



Mrs. Sharleen Ann Hansen

August 16, 1965 - August 20, 2019

Sharleen Ann “Shar” Hansen, 54, Chaska, MN, passed away on August 20, 2019. Preceded in death by her mother Louise and sister Michele. Survived by her husband Gary; son Alex and daughter-in-law Kathy; daughter Alyssa; brother Shane; father John and the extended Hartung family.

Shar was the center of her family’s universe and their heart and soul. She was a list maker, party and travel planner, style maven and exceptional gardener. She was curious and caring, and a truly great listener. Whether Shar was hosting a party or family gathering, helping someone put together an outfit or decorating a room, everything was perfect.

In the past year, she beamed with pride as Alyssa graduated from nursing school and Alex married his love, Kathy Corcoran, in Chicago. She could not have been more proud of them.

Shar was a master teacher, who taught kindergarten in Waconia Bayview Elementary for many years, before retiring five years ago. She touched many lives during her time as a teacher, and was like a rock star when she got anywhere close to Waconia – there were always kids and parents who would approach her and want to talk. She always remembered them and always had time for them regardless of what she was doing.

Shar lived life to the fullest and would want her family and friends to do the same. In the past year, Gary and Shar had travelled to Ireland, where she learned to shoot a bow and arrow, the basics of falconry and how to pour a proper Guinness. They visited the Biltmore Estate and Asheville, NC, last summer. They warmed up during the Minnesota winter on the beaches of Antigua. An Alaskan cruise this summer included kayaking up a river in a fjord, a float plane ride, four-wheeling, and a zodiac ride through an iceberg field to a glacier. She was already planning next winter's getaway.

Because she was quick with a smile and sought out others to make them feel welcome, Shar was blessed with many friends. She had many friends who she considered her "sisters" and they felt the same about her. They loved her dearly and have surrounded the entire family with a fierce and protective hug. For that tenderness and compassion, Shar is surely smiling down on them with pride.

Before being stricken by a brain aneurysm, she had spent the day Friday, her birthday, in contact with friends and family from far and wide. She spent the day on her screened porch in the beautiful August day, talking, texting and connecting. It was a great day. She died surrounded by her family, after many of her friends had been given the opportunity to say goodbye. In a final act of giving, she donated her organs to save others. Shar loved her flowers, but memorials to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation would be welcome and encouraged.

Visitation Thursday, August, 29, 2019 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel. Memorial Service Friday, August 30, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(952) 975-0400
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(952) 975-0400
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Memorial Service

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
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Tribute Wall

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“ *I was in her kindergarten class. She hated boys and made me sit in a corner alone for the majority of the year.* ”

brent - December 04, 2025 at 10:43 AM

JK

“ *Jamie, Megan and Donny, Meg and Keith purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mrs. Sharleen Ann Hansen.* ”



Jamie, Megan and Donny, Meg and Keith - August 28, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sharleen Ann Hansen.* ”



August 28, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sharleen Ann Hansen.* ”



August 27, 2019 at 09:36 PM

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“ *Ernie & Carol LaFrance and Family. purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Sharleen Ann Hansen.*



Ernie & Carol LaFrance and Family. - August 27, 2019 at 01:59 PM

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“ *I am a college friend of Shar's and was so very sad to hear of her passing. Although we only kept in touch for a few years after college and hadn't seen each other in many years, Shar was one friend that I thought of often. She was a blessing to me during our years at Dakota State as I know she was a blessing to her family and friends. You all have my deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers! Brenda (Benz) McCracken*



Brenda McCracken - August 26, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sharleen Ann Hansen.*



August 26, 2019 at 09:47 AM