



## Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson

February 8, 1948 - April 25, 2026

Captain Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson was born in Houston, Texas on Feb. 8, 1948 to Bonnylin McBride and Willis O'Neal Allmon Jr.

Sandy passed away in Gun Barrel City, Tx on April 25, 2026. She graduated from Lewisville, Texas in 1966 and was later inducted to their Hall of Fame. She went on to TWU where she graduated in 1970 with a degree in Art Education and minors in music and physical education. For the next two years she taught at La Marque Intermediate and during this time married Dick Anderson, a NASA Engineer and skydiver.

In 1975, Dick was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident. By this time Sandy had changed her career goals and earned her private pilot's license. After acquiring a certificate in flight engineering and Airline Transport Pilot, in 1979, she was the second female hired by Northwest Orient Airline as a pilot.

During her career, she advanced to Captain on multiple aircraft, including the Boeing 727, 757, and 747-400. In 1989, she became a B-727 Captain, and in 2000 she was promoted to Captain on the Boeing 747-400.

A true trailblazer, Sandy broke significant barriers for women in aviation. She became Northwest Airlines' first female Captain Instructor/Check Pilot in 1992 and later selected as the first female amongst all the major U.S. passenger carrying airlines as a Fleet Check Captain in 1994 and then named Assistant

Chief Pilot – Flight Manager. She was the first female to hold this position at NWA, or at any other major U.S. Airline.

She was a founding board member of Women in Aviation, International (WAI) and played a key role in establishing its Endowment Fund, helping create lasting scholarship and educational opportunities. Her contributions earned widespread recognition. Sandy received the Northwest Airlines Humanitarian Award, the Women in Aviation International “Bruce Baty Volunteer of the Year Award” (twice), the WAI Founders Award, and Texas Woman’s University’s Distinguished Alumna Award. She was inducted twice into the Women in Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame and honored for her lifelong commitment to advancing women in aviation.

In 1995 she earned her Master’s Degree in Human Resources and Organization Development from the American University in Washington, D.C.

She is survived by her sisters: Patricia Diane Allmon Gray of Denton and Sharla Allmon Johnson and her husband Jeff of Gun Barrel City. Step Son Randy Anderson and grandson Russell Anderson both of Gainesville, Florida. Niece and Nephew: Shelley Graney and Bradley Bain, Great Niece and Nephews: Olivia Graney, Jack Graney, Kelyn Bain, Keaton Bain and Kyler Bain.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to WAI – Women in Aviation International.

Memorial Services will be held May 3rd from 1pm to 3pm for Visitation only at Griffon – Roughton Funeral home – Corsicana, Tx., and Monday May 4th at Griffon – Roughton Funeral Home will be another visitation at 12pm and service following at 1pm. Graveside services will be immediately after at Birdston Cemetery in Streetman, Texas.



# Cemetery Details

## Birdston Cemetery

FM 416  
Streetman, TX 75859

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 3.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
[info@griffin-roughton.com](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

## Visitation

**MAY 4.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
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## Funeral Service

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MAY 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.*



May 04 at 07:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.

May 04 at 07:50 AM



“ *Marjorie Shaefer purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.*



**Marjorie Shaefer** - May 03 at 07:56 PM



“ *The Darilek Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.*



**The Darilek Family** - May 02 at 05:17 PM

SB

“ Susan B. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.



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**Susan B.** - May 01 at 02:22 PM

LC

“ Sandy lived with me when she first began to fly and was a second officer. She was my Maid of Honor at my wedding in Bermuda in 1992. We made and shared many years of beautiful memories. Sandy will always have a very deep and special place in my heart.



I am so deeply sorry for your loss and pray God's comfort and blessings over the entire family in this very difficult time 🏠. Linda Clawson



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**Linda Clawson** - April 30 at 07:14 PM

SJ

Thank you  
Love hearing her stories! Do you have a picture of yall together

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**Sharla Johnson** - May 03 at 02:35 AM

LC

Sharla, I have some great pictures of Sandy and I... I will for sure get those to you. I am very sad that I could not be there but as I said Sandy will always be in a very special place in my heart💕. Thinking of you all and sending hugs I know that you took care of her and how much she loved you all💕

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**Linda Clawson** - May 05 at 05:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.*



April 30 at 04:53 PM



“ *Robbie Sutton purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.*



**Robbie Sutton** - April 30 at 04:20 PM



“ *Women in Aviation Founding Boare purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.*



**Women in Aviation Founding Boare** - April 30 at 03:23 PM



“ *Women in Aviation Founding Boare planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.*

**Women in Aviation Founding Boare** - April 30 at 03:23 PM

SJ

“ 1 file added to the album Family



Sharla Johnson - April 30 at 03:03 PM

LC

Beautiful picture 🍷🏠

Linda Clawson - May 02 at 09:36 PM

SJ

“ 1 file added to the album Family



Sharla Johnson - April 30 at 02:56 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.



April 29 at 05:00 PM

SF

“ *Sandy's WAI Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.*



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**Sandy's WAI Family** - April 28 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Sandy's WAI Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra Lynn Allmon Anderson.*

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**Sandy's WAI Family** - April 28 at 05:16 PM