



## Sandra (Sandy) Turro

October 4, 2022

Sandra (Sandy) Turro (nee Misenti), 83, passed away October 4, 2022 in Stillwater, MN. Born in Middletown, CT on December 2, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Concepta (nee Garafalo) and Sebastian Misenti. She was the wife of the late Nicholas J. Turro, Jr. with whom she shared 52 years of marriage. She is survived by her daughters: Cynthia Harty (James) and Claire Turro, her 5 grandchildren: Nicholas Harty, Charles Styrbicki, Catherine Harty, Maria Styrbicki, and Julia Styrbicki. She is also survived by her brother, Sebastian (Jack) Misenti (Patricia).

Sandy met the love of her life, Nick, in kindergarten. They proudly displayed a picture of their kindergarten class in their home. After graduating from Albertus Magnus college in June 1960, she married Nick on August 6, 1960 and they moved to Pasadena, CA. After 3 years in California, they moved to Cambridge, MA and in 1964 they moved to New York City after Nick joined the faculty at Columbia University. In 1972, they moved to Tenafly, NJ where she lived until June 2020.

Sandy loved her family. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her friends. She had an engaging and welcoming personality and a beautiful smile. She became a second mother to the students in her husband's chemistry group. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

Visitation at Barrett Leber Funeral Home, 148 Dean Dr., Tenafly on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9 AM – 9:45 AM, with Funeral Mass to follow at 10 AM

at Mt. Carmel Church, Tenafly. Interment to follow at Brookside Cemetery, Englewood. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Brookside Cemetery

425 Engle St  
Englewood, NJ 07631

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church  
10 County Rd  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-0545

# Tribute Wall



“ Chris Salboudis lit a candle in memory of Sandra (Sandy) Turro



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**Chris Salboudis** - February 08, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ Sandy was the first person I met on campus when I interviewed for the position I've now held for nearly 30 years. She was so friendly she put me right at ease. I, along with countless others, will always consider her our "Campus Mom." Love you, Sandy. Miss you so much. (C.E. Salboudis & Family.)

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**Chris Salboudis** - February 08, 2025 at 09:21 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Sandra Turro



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**Susan Zare** - December 30, 2022 at 07:38 PM

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“ Sandy was a longtime and dear friend. When we lived in New York, Sandy and Nick were among our best friends. After leaving for California we still stayed in contact and saw them whenever we visited New York. Even after Nick passed away, we continued to see Sandy on our visits. She was such an outgoing person and fun to be with. We miss her, but think of her now happily reunited with her beloved Nick.

Susan Zare

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Susan Zare - December 30, 2022 at 07:21 PM

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“ Nick told me he had fallen in love with this beautiful girl. (In the 1950's it was okay to speak of a young woman as a girl.) At the same time I began courting my wife, Carol. What joyful times we had together! It was a great pleasure for me to be an usher at their wedding, precisely one month before our own. It has always been one of the great honors of my life to have known and shared their friendship. Sandy has been godmother to my son, Richard. Of course, Nick was his godfather. Clare and Cindy, my heart goes out to you for your loss. Your parents have been greatly loved, and have been sorely missed. I hold you and yours close to my heart.

Gil Shasha

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gilbert shasha - October 12, 2022 at 12:05 PM

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“ Nergis Arsu lit a candle in memory of Sandra (Sandy) Turro



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Nergis Arsu - October 10, 2022 at 01:31 AM

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Dear Sandy,

*This morning I heard very sad news , about your loss. I had very good memories when I visited Prof Turro's lab at 2000 for just 4 months but I had a good collaboration which extended until Prof's death. Beside my collaboration during my stay at Columbia, Sandy was my best friend. She met with me at the entrance of guest house I never forget her lively, friendly approach. She had light green suit and very warm woman in front of me which I needed to much. She did not like my room and asked people to change it she turned to me and said no you can not stay here. I do remember once when I said to her you are very helpful and warm person. How can you be like that ? She said to me that she always wished for everyone and for her daughters to come across with good people . This deeply affected me. Sandy after my back to Turkey we knew we may not see each other but again it is always good to think of you and share my memories with you and with Boss. I love you, I am sure you will rest in peace.  
To her Family: Please accept my condolences and you are very lucky people to have her as your mother.*

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**Nergis Arsu** - October 10, 2022 at 01:44 AM



“ *Everyone should be able to watch their parents grow up with good adult friends. It helps you see that friendships are lasting and meaningful and bring joy to our lives in all kinds of ways. Sandy was that friend to my parents, Susan and Richard Zare. She was the type of person who lights up the room like a lightbulb! You would walk into her home knowing you would feel more than welcome, you would feel heard and seen. I remember a 4th of July party which was my first chance to see sparklers. But I think overall it was not the sparklers themselves that were the treat so much as the enthusiasm with which they were brought out, and the ways kids were treated respectfully as adults-in-training who could hold the sparklers. Many is the time Sandy went out of a way to do a favor for my parents, always, always cheerfully.  
What a GENUINE person and gem!! Sandy, please know I feel so happy I knew you and your joy!*

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**Bonnie Zare** - October 09, 2022 at 02:04 PM