



Sharon Pfister

December 28, 1938 - April 7, 2014

Sharon Anne Smith Pfister passed away at 8:08 pm on Monday, April 7, 2014 at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center. She was born Dec. 28, 1938 in Bloomington, IL a daughter of Edward R. Smith and Veronica Hayes Smith. Sharon married Jerome "Jerry" Pfister at Holy Trinity Church in Bloomington on Dec. 29, 1962. They lived in El Paso all of their married life and spent winters in Southern Florida beginning in 2009. He survives.

Also surviving are her sons; Lester "Jay" Pfister, El Paso; David (Holly) Pfister, El Paso; daughter, Maria Pfister (Alan Gunn), Chicago; her "Fabulous Five" Grandchildren (as she always referred to them): Lianna and Gabriel Pfister, Helen, Adam and Lilly Gunn; one brother, Richard (Terry) Smith, Bloomington; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Veronica Smith; brother, Dr. Jim Smith; sister, Gerri Smith Armstrong; and son, Kevin Pfister.

She attended Holy Trinity Grade and High Schools, graduating in 1956. She received a B.S. in Education from ISNU, and taught Pre-School for deaf children in Champaign.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church in El Paso where she served on various committees at the church and at her children's schools, joking that she was a "Room Mother" for 27 years, possibly a world record! She served on the El Paso School Board for 8 years, as it's

secretary for 6 years, and on the Mackinaw Valley Special Education Council. She was a board member of Homes of Hope and founder of the St. Therese Foundation.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and a dear friend to many who will be greatly missed.

Funeral mass will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in El Paso. Fr. Dan Wilder will officiate. Visitation will be held on Friday evening from 4-7 pm with a rosary recital at 3:30 pm at the Ruestman-Harris Funeral Home in El Paso. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Homes of Hope in Normal, IL or St. Mary's Catholic Church in El Paso, IL. Online condolences may be sent to ruestmanharrisfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Sharon's family. Sharon, Kevin and I met at the Faith and Light meetings. She was a very generous person. Jason Gelsthorpe who also attended the Faith and Light meetings says to let you know he's praying for you all. God bless.

Laura Cain - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ My deepest sympathies, condolences and best wishes to Mr. Pfister, Jay, David and Maria. Your wife and mother was a wonderful lady and I have all very positive memories of her kindness during my many visits to your home during the EPHS years. She and Kevin will be watching over all of you.

Scott Sennott - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Sharon was always a kind and sweet person whenever I happened to be at the house when we were younger. What a gentle soul and always a smile and welcome to everyone.

Kate Blackmore Thornton - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ Jerry and all your family I'm so sorry for your loss of Sharon. I'm going to miss her "Ode to Christmas" poems. Always inspiring and interesting. I have them with my Christmas stuff. My deepest sympathy.

Fred Vogel - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ To David and the rest of the Pfister family. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Chris Dodson - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ Dear Jerry,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You have always been so kind and thoughtful to my Mom and Dad.

May God comfort you in your loss.

Mark Vogel - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ Our sympathy to the entire Pfister family. Our World has lost a wonderful and kind lady. I'm sure Kevin was there to greet her in Heaven with smiles and hugs.

Gail Rowley - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about the death of Sharon. I remember when Sharon and Jerry got married, it was one of the biggies in El Paso at the time even though they were married in Bloomington. Jerry, you and your family have out heartfelt prayers and sympathy, I know it is a very difficult time for all you.

Rev Dr James L. (Jim) White - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ My condolences to the Pfister family. Sharon and I were classmates from 1943 (Kindergarten) thru 1956 (High school). May she rest in peace.

Dave Miller

DAVID MILLER - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM