



## Dr. Sandra Jean Bell

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Dr. Sandra Jean Bell (1943-2025) of Timberlea, Nova Scotia, passed away on December 16, 2025. Sandra was born on September 21, 1943, in Windsor, Ontario and was predeceased by her parents Jean and Vaughn, and stepfather John. She is survived by her brother, John and her sister, Janice and dear friends Ann and Jane.

Dr. Bell held a BA and MA in Sociology and Demography from the University of Western Ontario and a PhD in Sociology and Criminology from the University of Toronto. She was an associate professor of Criminology in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Canada. Her research interests included comparative and historical youth justice law reform and youth criminology with an emphasis on girls. Her interdisciplinary experience came from teaching and coordinating undergraduate and graduate programs in Criminology and Women's Studies. She taught courses in research methods and statistics as well as substantive courses on youth crime and justice and feminist methodologies. Sandra was instrumental in the development of an Interuniversity Master's program in Women studies, a collaboration between Saint Mary's, Mount Saint Vincent and Dalhousie universities. Sandra was a meticulous scholar with a strong understanding of the importance of careful analysis. She was the author of a textbook that is widely used in many universities across Canada, *Young Offenders and the Juvenile Justice: a century after the fact*. Sandra's work had a profound impact on the learning and growth of countless students and instructors, as well on as the lives of many young people.

Sandra had a life-long passion for gardening, nature, and animals. She loved reading good books, watching Formula 1 racing, driving her red "ladybug", spending time with her friends and family, drinking tea, and telling stories. Her knowledge of plants was extensive, and her gardens were always admired for their beauty and peacefulness.

At Sandra's request, no service will take place. Her ashes will be scattered along with those of her cherished pets in a private ceremony.

Donations in Sandra's memory can be made to the Halifax Cat Rescue Society, or to a charity of your choice.

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