



## Sharilyn Lee Beem

September 3, 1942 - November 27, 2021

### Brighton

Sharilyn Lee Beem, 79, died at 1:32 p.m. Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Alton Memorial Hospital with her family by her side. Born September 3, 1942 in St. Louis, MO, she was the daughter of the late Dwight W. and Mozelle O. (Bach) Cope. In her early years, Sharilyn worked at the family business, Cope Plastics, before staying home to raise her girls, all the while remaining a member of the Board of Directors. She married Donald F. Beem on December 23, 1961 in Alton. He survives. Also surviving are four daughters, Cynthia Smalley (David) of Godfrey, Roxanne Wittman (Michael) of Alton, Jane Saale (Steve) of Brighton, and Donna Rintoul (Dave) of Brighton, five grandchildren, Nicholas Wittman DC (Jenni), Hannah Combs (Jack), Haley, Taylor and Logan Jansen, four great grandchildren, Lily and Olive Wittman and Christian and Callie Combs, and her twin sister, Marilyn Kuhn (Andy) of Brighton. She is also survived by her step-grand children, David Smalley Jr., Austin Spitler, and Phillip Saale, and step great grandchildren, Cody Smalley, Abbi Smalley, Cameron Spitler, Dallin Spitler, Hatley Saale and Hayden Saale and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Alex Beem Wittman. Sharilyn was a member of Godfrey First United Methodist Church since 1958. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, Board of Trustees, and chair of the Memorial Committee. Active in the community, she was a longtime financial supporter of Lewis & Clark Community College and many other local organizations. She served in

the Godfrey Women's Club where she was the historian for many years and President from May 1978-December 1979 and then again in 1998. She won the Silver Spoon Award in 1983 and she was co-chairman of the Carousel 4 times. Sharilyn was a Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer survivor and a breast cancer survivor. She was a proud supporter of the Susan G. Komen Walk for Breast Cancer on Team Cope Plastics for many years. She was a supporter of the Southwest Illinois Division of United Way and Friends of Kids with Cancer. She was an avid Bridge player for 30 years and loved to play Euchre. She loved paper crafts and enjoyed getting together with all her special friends. Sharilyn supported everything her girls were involved in. She was an excellent cook and baker and seamstress. She baked and decorated all four of her girls' and grandchildren's wedding cakes. Sharilyn loved her family and was taken much too soon, however, we know that she is with our Lord and Savior without physical pain. Private graveside services will be held at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Reverend Don E. Long Jr. will officiate. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Godfrey First United Methodist Church or the Godfrey Women's Club. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Rose Lawn Memory Gardens**

Bethalto, IL 62010

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sharilyn Lee Beem*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Sharilyn Lee Beem*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.*



December 03, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *Sharilyn was a good friend and will be missed by all. Although I had met her only 3 years ago through Godfrey Woman's Club, I feel like we were friends longer. Our committee spent many hours working on our Christmas Crafts in her shop. Sharilyn was a fabulous and generous lady and will be missed tremendously. Thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.*

**Fran Scheurer** - December 03, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.



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December 02, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ We are so sorry for your tragic loss. Sharilyn will be missed by many, our hearts go out to the family.

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**Daron & Joan Verbais** - December 02, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to know Sharilyn and have the memories when she traveled with us to the Aloette Conventions.  
My heart goes out to the family.  
Sharon Manns

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**Sharon Manns** - December 01, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the family. She was a wonderful lady...an inspiration to all.

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**Nancy and David Elson** - December 01, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ Such wonderful childhood adventures spent with the Beem girls and all the D'Adrian kids! So saddened to hear of your mom's passing. Sending love, prayers and strength as you mourn her loss and celebrate her life. Sincerely, Marianne (Mermis) McDaniel

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**Marianne Mermis McDaniel** - December 01, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.



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December 01, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *We all loved this lady, and we are so sorry for your loss. Hugs to all of you. We know from experience it is rough. Just know we are thinking about you and have you in our prayers. You girls give Don a big hug!*

*Deanna Higgs, Tanya Knierim, Anita and Erin Higgs*

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**Deanna Higgs** - November 30, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.



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November 30, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.



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November 30, 2021 at 04:55 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. God Bless.

Larry and Judy Thompson - November 30, 2021 at 04:19 PM

TK

So sorry for your loss. I remember her as one of our girl scout leaders. She will be missed. Sending love and prayers.

Terri Koehm - November 30, 2021 at 08:01 PM

CL

“ C.J. Schlosser & Company, L.L.C. purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.



C.J. Schlosser & Company, L.L.C. - November 30, 2021 at 12:32 PM

HH

“ Henry and Teri Hellrung purchased the Mrs. Fields Thinking of You Combo Tin for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.



Henry and Teri Hellrung - November 30, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.



November 30, 2021 at 11:29 AM

GB

“ *Garrett Bertsch lit a candle in memory of Sharilyn Lee Beem*



Garrett Bertsch - November 30, 2021 at 11:12 AM

GB

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sharilyn was a very special person.*

Garrett Bertsch - November 30, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.*



November 30, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.*



November 30, 2021 at 08:48 AM

JT

“ *John & Carolyn Turner purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.*



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**John & Carolyn Turner** - November 30, 2021 at 08:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sharilyn Lee Beem.*



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November 30, 2021 at 05:56 AM

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“ *Sharilyn always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. A great supporter of our community even in times of difficult health problems. She will truly be missed. She was all about family church and community.*

*Sharon Roberts*

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**Sharon Roberts** - November 29, 2021 at 07:59 PM