



## Sandra Marie-Ann Akers

February 4, 1993 - March 30, 2021

PIPESTEM – Sandra Marie-Ann Akers, 28 of Pipestem and Bluefield passed away March 30, 2021 at Raleigh General Hospital after a long courageous battle from spina bifida and other complications. She overcame many obstacles of surgeries, trips to Shriners Hospital in Lexington, KY and elsewhere.

Born February 4, 1993, she was the daughter of Rev. Joe Akers and Dolores Hale Akers. Her 28 years were short but full as she had a contagious smile for those who knew her best.

Sandra graduated from Pipestem Christian Academy where her teachers and staff went the extra mile to see that her handicaps were minimized. Later, she graduated with an associate degree from National Business College with aspirations to be in the medical profession.

Family and friends were important to Sandra. She loved children, music, fishing, traveling, swimming and shopping. She is loved and will be sadly missed by all that knew her.

Sandra was preceded in death by her infant son, Nicholas Leslie Ray Xavier Knuckles; brother, Nicholas Akers; uncle, Danny Akers; grandfathers, Vassel Akers, Sr., Robert Brownfield and Maynard Sisk and grandparents, Jack and

Beulah Hale.

Survivors include her biological parents, Carlisle Collins and Janice Ratliff; grandmothers, Marie Sisk and Barbara Miller; special companion, Terry Skeens and friend Rose; brothers, Shawn Massey, Mark Massey and wife Michelle, Jeremy Roberts and wife Elisabeth; sister, Ashley Dunford and husband Jonathan as well as a host of extended family and friends.

A funeral service will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2021 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Steve Adams and Rev. Steve Miller officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell.

Friends may visit with the family from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute or send the family online condolences please visit [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

\*Please check back after 12:00 p.m. Monday, April 12 to view a video tribute.

# Cemetery Details

## **Woodlawn Memorial Park**

3578 Coal Heritage Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sandra Marie-Ann Akers*



**Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home** - April 12, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Sandra Marie-Ann Akers*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Joe and Delores, I just learned today of Sandra's passing. My heartfelt prayers for you both. She was a beautiful young lady.*

**Pam Fink** - July 23, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *Pam Fink lit a candle in memory of Sandra Marie-Ann Akers*



**Pam Fink** - July 23, 2021 at 10:32 AM

 Randy  
Cecil

“ God Bless the Akers family in this time of loss.  
Sandra was an exceptional and amazing person, who was an  
inspiration to all who knew her.  
Go rest High. Sandra D( as I always called her).  
We'll se ya soon.  
Pastor Randy

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**Randy Cecil** - April 13, 2021 at 10:39 AM

AD

“ She was one of my good friends I'm gonna miss her like crazy she  
has helped me threw a lot and has been here for me threw  
everything fly high baby girl till I see u again one day

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**Anna Davis** - April 12, 2021 at 08:39 AM

MK

“ Sandra was a great friend. She will be greatly missed. She had a  
contagious smile. We will see each other again one day. Fly high  
babygirl.

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**Mary Kilgore** - April 11, 2021 at 04:39 PM

RM

“ Sandra was a great person. So kind and loving. In the 3 short  
months that I knew her she and I grew close. I loved her and always  
will. She was my best friend. I know that she is walking now and in  
no pain. We will see each other again on day.

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**Rosemarie Mills** - April 11, 2021 at 01:01 AM

TS

“ Sandra was a wonderful person. I loved her with all my heart and soul. She will always be in my heart. She will be truly missed and loved by me. She will never leave my heart and mind.

Terry Skeens - April 11, 2021 at 12:56 AM

KB

“ I didn't know her. I heard of her because I went to Shriners Hospital too. I was born with Cerebral Palsy and Spinal Meningitis. She is completely healed now. God Bless this family. Keith Bailey

Keith Bailey - April 10, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sandra Marie-Ann Akers.



April 10, 2021 at 06:22 PM

MM

“ Sandra you are so loving and caring. Everyone you met you cared for in some way, even in trying times. I know you are caring for everyone that passed before you, including your little angel. I can only imagine how happy you are with him and smiling down on us. Until we meet again. ❤️

Mark and Michelle Massey - April 10, 2021 at 06:13 PM

LB

“ *Lelia Y Boyd lit a candle in memory of Sandra Marie-Ann Akers*



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**Lelia Y Boyd** - April 10, 2021 at 08:45 AM

LB

“ *bro Joe and wife I'm so sorry about your loss I pray God comforts you and gives you peace*

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**Lelia Y Boyd** - April 10, 2021 at 08:44 AM