



Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland

January 23, 1959 - March 3, 2011

KIRKLAND, Cynthia Kandi Carr, 52, of Valrico, Florida was born January 23, 1959 and departed this life March 3, 2011 after a courageous journey to join her heavenly Father. She graduated from Plant City High School Class of 1977 and the University of South Florida Class of 1981. She had a distinguished professional career in Advertising, employed by prominent agencies in both Florida and Michigan – which includes Walters & Burns Advertising, Wood/Cohen Advertising, Earle Palmer Brown, Gouchenour & Associates, W. B. Doner & Co., and Campbell Ewald. She was well known for her passion and creative talent in her work, personal, and church life. She was an active Christian in The Crossing Church, eager to serve the Lord. She is survived by her husband of 23 years, Edward G. “Ed” Kirkland; step-sons Jeremy and Joe Kirkland; mother Kathryn Carr, and father Wayne Carr (Jo Anne); brother Robert Wayne “Bob” Carr (Mary), sister Kimberly Carr Frost (Russell), half-brother Matt Carr (Heather), step-brother Jeral Carr (Trish), and step-sister Robin Carr; and numerous nieces and nephews, family, friends, colleagues, and clients. A Celebration of Kandi’s life will take place on Saturday, March 12 at 11:00 A.M. at The Crossing Church, 10130 Tuscany Ridge Drive, Tampa, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Flowers will be accepted and donations can be made to LifePath Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Words of comfort can be expressed at hopewellfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Crossing Church
10130 Tuscany Ridge Drive
Tampa, FL 33619
info@crossingonline.org
<http://www.crossingonline.org/>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Avis Shelters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Avis Shelters - September 25, 2012 at 06:13 AM

SB

“ *Kandi....graduated in the Class of 77....as I remember having some classes with her in elementary, middle school, as well as high school...she always had a beautiful positive aura, spirit...her Christian light definitely was shining, and although it is sad for us that she has completed her earthly journey she is now living her eternal life with Jesus, and those who have gone before.... I have not seen Kandi in years...but do rememeber her as a wonderful person who loves the Lord! So until we all get to heaven, know we are keeping all the family in our prayers!*



Sharon Cook Bailey

Sharon Cook Bailey - April 09, 2011 at 06:47 PM

JR

“ *Kandi was an amazing lady.... I will remember her fire and spunk for the rest of my life. She will be missed.*

Jessica Rivelli - April 06, 2011 at 11:00 PM

“ My heart goes out to Ed, her mom, siblings, sons, and extended family and friends.

I only recently met Kandi as we both were walking through this medical inferno together with similar health circumstances and the same doctor. God put us together for a reason that day. Our Chemo treatments in September fell on the same day, her #2 and my #3. Out of the three clinic rooms available, we were put in the same room along with a ‘third musketeer’, Sue Vincent. So although it seemed a little tight in there, we opened up to each other about our medical cases and immediately bonded. This bond also helped us not to feel so alone in our journey. We were our own support group!

Although the human side of Kandi did not like that her body was not responding to these treatments, she definitely was a faithful servant and knew she was in God’s hands. She was an example of how to find and show acceptance of God’s will. She was my spiritual chemo partner.

My husband and I have had many wonderful people come into our lives and leave before we had a chance to tell them how special they were and that we loved them. We fortunately were able to visit Kandi and Ed four days before she passed. We were able to tell her these things and even get a couple of little smiles from her. That Sunday, we set our next get together to be at the pearly gates someday and for her to meet us there. She smiled in agreement that she would.

Unlike Kandi, Sue and I for some reason have responded well to the treatments and we are considered cancer free. We may not understand this outcome, but God is good, and He knows what he is doing.

I am not a stranger to this disease or to loss. Twenty years ago my 22 year old beautiful daughter died after a short 3 month painful battle with cancer.

As unpleasant as this journey has been for me, I am very thankful for having met Kandi. I will never forget this journey or Kandi. May she rest in peace in God's arms - finally free of cancer.

