



## Sharon Mardell Liley

March 5, 1945 - November 17, 2025

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Sharon Mardell Liley, 80, died at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2025 at Barnes Jewish Hospital. She was born March 5, 1945 in Alton, the daughter of the late Merle Claude and Mardell Lavon (Talbot) Ward. Sharon was a training coordinator with Walmart for many years and a member of Vaughn Hill Church of Christ in East Alton. She married Robert Smith, and he preceded her in death in 1978. On May 4, 1979 in Godfrey, she married Donald Everett Liley and he preceded her in death on October 26, 2024. Surviving are three daughters, Jennifer Beck (Brad) of Maui, Michelle Otis (Mike) of Alton, Cristie Scott (Greg) of Bowling Brook, IL, two sons, Matthew Smith (Sandra) of Godfrey and Scott Liley (Candy) of Brighton, fifteen grandchildren and one sister, Lynn Lenker (Jim). Besides her two husbands she was preceded in death by a grandson, Hunter Beck. A Memorial service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 2025 at Vaughn Hill Church of Christ in East Alton. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Vaughn Hill Church of Christ  
662 South Bellwood Drive  
East Alton, IL

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Brenda Burch lit a candle in memory of Sharon Mardell Liley*



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**brenda burch** - November 22, 2025 at 09:24 PM

GP

“ *My heart breaks for you Lynn and the rest of your family. We were all Blessed to have Sharon in our lives. She was a loving, caring and supporting dear friend from our early childhood days forward to the Facebook era. We will meet again on the other side my friend! May you Rest in Peace and watch over us.*

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**Georgia Peterie** - November 21, 2025 at 04:07 AM

FH

“ *The neighborhood will never be the same without our sweet friend Sharon. Many, many good memories of laughter and love. You are truly missed. May you rest in peace.*

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**Fran Hawkins** - November 19, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ I have been friends with Sharon since grade school in our younger years there were many times we were at each others homes and were close through High School but as time went on we stayed in touch in our many life changes but I will always remember playing with her on the playground at the Drive In theater before the movie. Spent many nights in her house as she did mine. My prayers are with her and her family and know she is in heaven looking over us all.

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**Sue Jansen** - November 19, 2025 at 10:19 AM

PH

I remembered when we both moved in the neighborhood back in 1970.55 years across the street from each other threw good times and bad. Unfortunately this is not a good one!! You will be missed !! I will miss you for sure,and not seeing your kids come and go.Rest in peace.

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**Paul A Hawkins** - November 20, 2025 at 08:39 PM