



Sharon Jean Forrest

October 18, 1940 - April 10, 2024

Sharon Jean Forrest, age 83, died on April 10, 2024, at Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, surrounded by her dedicated children. A Brimley resident, she was born on October 18, 1940, in Sault Ste. Marie, to her loving parents, Harold and Annie (Greer) Lawson.

Sharon was raised in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Sault High School in 1958 before attending beauty school. After earning her license, she went on to cut and style hair until meeting her husband, Don. They married on January 13, 1962, and started a family in the Sault before moving to Flint, Michigan, where Don would work in the automotive industry. While Don worked hard in manufacturing, Sharon diligently cared for their four children – Michele, Carla, Renea, and Corey while serving her Flint community through volunteerism at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and many other organizations.

After the children had grown, Sharon and Don retired and moved back to Brimley. The hard-working couple lived in a camper while building their dream home from the ground up. Retirement provided more time for Sharon to serve the Lord by using her gifts of hospitality, service, organization, and administration. Sharon became an invaluable member of her community by constantly loving and serving others. Sharon will always be remembered as a true servant of her Lord and Savior. A dedicated member at St. Francis Brimley parish, she served many roles, volunteered at Hospice of the Eastern

Upper Peninsula, Brimley Historical Society, Bayliss Public Library, Friends of Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery and, of course, championed the St. Francis pastie sales.

When she wasn't organizing activities for the community, Sharon could be found working in her garden, attending plays at the local theatre, and grabbing lunch with her many friends. With children in Detroit and Tennessee, Sharon saw lots of new sights in her retirement, including a memorable trip to Alaska, hanging out with family in South Carolina, and relaxing on Florida beaches. Travelling to visit her grandchildren (Anna & Forrest) in South Carolina, then Tennessee was always a highlight.

Sharon is survived by her daughters, Michele Forrest of Metro Detroit, Michigan, Carla (Coty) McFarland of Tennessee, Renea Forrest of Metro Detroit, Michigan; son, Corey Forrest of Metro Detroit; brother, Ronald Lawson; brother-in-law, Gary (Pat) Forrest; sisters-in-law, Sandra Lawson, Marcia Lawson, Mary Dickinson, Nancy (Phil) Parks, and Irene Forrest; grandchildren, Anna (Grayson) Bridges and Forrest McFarland and many nieces and nephews.

Sharon is preceded in death by husband, Donald Forrest; parents, Harold and Annie Lawson, Lyle and Dorothy Forrest; brothers, Vernon Lawson and John Lawson; sister, Betty (Ray) Aldrich; sister-in-law, Bonita Lawson; brother-in-law, Robert Dickinson.

Visitation will be at 11:00 AM at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 6769 South Bay Street, Brimley, Michigan 49715. The Rosary will be at 11:30 AM, Funeral Mass at 12:00 PM, with luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and/or Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie,

Michigan 49783.

Final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

As submitted by family

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 South M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Rosary Service

APR 15. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
6769 M-221
Brimley, MI 49715

Mass

APR 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church
6769 M-221
Brimley, MI 49715
(906) 248-3443

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Condolences to the family, wish I had found Sharon on here earlier, Great fun days at Ceramic Class... RIP Barbara Boyling Soo Canada 🌹*

barbara boyling - September 29, 2024 at 07:23 PM

PR

“ *4 files added to the album Sharon Jean Forrest*



Pauline Rice - April 14, 2024 at 04:38 AM

PR

Sharon Forrest was a dear friend for many years and a great volunteer for two organizations that I also belonged. She was on the board of the Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery (FPCH) for many years since it began in 2003, and more recently took the place of Phyllis Taylor who ran the 4th of July Bake Sale for the Bay Mills-Brimley Historical Research Society as shown in one photo. She so enjoyed baking and delighted us at board meetings with something sweet and delicious. She then filled a void and became a Trustee on the board of the HS. She is also pictured in the HS Brimley Depot Gift Shop in 2022 where she volunteered. In the four photos I posted here, one is of her at the hatchery with me, Pauline Rice and the FPCH President George Goetz, and the former Mgr. of the hatchery, Curt Friez. She is also in a photo with Mary Jane Bernier at the Chippewa County Fair in 2018 working a booth for FPCH. Sharon was at every FPCH Annual Youth Fishing Event for the past 13 years helping to get kids registered and helping with the free hot dog lunch or selling merchandise. She loved her church and volunteered to decorate it with flowers weekly and also helped to make and sell pasties as their fundraiser. I am reminded of the fact that she helped a friend who had Alzheimer's to remain in her home as long as she could by getting her groceries and spending time with her. She was an amazing woman with deep faith and love for her family and many friends. I am glad I got to visit with her in Hospice. We will truly miss her! I will never forget her philosophy about life, and I quote, "It is what it is!" She accepted a lifetime of battling cancer with grace. She is no longer in pain and is united with Christ. God Bless her and her family.

Pauline Rice - April 14, 2024 at 05:15 AM

PR

Two floral arrangements will be at the church from the Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery and from the Bay Mills-Brimlely Historical Research Society.

Pauline Rice - April 14, 2024 at 05:19 AM

BB

Condolences to the family.

barbara boyling - September 29, 2024 at 07:24 PM

RR

“ Rena ,Angela and Regina purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Sharon Jean Forrest.



Rena ,Angela and Regina - April 12, 2024 at 12:52 PM

RR

“ Rena ,Angela and Regina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Jean Forrest.

Rena ,Angela and Regina - April 12, 2024 at 12:52 PM

JH

“ To the family of Sharon, I send my deepest sympathy in your loss. I know Sharon from the WMH Auxiliary. She enjoyed our gatherings and her help was much appreciated. Blessings to all.



joyce henderson - April 12, 2024 at 08:45 AM

KM

“ Carla, we are so sorry to hear about your mom. You, Cody and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Rodney and Kathy



Kathy McFarland - April 11, 2024 at 11:02 PM

SR

“ Sharon lived a house away while we raised our children. Corey was very close to my children and a very good friend. Many prayers to all of the family st this dificult time. May God Bless them all.

Suzanne Booker Rockwell - April 11, 2024 at 06:54 PM

YS

“ Your friends at BHT and SSPC purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sharon Jean Forrest.



Your friends at BHT and SSPC - April 11, 2024 at 02:53 PM

CS

“ Michelle, Carla, Renea, and Corey, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. I have so many great memories of her growing up on Huron St. Hold on to all the great memories you have of her. Sending love, hugs and prayers to all of you ❤️🙏

Carol Sedlar-Malburg - April 11, 2024 at 01:41 PM

SR

Amen

Suzanne Booker Rockwell - April 11, 2024 at 06:55 PM

PF

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Sharon Forrest. She was more than just a sister in-law to me and was my very dear close friend of many years. She will be missed by so many. Your work here on earth is done Sharon. Now Rest With God until we see you again.

❤️🙏❤️🙏 Pat & Gary Forrest

Pat & Gary Forrest - April 11, 2024 at 01:05 PM