



## Sandra Rastelli

December 31, 1969 - April 6, 2007

Obituary of Sandra Rastelli Mrs Sandra Elizebeth Rastelli 62, passed away in Ocala on April 6,2007. She was born in Constance,Ky. on April 26,1944. She was a Salesperson by employment but assisted her husband as a rodeo photographer for many years. She was a member of Fl. High School Rodeo Ass.; Fl. Junior Redeo Ass. and Professional Rodeo Cowboy Ass.She was a Baptist. she moved to Ocala in 1964 from Lexington, KY. She is survived by her loving husband Michael of 38 years. Two daughters Tammy Kyser and Martha Rastelli both of Ocala. A son Michael C. Rastelli of Attleboro, Mass. A brother Randy Charles Hodges of Ocala, a sister Sylvia Piccallo of Waxsaw, NC. and her mother Izella Hodges. Also 4 grandchildren. She is preceeded in death by her father Charlie Hodges. Memorial services will be Thursday April 12th at 7:30PM with a gathering from 6-7:30PM at Roberts Downtown Chapel 606 SW 2nd Ave. Ocala,Fl.

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ Mike & Family, We are sorry for your loss. At this difficult time, know that we are there for you and that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your FAITH will see you through these times. Our Love and Prayers are for you, Mark , Sue & Skyler Bennetch

The Bennetch Family - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Mr Mike, You and your family are in our prayers. May you find peace in your faith and in each other. God Bless You, Cheri, Frank and Diamond

The Scharfenstine Family (Cheri Vanderpool) - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ The riches of this life could never pass what I've been given with my wife and my children by my side. So, believe me when I say that when I bow my head to pray I'll be thankful I have Jesus in my life. So remember when you look upon the life that you've been given and the comfort that God's blessing can afford And even when the trials of life are hard and you feel broken Remember to lay your cares upon the Lord. Mr. Mike are Prayers are with you and your family, Kim Jimmy Dakota Cody

The Randolph Family - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ We know there is nothing we can say to take away your pain, we just wanted you to know we are thinking of you and your family at this time.

Cj and Judy Brown - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *The LORD hears good people when they cry out to him, and he saves them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, and he saves those whose spirits have been crushed. Psalm 34:17-18. Mike You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sandy is in such a beautiful and peaceful place now with no more pain or suffering, have peace to knowing she is in comfort and smiling over you and your family in this time of grief. God bless. Michele*

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**Michele Arnold** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Mr. Mike, Words cannot express what you and your family is going through right now. Please know that you and Miss Sandy have Blessed so many of our lives. At times like these is when your friends and family lift you up in their prayers and thoughts. Know that you are in our prayers daily. And we pray that the Comforter (Jesus) gives you peace during these days to come. My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. -Psalm 119:28 Mr. Mike we love you. God Bless*

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**Keith, Darlene & Chasey Bass** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Mr. Mike, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Take comfort in the fact that Sandy is in a much better place and that she is healthy and pain free.*

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**Joey, Jan & Amanda Avery** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Mr. Mike & family, our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May God be your strength in your time of need.*

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**Mark & Jackie Aldridge** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Cousin Michael, Wish we could be there to personally extend to you and your family our sincere sympathy and condolences. Please know that although we are so far away, you are still in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Love, Sandy, Peter & Mark McBride*

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**Sandra McBride** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Thank You for allowing us to share in celebrating Sandy's life, to look back at all the memories that you all cherish so deeply. I remember as far back as when I was in high school rodeo, you and Sandy always made me feel like I was someone special, just like you both have made everyone feel that has ever touched your lives. Jesus will carry you through. Keep her strong in your heart, her love and strength will be with all of us always. I love you guys.*

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**Janie McManus & Family** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *I don't remember Mrs. Sandra very well, but she knew me from the day I was born. My Mother and Aunt Tammy have been best friends since Middle School, and I do remember visiting Mrs. Sandra when they lived off of Hwy 27. She was dearly loved and will be dearly missed.*

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**Amanda Pulham** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ I don't know where to even start when writing this. Momma Rastelli was such a HUGE part of my life growing up, I feel like I have lost a piece of my heart. If I have said it once I have said it a million times over that Tamz and Nightmare have to be the 2 luckiest girls in the world to have had Mom & Coach on their side. I know how good it always made me feel to look over and know they were there for me too. I'll never think of Mom without remembering all that she went thru to try to make me "Queenly". I remember being on the stage trying to give my speech (scared to death) and went totally blank.... In my mind I could see all of HER hard work on the verge of flying out the window, I looked over at her and knew she was proud of me and was bawling, That Moment of slowing down and the infamous "Hush Mom" saved me. She saved me and changed my life and I know that today I wouldn't be the person I am without Mom and Coach. I am a better person for knowing Mom and know how fortunate I am to have had 22 years of gettin to call her Mom. Coach, I know right now you feel like life is pulling you in a million different directions, Remember Just Slow Down and Be Smooth and I Love ya, Kid

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**Roper** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Mike, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family for the loss you have suffered.

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**Melisa & Jacob Brown** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are deeply sorry about your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers, God bless, the Underbrinks

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**The Underbrink Family** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My heart and prayers go out to you and the girls,if there is anything I can do please let me know

**Bruce Conley** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Mike, You and me and Sandy go a long way back, even when Martha was riding her pony. Sandy will be greatly missed by all the rodeo world. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Phil 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

**Nancy Platt** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Mike and Family, I enjoyed all those years in H.S. Rodeo, knowing you and Sandy. She will be missed. God's grace be with you and yours.

