



Marilyn Sanford Landerman

July 31, 2025

Marilyn Sanford Landerman, 85, of the Churchland section of Portsmouth, Virginia, died in her home on Thursday, July 31, 2025. Born in Winchester, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of Albert J. and Madeline K. Sanford was raised in Melrose, MA. She also spent time swimming and boating at the family's summer home in Essex.

Marilyn attended Marycliff Academy and the Katherine Gibbs School. Her first job was with the Boston Patriots as secretary to the president. After moving to Virginia, she was employed by Chesapeake Public Schools as the secretary at Western Branch Junior High.

Marilyn was formerly married to Art Brandriff, with whom she had a son, Art, and a daughter, Susan Carr, who died in 2007. She later married Denny Landerman, who preceded her in death.

In 2019, she moved to Cypress Cove and became very active in the community. She served on several committees and was well known for the social gatherings held on her patio and in "the garage." She was a compassionate listener and will be missed by many close friends.

Marilyn is survived by her brother Bobby Sanford (Cathy), her sister Noreen Landry, her son Art Brandriff (Anne), and her stepdaughter Ginger Bowman (Mike). "Nana" - as she was fondly known by many - is also survived by

grandchildren Austin Brandriff, AJ Brandriff, Rheagan Carr, Ashton Carr, and step-grandchildren Alexandra Hodges and Catherine Gibbs, along with five nephews that she dearly loved.

A memorial ceremony will be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 23rd, at The Obici House, 4700 Sleepy Hole Road, Suffolk, 23435. A celebration of her life will immediately follow.

Previous Events

Memorial service

AUG **23**. 4:00 PM (ET)

The Obici House
4700 Sleepy Hole Road
Suffolk, VA 23435
<https://www.sleepyholegolfcourse.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ I was so sad to hear of Marilyn's passing. My husband and I lived next door to them in Suffolk, and we became more than just a friends. I saw her almost daily and you could drop by and never worry that you were ever unwelcome. I moved away, but never felt like we missed a beat in our friendship. She always welcomed me back into her home as if I never left. The last 3 years, I lost touch with Marailyn taking care of my own father who, also, passed away this year. I feel like I lost both a father and a mother in 2025. I want to express my profound grief to her remaining family. I thank you for sharing Marilyn with me, welcoming me into your home, and for some of the best times in my life while with her.

Tracy Botruff - December 29, 2025 at 07:25 AM

DW

“ A sweet lady. Rest in Peace.

David Whitehurst - August 07, 2025 at 09:01 PM

TE

I enjoyed working with her. She was such a nice lady. Rest in peace.

Theresa Eike - August 08, 2025 at 09:51 AM

MS

Marilyn was a sweet person and highly capable in so many ways. Rest in peace, friend.

Movane Smith - August 08, 2025 at 02:36 PM

TK

Thank you for Essex! Terry and Liz

Terry Kasprzak - August 11, 2025 at 02:45 PM

TK

Thank you for Essex

Terry Kasprzak - August 11, 2025 at 02:48 PM

VD

Marilyn was so kind and showed her love by reaching out to all ! She loved giving rides in her "GOLF CART" to meetings at Cypress Cove. She will be missed by her loving Family and all her friends!

*Peace be with you Marilyn,
The Dobson Family*

Valarie Dobson - August 13, 2025 at 08:30 AM