Beverley Hurley - March 14, 2011 at 07:38 AM

BG

“ *Bill Geers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Bill Geers - March 13, 2011 at 10:19 AM

AA

“ *In high school, Kandi had more vim and vigor than anyone I knew. She never met a stranger, and I remember her laughing all the time. She and my mom were buddies in the candystripers...and she shared some memories of her with me this past year. She sought to comfort rather than be comforted. Someone with that kind of strength and courage is rare. Ed, I know you will miss her, and I hope you know so many care about you as well. Be gentle with yourself.*



Anne Midyette Allen

Anne Midyette Allen - March 12, 2011 at 07:27 PM

DF

“ *Darlene Fairbanks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Darlene Fairbanks - March 12, 2011 at 05:39 PM

ST

“ *My heart has a spot that will always hold the warmest memories of my dear friend. Her light lives on for so many of us. Thank you Kandi for being such a strong loving presence in my life if even for such a short time! I will miss you dearly!*

Susan A Tower - March 12, 2011 at 12:33 PM

BC

“ *We are all better people for knowing her.....I miss your smile.....I miss your laugh...*

Berry Collins- Atlanta, GA

Berry Collins - March 12, 2011 at 12:18 PM

LC

“ *I can't ever remember Kandi without that beautiful smile. She never met a stranger and always had a kind word . . .many happy memories. May God be with you, Eddie, Mrs. Carr, and the rest of the family.*

Love, Lei Ann

Lei Sparkman Carson - March 11, 2011 at 02:57 PM

LC

“ *Lei Sparkman Carson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Lei Sparkman Carson - March 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM

PB

“ *Pat Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Pat Bryan - March 11, 2011 at 02:33 PM

CS

“ *I've known Kandi since we were in grade school together, and I have many fond memories of her. I shall always remember her outgoing personality and beautiful smile. My heart goes out to all of her family, and I shall keep you all in my prayers.*
Cathy (Lewis) Sawyer



Cathy Sawyer - March 10, 2011 at 11:29 PM

BM

“ *God be with your family. Our prayers are with you all, eapically Kathryn.*
Love Bill and Barbara McMurphy

Bill Barbara McMurphy - March 10, 2011 at 07:21 PM

PW

“ *Always a smile....
Paul Woods, former principal, J.S. Robinson Elementary*

Paul Woods - March 10, 2011 at 06:15 PM

PS

“ *Pam Sarich lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Pam Sarich - March 10, 2011 at 05:36 PM

PC

“ *Dear Ed, I worked with Kandi at Doner and we had started to re-
connect a few months ago. Her spirit for life and love was so
infectious, and continues to live on in anyone she touched, including
me. God bless you, Pam Csatari.*

Pam Csatari - March 10, 2011 at 02:32 PM

TT

“ *Toni Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Toni Turner - March 09, 2011 at 08:00 PM

TT

“ *Genia Sawyer (peace be with her) and I adoring and having an everlasting admiration since high school for Kandi ! Genia was waiting with open arms... Respectfully, Toni...*

Toni Turner - March 09, 2011 at 07:59 PM

HT

“ *Ed,
May God draw you closer to him and that you keep having that relationship with him and have a confort knowing that one day you will see your wife(Kandie) again .
May god bless you Eddy.
Harry & Debbie Taylor*

Harry Debbie Taylor - March 09, 2011 at 12:54 PM

RW

“ *Richard Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Richard Wyatt - March 09, 2011 at 11:35 AM

SS

“ *Ed, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Steve & Debbie Stodghill*

Steve Stodghill - March 09, 2011 at 10:10 AM

SS

“ Steve Stodghill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Steve Stodghill - March 09, 2011 at 10:08 AM



“ May you rest in peace Kandi. Many memories of years ago. And to Eddie and the family, you are in my prayers. God Bless you all.



