



Sondra Hodgson

September 24, 1937 - March 30, 2025

Sondra Louise Hodgson, 87, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2025, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with her daughter by her side.

Born on September 24, 1937, in McPherson, Kansas, Sondra spent her formative years in Little River, McPherson, and Manhattan, Kansas. She graduated from Manhattan High School in 1955 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology from Kansas State University in 1958. Her academic pursuits were supported by an Am-Vets Scholarship—a testament to her dedication and intellect.

Sondra's love for learning never waned. In 1999, she returned to school and earned a second Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, also from Kansas State University. This achievement reflected not only her intellectual curiosity but also her lifelong passion for animals—especially horses, that brought her deep fulfillment.

A devoted Christian, Sondra lived by the Golden Rule and carried her faith into every aspect of her life. Her generosity, even when she had little to share, and encouraging spirit left a lasting impression on those who knew her. Whether through kind words or thoughtful deeds, she consistently uplifted others with grace and compassion and always wanted the best for others.

Sondra was preceded in death by her parents, Robert M. Hodgson and Alice L. Hodgson; and her big brothers, Dr. Bob Hodgson and Dr. Dale Hodgson and many family members and friends.

She is lovingly remembered and will be greatly missed by her daughter, Mary Alice Hodgson; son-in-law Nathan Chaffin; and beloved grandson Owen Chaffin, who had a special bond with his Mimi. She also leaves behind cherished sister-in-law and friend, Patricia Hodgson; nieces, Suehzen Mosely (Chris), Marla Doherty (John), and Roberta Hodgson; nephews, Ruehlen Ray Hodgson (Martha) and Ned Hodgson and their families. Aunt Sondra loved them like her own. She will be missed by the Ruehlen, Steinle, Johnson and Hodgson family cousins and the many friends from her time in Kansas, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

An interment and graveside service with family will take place later this year at the McPherson Cemetery, McPherson KS.

If you've received a kind word or thoughtful gesture from Sondra, please embrace her spirit of generosity and consider sharing (if you are able) with 2 organizations that greatly impacted her life and will continue to impact the lives of many others. Her local South Park Meals on Wheels organization: <<https://www.mightycause.com/organization/South-Park-Meals-On-Wheels>> or a local youth 4-H Chapter in your area: <<https://national4h.givenow.stratuslive.com/give-fourward?slca=0001258&slcag=0001258-32>>

May Sondra's memory and tenacious spirit bring comfort and encouragement to those who knew and loved her. Enjoy a slice of Key Lime Pie while thinking of her and always remember to "keep it in the mix and keep up the good work."

Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home &

Crematory Ltd, Blawnox, PA; www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Jean and Sharon Davis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sondra Hodgson.



Jean and Sharon Davis - April 02, 2025 at 08:54 AM

EV

“ I have only had the pleasure of meeting Sondra in recent years, but even as she waned, her joy for her family was a spark that could light up the whole room. We all send you our deepest condolences.

Emily Viehland - April 01, 2025 at 06:38 PM

MW

“ I got to know Sondra through family reunions years ago. She was a cousin of my mother, Nancy. They grew up together in McPherson and had some very fun times as youth along with my aunt Janet....according to mom and Sondra. I also visited with her via phone calls through the years but unfortunately hadn't visited with her the past several years. She was always so genuinely friendly and kind, yet had a wonderful sense of humor and a little bit of feistiness. She will be missed by so many. Prayers for Mary Alice, Nathan and family.

Melanie Watson - March 31, 2025 at 06:06 PM

LJ

“ My husband Steve and I got to know Sondra and family after a family reunion in Kansas in 2009. We visited them in Pittsburgh 2 times and had a wonderful time. Sondra and I talked on the phone regularly and each time was a treasure. As I began to know about her life , I loved hearing her talk. I will miss her greatly. Prayers and blessings to Mary Alice, Nathan and Owen. 💜💜

Lenette Johnson - March 31, 2025 at 01:08 PM

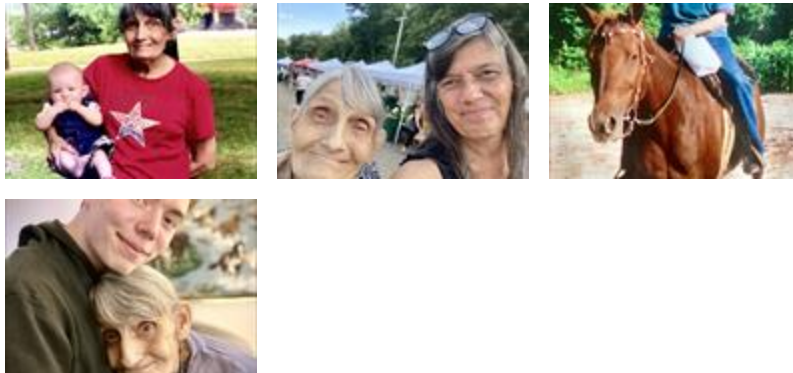
TD

“ I'm blessed to have known and helped Mimi for the short time that I did. She always asked about my kids and my family, remembering every detail I ever told her about them. Peace and love to all of you.

Toni Danchik - March 31, 2025 at 12:03 PM

ME

“ 4 files added to the album A few moments from a long and rich life



mellychaffin - March 31, 2025 at 11:28 AM

SC

“ Sondra loved to take me to consignment shops and just to drive out to South Park to look at horses. She was my good friend and I will miss her dearly.

Susan Cabin - March 31, 2025 at 11:13 AM