



SANDRA LYNN LAGASSE

November 22, 1957 - November 14, 2013

Sandra (Podgurski) Lagasse 55 of Southington played her last performance with her loving family by her side at the Hospital of Central Conn. on November 14, 2013. She was the daughter of Sophie Podgurski and the late William Podgurski. She was a graduate of Southington High School. Sandra had a love of music and she also loved animals and had been employed at Petco in Southington. Although Sandra's technical ability on the dulcimer matched the finest players in New England it was her love and passion of music that made her exceptional. Working with Don Moore's D F#A group and later helping Flute Punch, Two Chicks and a Guy and Birch Creek she was a driving force that gave 100%. Her knowledge of folk and Celtic music would impress a Julliard professor. Her massive library of dulcimer on hand she was able to find the perfect song, know its history and play it perfectly. She had a musical gift that will be missed. Along with her mother Sandra is survived by her three sons Brian, Matthew and David Lagasse and one daughter Laura Lagasse, her grandchildren Christopher, Brandon, Drayden, Damon and Aurora, her brother Mark Podgurski and her beloved companion Kevin Gallagher along with aunts and cousins. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Venskunas Funeral Home 670 Stanley St New Britain, Ct is in charge of the arrangements. Memorial donations can be made in Sandra's memory to The Hospital of Central Conn Development Office new Cancer Center 100 Grant St New Britain, Ct 06050 or to the Connecticut Humane Society 701 Russell Rd Newington, Ct

06111. To send online condolences plz go to www.venskunasfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear about Sandra's passing. She was truly a remarkable women. She always was smiling and kind to others. I am grateful to have known her.. Sandra rest in peace, you will be missed.##imported-begin##Jaime##imported-end##

December 06, 2013 at 11:50 PM



“ To Mrs. Podgurski and all her family,
Just found out through Sandra's co-worker, Emily. My heart grieves along with you! If their is anything I can do, please e-mail me. I am praying for your family as are all the people at our church. So sorry to hear of the homegoing of my old dear friend. She will be missed by many!##imported-begin##Laura (David) Stearns##imported-end##

November 20, 2013 at 09:46 PM



“ I had the great pleasure of playing with Sandra and the Birch Creek Band. She was a true friend, a great talent and a good soul. Her love of her craft, of her family and friends shone through every moment. God bless her and keep her in peace - and give her a dulcimer, not a harp, in the heavenly band. Love always from Cece B.##imported-begin##Cece Borjeson##imported-end##

November 20, 2013 at 11:50 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your lost. Living on the same street just a few houses away when I was growing up. Sandra will be missed. She is at peace watching over you and your family. May God be with You during this time and in the future.##imported-begin##Cathy Kitchin##imported-end##

November 20, 2013 at 08:45 AM



“ My most sincere & deepest sympathy go out to Kevin and to Sandra's family. I first met Sandra at a music festival in Vermont a few years ago. She certainly was a talented dulcimer player and enjoyed sharing her music with everyone. She will be sadly missed by the close-knit dulcimer community. Marc##imported-begin##Marc Mathieu - Hearst, Ontario, Canada##imported-end##

November 19, 2013 at 10:55 PM



“ Sandy was so generous and we shared a love of dogs, although I could not share her love of reptiles! She spent hours grooming my dogs when I was unable and brought them many presents which she could ill afford.
I will miss her and her warm friendliness.##imported-begin##Mason Cable##imported-end##

November 18, 2013 at 05:23 PM



“ Our Deepest Sympathies to Kevin and all of Sandra's family. We'd been awed and delighted seeing her performances and felt an instant connection because of her warmth and personality. I'm grateful to have some of her instruments from a music swap and will cherish them. Sandra was a warm, witty, talented and beautiful spirit and we'll always remember her with great fondness.

With Love & Sincere Condolences,

Nina Romanenko & Michael Harrison##imported-begin##Nina

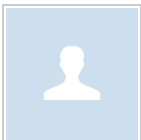
Romanenko & Michael Harrison##imported-end##

November 18, 2013 at 04:39 PM



“ I was lucky to know Sandra and call her "friend". She had a sparkling personality, and was warm, funny and talented. I played music with Sandra and Kevin for awhile, and really enjoyed her dulcimer playing and her welcoming presence. I will miss her. My sincerest condolences for her family and loved ones. She will not be forgotten in our hearts.##imported-begin##Patti Wilion##imported-end##

November 18, 2013 at 01:42 PM



“ We love you mom and miss you so much and always will. We hope that you forever rest in peace with Jason and Grandpa and Dan. We look forward to seeing you again when it's our time. Watch over us and steer us in the right direction while protecting us from bad. Love you mom forever and always!##imported-begin##Matthew and Jasmine Lagasse##imported-end##

November 17, 2013 at 05:06 PM



“ One thing I can say about Sandra is that she was extremely happy doing what she did. In my life I've seen dozens of dulcimer players. No one, amateur or professional ever played with a more constant and blissful smile than Sandra. My heartfelt condolences to Kevin and to all of Sandra's family- we are all diminished by Sandra's passing.##imported-begin##Carolyn Clark##imported-end##

November 16, 2013 at 05:54 PM



“ Good by my love, I will miss you always##imported-begin##Kevin##imported-end##

November 16, 2013 at 05:20 PM



“ We wish to extend our deepest sympathy over your loss of Sandra. She was a very talented woman who will not be forgotten.##imported-begin##LINDA SOVAK##imported-end##

November 16, 2013 at 02:58 PM