



Sharon Rae Johnson

June 9, 1940 - January 2, 2024

Sharon was born on June 9, 1940 in Minneapolis, MN to Roy Russell VanDevener and Tilda Julianne VanDevener (Senum). Her youngest sibling , Wayne, died as an infant. Her younger brother, Gordon, passed away in August 2023.

Sharon grew up on Hayes Street in Northeast Mpls and stayed lifelong friends with many of her classmates from elementary and high school. She graduated from Edison High School in 1958 and attended Gustavus Adolphus College earning a teaching degree. She later received her master's degree in teaching from the University of Minnesota. She was a gifted church organist, playing for services at Christ the King church during the early '60s and also for Redeemer Lutheran Church during the 70's and 80's.

She married her husband, Bud, in 1967 after meeting at a church gathering through mutual friends. Daughter Kari was born in 1969, followed by sons Paul in 1970 and Sten in 1977.

After retiring, Sharon and Bud spent much time traveling the world, with numerous trips to Europe as well as China, Australia, and several South American countries. They spent much time at their residence on South Padre Island, Texas, a haven from the cold Minnesota winters.

Sharon was an excellent cook, seamstress, and musician, although during her last 4 years, she began a slow mental decline due to dementia. She could no longer enjoy many of her past activities, and Bud cared for her at their original home during her later years. Although her condition robbed her of many

recent memories, she could still reminisce about older events with clarity. Sharon will be deeply missed by her many friends and family, but she will not be forgotten.

An 11:00 AM Memorial Service will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1900 7th st. NW, New Brighton on Jan. 17, 2024. Visitation 1 hour before at Church. Private Burial at a later date.

Washburn - McReavy Hillside Chapel
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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Lutheran Church
1900 7th Street Northwest
New Brighton, MN 55112

Church Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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