



Anibal "Sandy" Pires Sr.

October 29, 1930 - September 26, 2019

COLUMBIA – Anibal “Sandy” Pires, Sr. died peacefully surrounded by his family at the VA Medical Center in White River Junction, Vt., on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, at the age of 88.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara L. Pires and his 7 children and their spouses: Barbara & Ralph Lynch, Anibal & Carol Pires Jr., Christina & Don MacFarlane, Christopher & Nancy Pires, Brian & Carol Pires, Antonio & Annette Pires, and Anna & Arthur Britton; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; his sister, Laurinda Jauhola, of Apple Valley, CA. He is preceded in death by his brother Leonel Pires Jr. and sister Lilia Campos.

Sandy was born on Oct. 29, 1930, in New Bedford, Mass., to Leonel Pires Sr. and Maria (Linhares) Pires. He married Barbara Garcia in 1956 and over the next 7 years they started welcoming their children into the world with a new one each year. They lived in New Bedford until 1970 when they moved to Bridgewater, Mass., and where Sandy began working for the Massachusetts Correctional System as a Master Plumber. Sandy & Barbara raised their family there and the children remember it as a time of creating family traditions, laughter, love, kindness and lots of animals. Sandy was a father who encouraged them to pursue their goals, to love their country, to love God, and to push themselves to not only be their best, but to do it with honor and dignity.

Sandy was accomplished at whittling and often made small characters called the goonie moonies for the children. He was an individual who loved running and ran the first Jeddah Full Marathon in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He enjoyed traveling, seeing the world, and experiencing other cultures. He was a veteran of the Army and member of the First Infantry Division (The Big Red One) and wore the symbol proudly on all his hats and his vehicles. Sandy was a lifetime member and 3rd degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He had a strong faith and was an active and dedicated member of the St. Brendan's Roman Catholic Church in Colebrook, NH.

A funeral Mass is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 7, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Brendan's Roman Catholic Church in Colebrook, with a celebration gathering to follow on the lower level of the church. The burial will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m. at the NH State Veterans' Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Sandy's life.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Coös Animal Sanctuary, P.O. Box 345, Colebrook, NH 03576; or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105, or online at www.stjude.org.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers and hospital staff at White River Junction VA Medical Center, VT for the care, honor and dignity they showed to Sandy.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral

Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery Details

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery

110 Daniel Webster Hwy
U.S. Route 3
Boscawen, NH 03303
(603) 796-2026

Tribute Wall

MU

“ *My deepest sympathy to Sandy's family. May your memories of the good times, help you get through these sad times. Mary Ellen Uran*

Mary Ellen Uran - October 08, 2019 at 01:43 PM

KB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Sandy's passing. I always enjoyed working with him at the courthouse. I will miss seeing him downtown. May you all find comfort in the many loving memories you hold safely in your hearts.*

Kathy Booska - October 05, 2019 at 11:15 AM

JJ

“ *Jean & Ronnie Joseph lit a candle in memory of Anibal "Sandy" Pires Sr.*



Jean & Ronnie Joseph - October 04, 2019 at 12:58 PM

YA

“ *Your friends and co-workers at ARS Heating & AC purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Anibal "Sandy" Pires Sr..*



Your friends and co-workers at ARS Heating & AC - October 04, 2019 at 09:41 AM

SB

“ Rob and I met Sandy soon after we moved to the north country several years ago. He and Barbara were one of our first customers to buy our raw milk after starting our dairy. They, along with their family, welcomed us into their home for many holiday dinners. So many nice memories. We wish to send our deepest sympathy to all of you and know that Sandy will be sorely missed. Sharon and Rob Baum



Sharon Baum - October 04, 2019 at 09:33 AM

AE

“ Averill Electric purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Anibal "Sandy" Pires Sr..



Averill Electric - October 02, 2019 at 10:03 AM

KJ

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of my godfather Uncle Sandy. I will always remember going to the house in Bridgewater. May he RIP. 🙏❤️

Karen Joseph - October 01, 2019 at 09:28 PM

MD

“ I am so sorry for your loss - I know your pain. I always loved your father, who didn't!

Melanie Soderbom Deutsch - September 30, 2019 at 05:38 PM

TL

“ *The Langeliers lit a candle in memory of Anibal "Sandy" Pires Sr.*



The Langeliers - September 30, 2019 at 12:48 PM

TF

“ *The Langelier Family lit a candle in memory of Anibal "Sandy" Pires Sr.*



The Langelier Family - September 30, 2019 at 12:46 PM

TF

“ *Sandy and Barbra were the first people we met when we bought our first home in Merrimack New Hampshire. We went on to meet the whole family ,and had many good times and laughs. When they moved on from the neighborhood to Columbia New Hampshire ,the old neighborhood was just never the same! They are by far one of the best families we have ever met, and Sandy will be loved and missed by all of us forever!!*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you

With love The Langelier Family

The Langelier Family - September 30, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss not seeing him at Mass.*



Rita Donnell - September 28, 2019 at 10:25 AM

SB

“ *Mr. Sandy will be missed. Sam and I send our prayers to his wonderful wife and family. Sam and Joan Bird*

Samuel and Joan Bird - September 28, 2019 at 08:50 AM

DE

Although I spent only a short time around this family and this wonderful man he left an Big impression on me. He knew how to live life to its fullest and everyone adored him. He will be missed by all who knew him and I'm so glad I had the opportunity to get to know him and his family. Can't wait till we reunite someday in heaven. Praying for all of you.

Diane Ebbers - October 01, 2019 at 03:12 PM

LB

“ *Barb and Family,
So sorry to hear about your Dad! Prayers and thoughts to you and your family.
Lisa, Michael, Katelyn & Nicholas Bouchard*

Lisa Bouchard - September 27, 2019 at 06:42 PM

FC

“ *Our sympathy to all the family & friends. "Francine & Andre Champagne"*

Francine Champagne - September 27, 2019 at 06:39 PM

FC

“ Francine Champagne lit a candle in memory of Anibal "Sandy" Pires Sr.



Francine Champagne - September 27, 2019 at 06:37 PM

LB

Our sympathy to all of you on the loss of your husband and father. He is with God and watching over all of you.

Linda and Ronnie Beloin - September 27, 2019 at 09:32 PM

TJ

Prayers and gentle thoughts are with all of you. We will miss him at Church!

The Aubin family- Dave, Jolen, Jonathan - September 28, 2019 at 08:10 PM

DO

*Dear Tia Barbara and all my beautiful promos and primas,
Please remember that those we LOVE never go away.
They walk beside all of us, everyday.
Others may not see or hear them, but our loved ones are always near.
Always loved, passionately missed, and so very dear.
Luv, luv, luv you all.
TFC, Donna, Ken, Kenny, Keith, and our granddaughters Sophia Lilia and Willow Jane.*

Donna L Oldrid - October 02, 2019 at 04:04 PM