Christine Haney - March 09, 2011 at 10:03 AM

MP

“ MICHELE PUGH lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



MICHELE PUGH - March 09, 2011 at 06:56 AM



“ Pam Jaudon Tehrani lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Pam Jaudon Tehrani - March 08, 2011 at 10:24 PM



“ *I will always remember Kandi as a shining example of beauty, thoughtfulness, creativity, strength and grace...to name just a few! Her savior has welcomed her as one of his most brilliant angels, and her sweet spirit will lovingly show us the pathway that leads home. I'm looking forward to following that path in the great homecoming and seeing dear sweet Kandi and her beautiful smile again.*

Pam Jaudon Tehrani - March 08, 2011 at 10:22 PM

PF

“ *Patrick Flewellen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Patrick Flewellen - March 08, 2011 at 07:42 PM



“ *Jeff Walmsley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Jeff Walmsley - March 08, 2011 at 06:50 PM

CG

“Kandi was always a light shining in the face of darkness. She looked forward to meeting her Lord Jesus when she left this life. In my final visit with her, while she was in ICU, she told me me would be waiting for me at the Eastern Gate in heaven when my time came (hopefully years from now). She thanked me for all the love & kindness I showed her each time she was a patient. Her life has impacted mine more than she'll ever knew. She will be missed but I know we will meet again in heaven someday. Love you, Kandi.



Carole RN from 7C at Tampa General - March 08, 2011 at 06:27 PM

SV

“I will always remember the time you came to my house and taught me how to tie the beautiful Blue scarf that you gave to me. And now whenever I where the scarf, I will always think of you. I will miss you. God Bless.



Sue Vincent - March 08, 2011 at 06:05 PM

DH

“Meeting in the Chemo Clinic can be a stressful time for everyone. Kandi shone through as an articulate, vivacious woman with a keen intellect. Heaven is brighter with her presence, and earth is more dull a little darker with her gone. See you on the other side Kandi. Eternity is a long time. We look forward to sharing with you there.

David Beverley Hurley - March 08, 2011 at 06:04 PM

SC

“ Susan Carney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Susan Carney - March 08, 2011 at 01:06 PM

CB

“ Kandi, you came into our lives as an angel and I know you now have "golden wings".



Colleen Barton - March 08, 2011 at 11:45 AM

JB

“ Kandi you will always live in our heart and our memories

Jimmy,Melody Barnes - March 08, 2011 at 11:27 AM

SP

“ Shirley Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Shirley Peterson - March 08, 2011 at 10:34 AM

EC

“ *Eddie Judy Chiovitti lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Eddie Judy Chiovitti - March 08, 2011 at 08:43 AM

April Sullivent

“ *April Sullivent lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



April Sullivent - March 08, 2011 at 08:14 AM

AC

“ *My dear sweet friend, Kandi. I am grateful to you for allowing me to be your friend and sharing so many precious memories together. Your passion for life has been a true inspiration to me and so many others. Your bright and loving smile will remain in our hearts forever and you will always be remembered as a true and loyal friend. I send all my love to Eddie, Ms. Kathryn, Kim , Bob and your entire family. May God's love and strength be with you all at this difficult time. Thank you, Kandi, for you inspiration and unbelievable example of strength and courage. You have been a true gift in my life and the lives of so many.*

Amy Carpenter - March 08, 2011 at 07:37 AM

AC

“ *Amy Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Amy Carpenter - March 08, 2011 at 07:28 AM

MM

“ *Mike Manee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Mike Manee - March 08, 2011 at 07:09 AM

SR

“ *Sabrina Ridout lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Sabrina Ridout - March 07, 2011 at 09:54 PM

 Pam Pippin

“ *Pam Pippin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Pam Pippin - March 07, 2011 at 08:29 PM

WH

“ Wayne Haynes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Wayne Haynes - March 07, 2011 at 02:28 PM

WH

“ Kandi was a GREAT friend, a long time ago, in high school....may God be with her in her passing, and with her family during this time in their lives.

Wayne Haynes - March 07, 2011 at 02:25 PM

SK

“ Sally Kimmel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Sally Kimmel - March 07, 2011 at 08:38 AM

DB

“ Darryl Blanton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Darryl Blanton - March 07, 2011 at 07:15 AM

VN

“ *Vernon Niswanger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Vernon Niswanger - March 07, 2011 at 02:09 AM

CP

“ *Please except my heartfelt condolences, Eddie and the Whole Carr family! Such a DYNAMIC lady, wife and freind. Too young , She will be missed. God just recieved the best Marketing Expert that I have ever known!!!Love , MCP*

Chris Prevatt - March 07, 2011 at 12:08 AM



Very thoughtful. Thank you for your kind words!

Kimberly Frost - March 07, 2011 at 12:54 AM

CP

“ *Chris Prevatt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Chris Prevatt - March 06, 2011 at 11:58 PM

KF

“ Kimberly Frost lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Kimberly Frost - March 06, 2011 at 11:40 PM

KF

“ Thanks Mom, for the Sister you gave me. Us girls were a mess. Fill her void with Jesus as she would wanted us too. Ed, what can i say. Long 6 weeks, but we made it. I am proud of you~ So many love you, including Bob, Mother and of course me. I feel honored to have been dependable when you needed me. Kudos to an amazing husband, brother in law, and now dear friend. xoxoxoxo



Kimberly Frost - March 06, 2011 at 11:35 PM

LM

“ Lisa Minnes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Lisa Minnes - March 06, 2011 at 08:48 PM

LK

“ *Liz Kuhlmeyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Liz Kuhlmeyer - March 06, 2011 at 08:30 PM

LB

“ *Lou Faulkner Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Lou Faulkner Brown - March 06, 2011 at 08:19 PM

JU

“ *Kandi, while we will miss your energy and contagious laugh, we will see you every night as the brightest star in the sky and the angel with us forever. I love you pink toes, Julie*

julie - March 06, 2011 at 07:23 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Nancy Griffin - March 06, 2011 at 07:16 PM

TR

“ Terry Rumore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Terry Rumore - March 06, 2011 at 06:04 PM

RF

“ I remember Kandi always being around when Jon Hull and I would visit her brother Bob at their Mom's house in the early 70s. She was always happy and joking and Bob NEVER minded that she hung around with us "big kids", and neither did Jon and I. I'm not surprised that she left this world with her spirits high and anxious to start her greatest journey.

Kandi, we'll miss you, but we'll know where to find you.

Ric

Ric Fenner - March 06, 2011 at 05:17 PM



“ Ginger Whitmire lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland



Ginger Whitmire - March 06, 2011 at 04:49 PM



From Ashlie Whitmire and Joe Kirkland and GInger Whitmire

Ginger Whitmire - March 06, 2011 at 04:51 PM



Can't forget Jonah Daniel Kirkland!

Ginger Whitmire - March 06, 2011 at 05:04 PM



Kiss Joe for me, and baby Jonah. Thank You!

Kimberly Frost - March 07, 2011 at 07:51 PM

PB

“ *Patti Britt-Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Patti Britt-Walker - March 06, 2011 at 03:04 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Damron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Peggy Damron - March 06, 2011 at 03:00 PM

EK

“ *Ed Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Ed Kirkland - March 06, 2011 at 02:50 PM

PD

“ *Paul Gayle Dial lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Paul Gayle Dial - March 06, 2011 at 01:32 PM

CS

“ *Cathy Studstill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Kandi Kirkland*



Cathy Studstill - March 06, 2011 at 09:45 AM

MB

“ *Kandi lived her life by God's word and because of that, she now graces God's presence.
May we all remember Kandi for her faith and spirit for life and may we all learn from it. May God's peace be with Ed and Ms. Kathryn. We love you.*



Mark Jana Butler - March 06, 2011 at 01:17 AM