



## Ms. Sandra "Sandy" O'Kelley Thornton

August 18, 1947 - June 13, 2026

Sandra "Sandy" O'Kelley Thornton, 78, of Seneca, SC, passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Seneca Healthy and Rehab.

Born and raised in Seneca, Ms. Thornton was the daughter of the late Randolph and Bessie Lee O'Kelley. She had a deep love for animals, especially cats, and found great joy in spending time on her porch admiring her flowers, with sunflowers holding a special place in her heart. Ms. Thornton was a devoted and loyal friend who treasured the relationships she built throughout her life, maintaining close friendships with many of those she had known since graduating Keowee High School, including her dear friend, Penny Dawkins Gillespie. The family would also like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Thornton's caregiver and special family friend, Melanie Jacobs, and her husband, Michael, for their compassion and dedication.

Ms. Thornton is survived by her sister: Nita Perry; multiple nieces and nephews whom she loved; and her crazy kitty cat, Parker.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Thornton was preceded in death by her sisters: Elizabeth Keaton, Barbara Gruse, and Pat Price; and step brother: R. L. "Bob" Jones

A visitation will be announced at a later date.