



Sandy Carnahan
June 11, 1941 to May 6, 2022

Both of Sandy's parents were actors and his father was a child star on Broadway in the 30's. His father stayed in the military after WWII. Sandy was born in Coral Gables, Florida, and lived in various military bases including the Panama Canal Zone. His father was killed in a military plane crash in 1949. Sandy and his mother then relocated the family to Sherman Oaks, California, where Sandy finished Van Nuys High School and went on to UCLA where he earned a degree in economics.

Sandy played the tuba in the UCLA Marching Band, which included travel to Europe and playing in one Rose Parade. He joined the ROTC but deferred his military service until after he earned his MBA at Harvard. He then served as an Army intelligence officer in San Diego and later in Vietnam.

After returning to Los Angeles, he took a job with Dart Industries, one of the early business conglomerates. He later became a Vice President at Fruit Growers Supply Company, a sister company to Sunkist Growers Inc. Sandy spotted his wife-to-be Susan, who was working as an attorney for Sunkist, and made up some tax problems to consult with her before asking her out on a date.

Sandy left FGS to run Doyon Ltd. in Fairbanks. Doyon one of the thirteen Alaska Native Regional Corporations created under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. He later returned to LA to ask Susan to marry him, and they decided to move to northern California.

Sandy held management and marketing positions in several Bay Area companies. After retiring, he worked part time for the San Mateo County Elections Division improving election processes. Sandy was also active at Peninsula School as a board member and president of the board. He managed the Peninsula School Endowment Fund for twenty years.

Sandy and Susan settled in Menlo Park where they lived for 42 years before moving to SRC in 2019. They have one son and two grandchildren.

They both enjoyed photography and took numerous courses at Foothill College and UC Extensions. Sandy specialized in night photography and architectural photography. They traveled in Europe and Asia and spent ten weeks studying art and photography with Foothill College in Florence. Other memorable trips were tracing the route of Lewis and Clark, Bhutan, and camping in Mongolia. Sandy died in 2022.