**Clyde, Judy, Russell, Galen Drawdy** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Micheal & Family; No words can express the sorrow, No words can express the pain, No words can express the emptiness that your feeling, But the memories can and will express the LOVE, HONOR and RESPECT that you all shared as family. God Bless,you are in our thoughts and prayers. The Gornto Family Bobby, Sheri & Cody

**The Gornto Family** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Mr. Mike and family: We are so deeply saddened to hear about Sandy. Please know, you and your family are in our prayers. May you find comfort and peace in your faith and in each other. God Bless You, Kevin, Debora and Laci Whaley*

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**The Whaley Family** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *My heart goes out to you in your time of pain. You are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do please let me know.*

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**Karen** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Mike, Our heartfelt sorrow goes out to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless, The Alderman Family.*

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**The Alderman Family** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ *Mr. Mike You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers now and in the future. If you need anything please let me know. You both have blessed so many lives, now she is with all that have gone before us. Take Care Evadne and Miles*

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**Evadne** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Michael Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We've known you and Sandy for many years and God doesn't make people any better. He will be there for you, as will your huge rodeo family who have you and Sandy in their thoughts and prayers. Love Linda, Tom, Chris and Stephen Karpinski*

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**Tom Karpinski** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Mike our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of need. May your family and friend's love and support help you through this difficult time. All our love, Robbie, Danette, Whitney and Colby*

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**The Hazouri family** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ I know this message board is meant for messages to the family but you will just have to overlook this. Since I can't be there to say it, I hafta type it. Dear Momma, I love you and you have no idea how much your presence is missed. I know that I have been far away for a lot of years but you were always on my mind and in my heart. I keep thinking that I need to go get you by the hand, pull you away from the picture table, get in the vehicle, shut the doors and have a good cry with ya, get a hug and have you tell me it's all gonna be all right, like you used to do. You'd tell me to smile even if it was a fake one (cause sooner or later a real smile would show up) and it seemed like the world was all good again. You were he first person who actually told me that I could be something and make something outta my life. I never thought I would amount to much until you came into my life. You and Coach just amazed me at how you were Always there for us all and made us all seem so special. Funny thing is, when Ronnie proposed to me you were the first person I called (Dad found out thru the grapevine..lol). Since you had been Momma to me all those years it just seemed natural that I call and tell you first. You were more of a Momma to me than My Own Mom was at that time and I remember a few people asking if you were really my Mom. It always made me smile. There were a lot of great, wonderful, fabulous times back when I was rodeoing (and there were those times that you flashed that look and Everyone knew you'd had more than enough). I look back and still laugh at us running around trying to match suits to horses to hair, You putting makeup on the tomboy that NEVER wore makeup and trying to show me how, Coach taking the pictures outside the western store while you and I were seriously wondering WHAT I was doing, sittin in the bleachers while you brushed my hair, you trying to convince me that I needed to retire my beat up "Old Brown" hat, Us laughing about no one knowing what REALLY happened to that one horse of ya'lls nose, and you hiding me when I needed to be hidden from the world for a few minutes. Thank you Momma for being my Momma too thru those years that I needed you so much. Ya'll taught me how I should treat my kids and I hope I am as good of a Momma to my own boys as you were to me. I Love you and I miss you Momma.

**Roper** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Mike, My condolences are with you and your family. I have many wonderful memories of Sandy and our time in High School Rodeo. She will be missed by many but will always remain in our hearts. Love and prayers, Lila*

**Lila Henry Pontius** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Dear Cousin Mike, Please remember that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. We are thinking of you. Come to Englewood and visit us soon. Love, Cousin Marsha & Christopher*

**Marsha Spirito** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Mr. Rastelli, We just want you to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. I know it must be of great comfort to you to know, that she is out of pain and sickness and in the presence of Jesus. She is having the best Easter of all! We will keep you in our prayers. Rocky, Michelle, Gregory & Caroline*

**Dr. Rocky & Michelle Esposito & Gregory & Caroline** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Dear Mike & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With Deepest Sympathy, Billy, Kim, Lanie, & Curtis Culligan*

**Kim Culligan** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ I am glad to have met you and your family. I hope that the days to come are kind to you and you remember that as long as you have her in your heart nothing can take her from you.

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**Bobby** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mom, I miss you so much and i wish ot god this was all a nightmare and you were fixing to celebrate your wedding anniversary Monday. And your birthday in april. You must know that i love you with all my heart and always will. Love you martha

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**martha** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Mike, I have very fond memories of you and Mrs. Rastelli both from not so long ago at FHSRA rodeos. I'm sure she will be greatly missed by all of us former FHSRAer's, because She was our team mom. All our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family, for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

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**Dub Hill** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Mr. Mike and family - In your time of sorrow Know that God is there He will hold you in His arms And wipe away your tears He understands your pain Just give to Him your broken heart For He in time will heal. You are in our prayers, Stoney, Staci & Shawn Sanders

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**Stoney, Staci & Shawn Sanders** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Mr. Mike, Tammy and Martha - Our deepest sympathies to your family. Ms. Sandy was always such a joy to be around, and always had such kinds words for us; from OUR high school rodeo days through out our kids' rodeo days! May God give you peace in knowing she no longer has to suffer in sickness and pain! Our prayers are with you all in these difficult times! We love you!*

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**Chris and Julie Smith** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ *I didn't know her but I knew her daughter tammy and her mother had to be wonderful to have a daughter like her. I feel really bad for the family and my heart and prayers go out to the family. God Bless*

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**Vivian** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *You are in our prayers, you are such an important part of our rodeo family! KNOW you are in the thoughts and prayers of MANY rodeo assocaitions. God Bless you and your family!! Love- The Wards p.s- if theres naything I can do let me know!*

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**Buster Ward, Kelcy Ward, and Shelley O'Laughlin** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM