



Sharon Wilson

August 10, 1943 - April 7, 2020

A celebration of the life of Sharon Wilson, 76, of Lubbock, Texas will be 2:00 PM Saturday, April 11, 2020 with Dr. Shera Atkinson officiating. Services will be private for immediate family but all others are to share in this celebration on her tribute page at www.sandersfuneralhome.com. Her family will have public celebration of her life at a later date.

Sharon passed away April 7, 2020. Darla Sharon was born August 10, 1943 in Lubbock, TX to Ernest and Ava Duckworth. She graduated from Monterey High School in 1961 and attended Texas Tech University. She was the election administrator for Ector County from August 1987 until September, 2004. During that time she was instrumental in the revitalization of downtown Odessa; served as president of the Texas Association of Election Administrators; her instructions for training election workers were included in the Secretary of State Handbook and was co-chairman of the United Way-Odessa. She moved back to Lubbock in 2007. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Belle Duckworth.

Loved ones include son Jason Wilson and wife, Michelle; son Jeff Wilson and wife, Marta; daughter Angela Hawkins; sister Trudy Gamble; grandchildren, Haley Hawkins, Dallas Wilson and Ava Wilson and her Gamble Kids.

Memorials are suggested to Meals on Wheels of Lubbock or FUMC Treasured Times.

Sharon will always be remembered for her love of God; her unconditional love for family and friends; quick wit and sassyness. Her raised eyebrow said it all!

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sharon Wilson



Sanders Funeral Home - April 09, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sharon Wilson



Sanders Funeral Home - April 08, 2020 at 04:58 PM

KA

Prayers for you Jason and all the family!!

Kat - April 11, 2020 at 03:05 PM

RE

So thankful I am able to view this virtually. Prayers for her family. She was such a special friend to so many. I would be there in person if the situation allowed.

*Renee Henderson Earls
Odessa*

RENEE HENDERSON EARLS - April 11, 2020 at 03:06 PM

GE

What a wonderful tribute to my beautiful friend, Sharon. Truer words have never been spoken! Thank you for sharing....looking forward to the time I can hug her precious family. Sending my love and prayers!
Gail Etheredge

Gail Etheredge - April 11, 2020 at 03:46 PM

CH

*This was a lovely service. I know it was so comforting to those who were fortunate to attend.
Sharon was a beacon of light to those who knew her. May she Rest In Peace.*

Carolyn Dale Husen - April 11, 2020 at 03:49 PM

RB

The service was beautiful! I learned more about Nana and her family through the wonderful stories. Michelle, you did a fantastic job with your readings and stories. Love and hugs to you all!

Rita Bacque - April 11, 2020 at 03:52 PM

TM

What a blessing to be able to view this from afar. The service & all that was said in her honor was so true. I wish I could be there to celebrate her life with the family. In my 9 years of working not for you but with you, I became a better person. God Bless you & your wonderful family. You made us all feel as one.

Tobi Mendenhall - April 11, 2020 at 03:56 PM

ML

The service was beautiful and touched on so many of the things I have loved and admired most about Sharon the last 29 years - her strength, love, compassion, loyalty, grace, and humor. I am blessed to have had her in my life and be able to call her my friend. I will treasure all of the memories and good times we had together.
Melissa Long

Melissa Long - April 11, 2020 at 04:14 PM

SE

A beautiful service and so glad to be able to see it. Thanks Sanders Funeral Home! You have been a part of many Sandlin services but this was special because of the times we are going through.

sally eatherton - April 11, 2020 at 04:28 PM

TG

“ *What a tremendous loss for our family!*

I absolutely adored Sharon and spent 4 very special years (2007-2011) in Lubbock with my Nana (Trudy) and Sha. I will always cherish that season of my life and all of the time I was able to spend with the Duckworth sisters! What a joy!

Sha will be more than missed. Prayers for Nana (Trudy) and for the Wilsons as they navigate this grief.

Toska Gamble - April 11, 2020 at 11:11 PM

GF

“ We first met Sharon when she moved to Odessa in 1987 as the new Ector County Elections Administrator. We were both editors at the Odessa American newspaper.

Little did we know that would lead to a 33-year deep, abiding and joyful friendship. She became our sister.

It didn't hurt that our sons Eric and Daren were the same ages as her sons Jeff and Jason. Shocker: The sons became best friends, too, mostly gravitating to her house where they knew they could get away with more shenanigans than they could at our house.

Sharon became their surrogate mom.

Sharon taught us so much about human dignity, fragility, compassion and understanding. It was her infectious laugh and devilish glance with an eyebrow raising. It was the way she taught us what a Texan really means when they say, with a pasted grin on their face, “Oh honey, bless your heart.”

It was her voice inflection as she nearly screeched “well knock me over with a feather.”

Her deep, abiding and true to form West Texas accent belied her sophistication, her quiet charm, her sometimes shrouded insight into the people surrounding her work and personal lives alike.

Sharon was a beacon of caring. She was our inspiration, our salvation, our touchstone when we needed to know everything will be OK.

Sharon was us, and we were her, no matter we had backgrounds as diverse as the four winds that would blow us together 33 years ago, those same winds that would send us to different adventures around the country, yet keep us together at heart for the remainder of her life.

Sharon was, in every sense of the word and the emotions, our sister.

We will always love her for that, and we will always miss her. God love you, Sha, and may you find the same peace now as you brought to us, and so many others, during your time on Earth.

Gail and Olaf Frandsen

April 11, 2020

Gail & Olaf Frandsen - April 11, 2020 at 11:54 AM

GC

From the time that Sharon moved into our facility till the good Lord called her home. Sharon was a joy to be around. She could make u laugh even when u didn't feel like it . She had a way of cheering everyone up. If she raised that eyebrow u knew that she wasn't happy about something. Though she will be missed dearly we kno that she is with the angels 🙏 now. Rest In Peace precious lady!!

Gillea Chandler - April 11, 2020 at 08:22 PM

KC

“ *Sharon's brilliant smile was always special at our family gatherings. Sally, Jerry, Katy and our families send our love to Sharon's family and friends. God bless our dear cousin Sharon.*

Katy Cavanagh - April 11, 2020 at 11:27 AM

JR

“ Sharon joined our Sunday School class at FUMC along with her two sisters. Never have I witnessed a more tightly knit group of family members. Their joy in and loyalty to one another was instantly palpable. They were such a welcome addition to our class!

Not long after, Sharon was hospitalized briefly. A friend and I visited her there one Sunday afternoon. As we visited, it was no more than a moment before Sharon had us laughing out loud ! It was she who was making us feel better. Sharon had that innate gift of leaving your heart lighter after having been with her. What an inestimable gift!

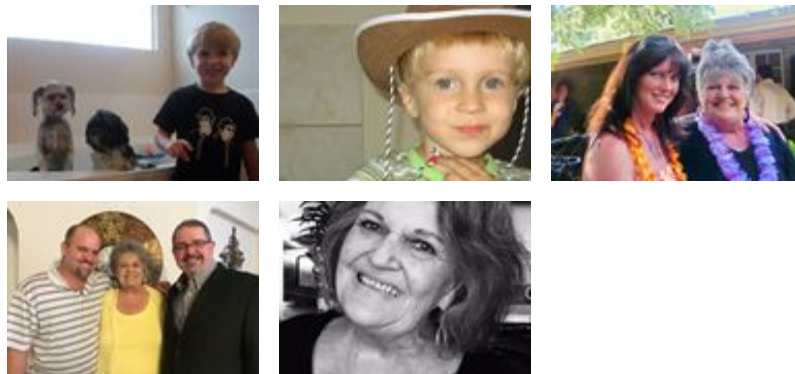
I can only imagine how very much you, her family, are grieving her loss. May you know that those who knew her will walk alongside you in any way we can. We'll be missing her too.

Joyce Ray
Lubbock, Texas

Joyce Ray - April 10, 2020 at 12:14 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - April 10, 2020 at 11:40 AM

SE

Sharon and I had just talked a few days before and she was all laughs talking about the things we did as children. We spent all our childhood just a few blocks from each other and oh the stories I could tell. She use to come out to our house when we moved out of town and we would put my sister Katy in a doll buggy and push her down to the rock pit. I mothers would not have been happy! Sundays when we got older we would go out to eat and to the movies if we had gone to church (that was a stipulation by our parents). When we were younger we would sit in the hallway at their house and play jacks with Aunt Ava. She usually won. Our cousin Morris was the only boy our age and oh what fun we had dressing him up and pushing him down the street face blackened with charcoal. On his 64 birthday he called us the silent tormentors but he loved us anyway. I will truly miss her she was like a sister to me. I know she has them already laughing in Heaven and working a jigsaw puzzle!

Sally Eatherton - April 11, 2020 at 01:07 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - April 10, 2020 at 10:10 AM

RE

“ *Sharon was so beautiful - inside and out. She was one of my favorite people to ever know. Her laughter and smile lit up a room. I have many fond memories of her during her time in Odessa. She was a wonderful community advocate and loved to get involved, volunteer and do her part to improve Odessa. I am blessed to look back on many, many happy times with Sharon. I know she's dancing in heaven, meeting up with old friends and catching up on old times! Much love to her family - she was an incredible person. I miss her.*
Renee Henderson Earls
Odessa, Texas

Renee Henderson Earls - April 10, 2020 at 08:50 AM

NM

“ Sharon was such a dear friend of mine. She and I were in a Bible study class together and she was always a inspiration to me. And I loved visiting her after she went to the assisted living place. I am going to miss her. My sympathy to Trudy and the rest of the family.

Naomi McGuire - April 09, 2020 at 06:35 PM

MW

“ This is my sweet mother in-law! But to me she wasn't an in-law at all. She was my “other” mom. She wasn't a replacement to my own mother but an addition! She was the person I got to call mom when I married her son.

I was lucky enough to have two strong, smart women guide me during this journey called motherhood. Words can't describe the love I had for her. I hated that dementia had started to rob her of her memory, but I am grateful she still knew who we all were. Her wit and charm were with her to the end especially when she would tell us things like, “my mind's just not right”! 😭🤔💕

🙏🙏🙏 Eternal rest, grant unto her, O LORD, and let light perpetual shine upon her. 🙏🙏🙏

I love you “mom” ❤️💕❤️💕❤️



michelle wilson - April 09, 2020 at 06:09 PM

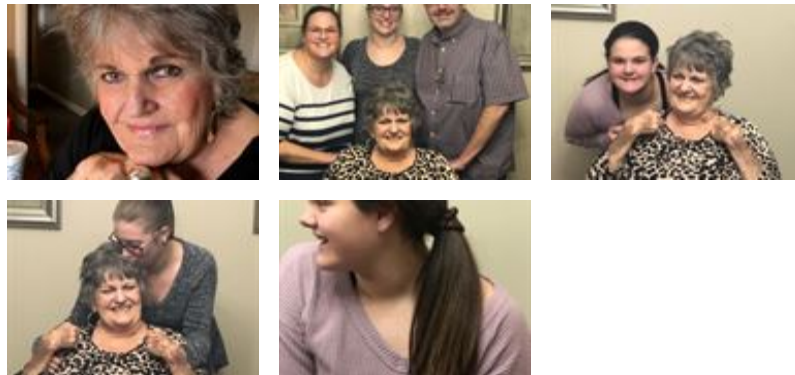
CA

“ I could write a book about the girl I grew up with. The adventures and mischief of being roomies in our first apartment was only one of the pages we turned together in our life book. From the "blood sister" ceremony (no, we neither one had the nerve to cut our hand. So we picked a scab). Good enough, we were Blood Sisters, forever connected!
I will always celebrate August 10th, for that was the day God gave us the most beautiful gift....My forever friend Sharon.

Carol - April 09, 2020 at 06:03 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - April 09, 2020 at 12:50 PM

SL

“ I knew her in the capacity of a mom...she loved her boys. Jeff and Jason were everything to her and she was such a good mom. She inspired those around her to be better and have fun along the way. I loved my friend.
Sending love to you Jeff and Jason. You boys made her proud.

sherry longbine - April 09, 2020 at 08:25 AM

SR

“ Sharon was a very special person. I knew her as a work colleague, as I was the Elections Administrator for Fort Bend County, and later I worked for VOTEC and was responsible for installing and supporting voter registration software for her office. I had the privilege of visiting her office during that time, and it was well run and very efficient. What I will remember most, however, was that she was the life of the party wherever she went. Whether it was at the office or at a conference, she kept us all laughing.

Steve Raborn - April 08, 2020 at 09:28 PM

DN

I knew Sharon when she worked in Ector County. She is was one of the nicest persons that I have known, always lots fun to be around! She was a joy to be around.

Donna Nance - April 09, 2020 at 10:48 AM

PP

Sharon was my assistant when I served as Elections Administrator in Taylor County, and before she was appointed as EA in Ector County. She was one of the smartest, hardworking, and enegetic people I have ever known. Most of all, she was a wonderful and loyal friend. She loved life, loved to laugh, and was very creative and artistic. We made many trips together and I treasure good memories from those days. My deepest sympathy to Jeff and Jason. She never failed to say how proud she was to be your Mom.

Pauline Pitman - April 09, 2020 at 04:51 PM

PB

MY SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO TRUDY AND THE FAMILY. I KNEW SHARON THROUGH OUR BIBLE STUDIES, AND SHE WAS A DEAR LADY. WE WILL MISS HER AND HER HUMOR.

PAT BENSON

PAT BENSON - April 11, 2020 at 09:43 AM

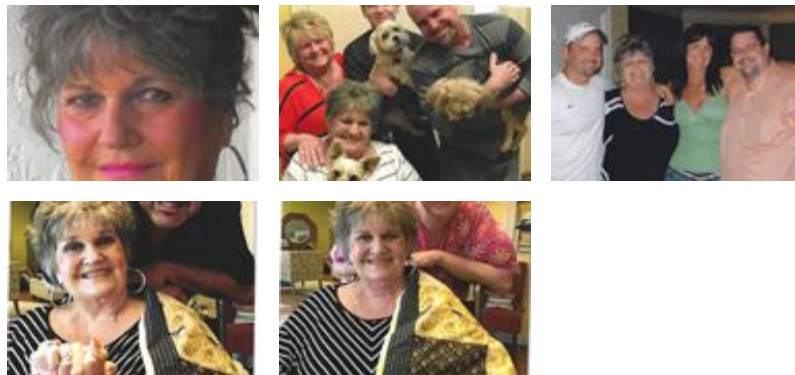
NR

“ Sharon was the most unique friend you could ever have. She was such a fun and caring person. She had the kind of personality everyone wanted to be with. She was an eternal optimist and when you were with her she made you feel everything was great. We were neighbors and raised our children together. Oh what great times we had. She never went anywhere without looking her best including makeup, eyelashes, nails, jewelry and of course she loved to dress. Always looking her best. Also Sharon was so talented. She could do everything to perfection. Anyone who knew Sharon knew all about that special look she had. The look told it all. I've never known anyone to have a greater love for her family, friends and don't forget animals. No one has ever made me laugh and love like Sharon Wilson. Rest in peace my sweet friend. Until we meet again. You will be missed. I love you. Nancy Roddy.

Nancy Roddy - April 08, 2020 at 09:02 PM



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