



Sharon Lea Hopkins

October 23, 1940 - June 26, 2022

Sharon Lea Hopkins, age 81, of Rensselaer, IN, passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at her residence. Sharon was born in Rensselaer, IN on October 23, 1940, the daughter of Robert and Fern (Gaines) Wilcox.

Sharon graduated from Rensselaer High School with the Class of 1958. On June 22, 1958, in Rensselaer, IN she married the love of her life, James William Hopkins, and he preceded her in death on April 1, 2020.

Sharon worked as a bookkeeper at William O. Hopkins Trucking and briefly as a nurse's aide at the former Jasper County Hospital.

Sharon was a member of the First Christian Church in Rensselaer, IN. She was also a member of XI OTA XI Sorority. She delivered meals and managed the Meals on Wheels program for over 20 years and was a past Cub Scout Den Mother. Sharon enjoyed spending time with her family, playing cards and dominoes with the Phegley's and other friends. She also tried to experience life to its fullest by skydiving, parasailing, and having fun with her grandchildren. She was willing to help out wherever there was a need. Always with a smile. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Sharon is survived by her children, James (Holly) Hopkins of Rensselaer, IN, Laura (Troy) Roberts of Rensselaer, IN, and Michael (Kelli) Hopkins of

Skiatook, OK; grandchildren, Brienne (Craig) Hooker, Samantha (Josh) Pepple, William Hopkins, Emily Hopkins, Beth Hopkins, Geoffrey Hopkins, and Alexander Hopkins; great grandchildren, Lucy Pepple and Magdeline Hooker; sister-in-law, Jeri (Don) Fork of Kouts, IN.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, husband, James, parents-in-law, her son, Jeffery Hopkins and son-in-law, Troy Roberts.

The family wants to give a special thank you to Becki Morrill for being such a great help in the care of our mother for many years. You are truly part of the family.

The family has requested private services at this time. Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, 327 N. Van Rensselaer St., Rensselaer, IN 47978, Physiocare Hospice, 1440 Innovation Place, West Lafayette, IN 47906, and/or Meals on Wheels of NWI, 8446 Virginia St., Merrillville, IN 46410.

Tribute Wall

NL

“ CLASS OF 1958 send sympathy to the families of Sharon Wilcox Hopkins

Norma (Sugar) Liersch - June 29, 2022 at 01:09 PM

NL

“ Norma (Sugar) Liersch lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins



Norma (Sugar) Liersch - June 29, 2022 at 01:06 PM

ST

“ Sharon was a loving, supportive and great friend to all her family, community and her church. We will all cherish her special moments and loving care to us all. My sympathy and prayers go to all her family and friends. May God bless you all and give you comfort and peace as you travel this journey. In fond memory, Sandy Todd

Sandy Todd - June 29, 2022 at 10:45 AM

JB

Sending regrets to the family of Sharon, especially Laura who dedicated her life as her caregiver for several years. Sharon was a very caring Mother and contributed much in the life of her church.

judy beehler - July 04, 2022 at 01:26 PM

GK

“ George & Joan Kanne lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins



George & Joan Kanne - June 29, 2022 at 08:30 AM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins



Judy Burvan - June 29, 2022 at 08:12 AM

PM

“ Patricia Mattocks lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins



Patricia Mattocks - June 29, 2022 at 07:49 AM

JH

“ Janice HopkinsMalchow lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins



Janice HopkinsMalchow - June 28, 2022 at 09:56 PM

CH

“ Our summer family reunions were amazing. They were held at Frank and Cora Gaines home. The Buchanan's and the Gaines were different weekends with aunts and second cousins from Illinois and Indiana. Sharon was the oldest cousin and I was seven years younger from Frankfort Indiana. She was beautiful and so happy. Our reunions consisted of Aunt Jane's chicken and noodles and Cora's home made bread. Ice cream served with wooden spoons cooled the day. The stone front porch was a gathering place in the heat. Sharon brought Jim to the reunion one year. He took time to swing all of us cousin high into the trees. Their wedding was beautiful joining two wonderful people who brought love to all. That is what I remember. The picture tells it all.

Colleen Hufford - June 28, 2022 at 08:25 PM

DW

“ Don And Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins



Don and Gloria Waymouth - June 28, 2022 at 06:52 PM

LE

“ Lynda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins



Lynda Edwards - June 28, 2022 at 06:43 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Huseman lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins*



Nancy Huseman - June 28, 2022 at 05:52 PM

SU

“ *Susie lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins*



Susie - June 28, 2022 at 05:05 PM

DB

“ *David And Kim Berenda lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins*



David and Kim Berenda - June 28, 2022 at 04:59 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins*



Gloria Baier - June 28, 2022 at 04:06 PM

SG

“ *Steve, Diana Gaines lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lea Hopkins*



Steve, Diana Gaines - June 28, 2022 at 04:06 PM