



# *Sandra Cosentino*

April 11, 1946 ~ February 7, 2025

Sandra Cosentino passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025. Sandra was born on April 11, 1946 in Phoenix, AZ at a time when the orange groves and stock yards were still an active presence. The summer days of Sandra's youth were spent on her Uncle Jack's ranch in Young, AZ where cowboys still worked their trade and that wild place sparked her pioneer spirit and fed her love for nature.

Sandra held a Masters Degree in Natural Resource Planning from the University of Alaska and her professional life included work with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. Sandra's love and respect for nature deepened during her time in Alaska as she explored and helped to protect that pristine wilderness.

In the early 1990's Sandra felt a strong calling to return home to Arizona. She settled in Sedona and began a tour business called Crossing Worlds Journeys that would lead to the fulfillment of her life's work. Through Crossing Worlds Sandra made deep connections with many Native people including many Hopi people who brought her into their circle as family. Her love for and dedication to the Hopi people inspired her to create a nonprofit group in 1999 called Crossing Words Hopi Projects, to foster the sharing of resources, cultures and friendship with the Hopi people. Over the years she contributed to the lives of the Hopis in countless ways and her work with Crossing Worlds Hopi Projects continued until her passing.

Sandra's compassionate heart and strong Spirit will be missed by her Hopi friends and all those who were fortunate to be part of her life.

Sandra was preceded in death by her mother and father, Catherine and Francis Cosentino and her sister Marsha Cosentino. She is survived by her brother, Brian Cosentino, as well as her biological son and his family.

Donations in Sandra's honor may be made to  
The Hopi Foundation at [hopifoundation.org](http://hopifoundation.org).