asked by a job interviewer "what animal would I be if I could choose" and I answered, "a dog at my mother's house." Needless to say, I didn't get the job, but I did get a good laugh in response. 😂😂 I find comfort thinking of her being greeted by all of her family, pets included! ❤️

Tammy Clelland - April 01, 2023 at 04:21 PM

SS

Thank you for your precious comment, Tammy ... it made me smile really big ... and your comment during your interview was "spot on" what a lady. God Bless you All.

Shannon Simpso - April 01, 2023 at 05:05 PM

HF

“ *Nelda and Sondra were neighbors in Summerville for the time they lived there. Our families name was Rich at the time. We loved both families. Only reconnected through FB. Grieved at the news of her death.*



Hilda (Rich) Freelove - March 31, 2023 at 09:53 PM

TC

Thank you so much for posting this. We were just in GA last June, unfortunately for another funeral, and my mom, Aunt Nelda, cousin Debbie and me went by their old house in Summerville on our way home. My mom always cherished her time growing up there and all those she knew! ❤️

Tammy Clelland - April 01, 2023 at 04:06 PM

SF

“ Tammy and Kristi, i am so sorry about the loss of your sweet Mama. I only met her a few times but she was always so kind and welcoming to me and my family. May she Rest In Peace.

Susan Sams Jacksonville, FI - March 31, 2023 at 07:12 PM

TC

Thank you, Susan. My mom always adored you! She also knew I was in good hands while in Jacksonville well before Jack & Debbie moved there and she always appreciated that! In fact, I think she loved you before ever even meeting you for that reason alone! Meeting you just sealed the deal!

Tammy Clelland - April 01, 2023 at 04:15 PM