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MRS. SANDRA KELLY

'Sandy' Was Family Friend Of Sheppards

The mysterious "Sandy"—labeled as "another woman" in the Marilyn Sheppard murder case—today turned out to be a close friend of the Bay Village couple and the happily-married wife of an Indianapolis baseball pitcher.

Mrs. Sandra Nussel Kelly said today in Indianapolis that she lived with the Sheppards for three months in 1949 while Dr. Sam was interning at Los Angeles County General Hospital.

Her mother, Mrs. Clem Nussell, of 1859 Brightwood Ave., East Cleveland, said that Sandra, a graduate nurse, left Cleveland after breaking off an engagement to be married with Dr. Thomas Weigal, Marilyn's cousin.

Sam Was Gentleman

Sandra, the mother of two small children, told The News all the time she knew Dr. Sam he was a "gentleman and very nice," and that he had never made any advances toward her.

Sandra, 26, is the wife of Bob Kelly, who pitches for the Indianapolis Indians and was her classmate at Shaw High School. She met her husband while Kelly was pitching in Los Angeles in 1949 and married him that November.

"Dr. Sam was so wrapped up in his work that I never even thought of his going out with other women," she said. "He just didn't seem that kind of a man."

Didn't Date Doctor

"I never went out alone with Sam," she said. "While in Los Angeles I also worked at the General Hospital and went out on several dates with him and his wife, but I always had a date."

She said that she and her husband have visited the Sheppards socially many times since their marriage, the most recent visit being last February. "They always seemed to be getting along very well," she said. "They never argued in front of us."

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