



Sharon L. Kuhns

June 25, 1949 - August 29, 2021

Sharon L. Kuhns, age 72 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 1:10 PM, Sunday, August 29, 2021, at her residence in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral mass in her honor will be celebrated at 11:00 AM, Friday, September 3, 2021, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 320 North 21st Street, Mattoon IL 61938. A committal service will be held immediately thereafter at Calvary Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be held from 9:00 AM until the time of service at the church. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Sharon was born on June 25, 1949 in Watseka, IL, to the late Ronald J. and Hazel L. (DeWall) Dodd. She married Gary L. Kuhns on August 29, 1970, in Champaign, IL; he survives. She is also survived by two sons, Andrew R. Kuhns and wife Kyla of Philo, IL, Nicholas J. Kuhns and wife Gwen of Irving, IL; four grandchildren, Asa S. Kuhns of Philo, IL, Anna M. Kuhns of Philo, IL, Alexandra M. Kuhns of Irving, IL, Natalee P. Kuhns of Irving, IL; two brothers, Terry G. Dodd and wife Cindy of Mohomet, IL, Gary T. Dodd and wife Pam of Cissna Park, IL; one sister Joyce A. Darnstaedt and husband John of Monticello, IN.

Sharon was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL. She retired from the University of Illinois Extension in Urbana-Champaign, IL after twenty-eight years of dedicated service. Sharing her talent and expertise, Sharon gifted and displayed many of her beautiful handmade quilts. She had a passion for gardening and enjoyed traveling with

friends and family.

Making memories with family and spreading joy was Sharon's highest priority. She will be lovingly remembered by all.

Memorials in her honor may be made to Sarah Bush Lincoln Regional Cancer Center, 1001 Cancer Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938 or Catholic Charities, 4217 Dewitt Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Church
320 N 21st St
Mattoon, IL 61938
(217) 235-0539

Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Mattoon, IL 61938

Tribute Wall



“ Sharon L. Kuhns

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Favorite memories of mine include those times we shared playing together at the Dodds' farm and at ours. Sharon was always in the middle of things, and she gave me a glimpse of what my life might be in another 3 years, as she was 3 years older than me. Her mom, Hazel, was always the perfect hostess, sharing special treats with my siblings and me during our priceless visits. This sense of hospitality and kindness seems to have been passed to the next generation, including Sharon. What I remember is all 5 Bennett children loved going to Hazel's and Ron's farm near Cissna Park. I think Sharon was the one who introduced us to those little critters called "snipes"...which provided a lot of fun during more than 1 of our visits.*

Sorry that as we grew up, we grew apart. That didn't mean our early shared experiences became less important. No, those precious memories remain warm, when we were free to be who we were, free to explore this beautiful world together- we were outside much of the time since together we totaled 9 kids - and free to enjoy hours of laughter and wonder. Our moms remained lifelong close friends. Our maternal grandmothers were sisters. My siblings and I will always fondly remember Sharon's presence and love in our early years, with thanks. Beautiful memories, including Sharon's wonderful siblings, Gary, Terry, and Joyce.

It was no surprise, in reading Sharon's obituary, hers was a life well-lived, well-loved. Thanking God for all these things. Sending prayers of comfort for all her family and friends.

Carol Bennett-Barker - September 05, 2021 at 09:37 PM

TB

Carol - well said - thank you! We are so very sorry to hear of her passing

tom bennett - September 06, 2021 at 11:43 AM

TB

“*My mom and Hazel were first cousins. As a child, I remember our entire family getting in the car and heading over to the Dodds family home near Cissna Park. We would talk and play games until it was time to go home. Then, before too long, the Dodds family would come to our home in Gibson. Was always a fun time. Sharon always had a smile. Thoughtful. Liked to laugh. Good memories.*

Years later, I was making cold calls for Bruce Rauner who was running for Governor. I started with a group of voters in the Mattoon area. A caller picked my call. I introduced myself and explained I was calling on behalf of Rauner. The caller on the other end of the line said, “Tom? Is this Tom Bennett from Gibson City?” I could not believe it but it turned out to be Sharon. We both laughed and talked a bit to get caught up. It was most fun.

I am so very sorry for your loss. Words cannot express what you are feeling now. She was a very thoughtful, caring and lovely lady. 🙏

Tom Bennett - September 05, 2021 at 07:44 PM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - September 01, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Sharon L. Kuhns.



September 01, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Sharon L. Kuhns.



September 01, 2021 at 09:09 AM

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“ We will miss our dear friend. She was the ultimate planner of our annual Florida visit with her and Gary. Sharon’s kind and gentle spirit is forever in our memories. We can just see her designing and piecing a new heavenly quilt. Our deepest condolences to Gary and family.

Greg & Kathy Oakley - August 31, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Sharon L. Kuhns.



August 31, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sharon L. Kuhns.



August 31, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon L. Kuhns.



August 31, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon L. Kuhns.*



August 31, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sharon L. Kuhns.*



August 31, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *I worked with Sharon at U of I Extension and always enjoyed her composure and grace . She was so talented and taught so many so much. She will be missed. I pray Gary and boys will be comforted by their memories.*

Joye Heal - August 30, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *I met Sharon through 4H she was a delightful person. So sorry for your loss. God Bless
Debbie Meadows*

Debbie Meadows - August 30, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *YOU HAVE OUR PRAYERS!!!*

Littrell,s - August 30, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sharon L. Kuhns.*



August 30, 2021 at 04:08 PM