

Today we celebrate the life of my sister Sandra Jean Fisher.

Sandra Jean was the 11th child of my parents and I was the 10th child. Our older siblings were responsible for looking after us, so all we had to do was play. It was a fun childhood growing up in a large family playing ball, or playing marbles, snow sledding on cardboard at the corner of Decatur and Intervale avenue, and ice skating at Roosevelt park.

Cindy and I were close to one another at Nazareth school, as did all the other Fisher children, and later at Cathedral High and Rice Memorial High School. These were very carefree and fun years.

We began raising our young families about the same time and we lived close by for the first years, my family on Decatur Street and Cindy's on Cloarec Court. I was the Godfather to her first-born child, Kelly.

Cindy was a lot like my Mom, she was a beautiful person and she was very kind and loving to everyone. She enjoyed helping people and she volunteered at many places. She never complained and always made the best of everything. If someone in a group would speak disparagingly about another, Cindy would always come to their defense.

Cindy raised 6 beautiful children; Kelly, Kevin, Lisa, Tracy, Chris and Mike. When Cindy's illness became really severe, her children took over, controlling her medicines, and doctor appointments, feeding her and providing tender loving care 24 hours a day. It wasn't easy because one day Cindy would be confined to her bed and unable to get up on her own, or to speak coherently; and the next day she would be up and walking around and speaking as though nothing had happened, even passing out candies to her visitors and caretakers. I was impressed by the loving care shown by her children, and their spouses.

We all wish you Godspeed Cindy, as you pass into the next phase of life with Jesus Christ. Say Hello to Mom & Dad and your siblings Joey, Janie and Mary Lou. God Bless You, we all love you so much!

Note: Comments by John Fisher at Cindy's funeral at St Joseph Church on 12 Nov 2007

Note: I had some emotional problems during my talk and could not continue after mentioning Mom & Pop.