



Sharon Kay Wood

March 10, 1947 - January 26, 2026

Dateline: Alton

Sharon Kay Wood, 78, died at 11:18 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2026, at OSF St. Anthony's Healthcare Center in Alton, with her daughters by her side.

Born March 10, 1947, in Alton, she was the daughter of Herbert and Venita (Fulks) Wilson.

Sharon retired in 2012 as an operating room nurse at Christian Hospital Northeast after more than 40 years of service. She was confident and skilled in her work and was the family's trusted nurse and advocate.

On September 27, 1973, she married Dennis Ashby Wood at Cherry Street Baptist Church in Alton. They shared nearly 50 years of marriage before his death on June 19, 2023.

Sharon had a sharp wit and strong will. She loved her family fiercely and was affectionately known by her granddaughters as "Magic MiMi," a nickname earned through her gentle, seemingly magical ability to remove splinters. She adored her granddaughters and delighted in sewing and embroidering clothing for them, creating handmade keepsakes that will be treasured.

She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Brighton, where she played the piano and organ for many years until her hands no longer allowed her to continue. She remained active in the church, serving in any way she could and faithfully coordinating the church prayer chain until recent medical issues prevented her from continuing.

Surviving are two daughters, Emily Hayes (Matt) of Brighton and Anne

Berghoff (Ryan) of Edwardsville; four grandchildren, Leah Smith (Gage) of Terre Haute, Indiana, Ashlyn Hayes of Brighton, Meredith Hayes of Brighton, and Grace Berghoff of Edwardsville; one great-granddaughter, Alice Smith; and a sister, Wendie Lloyd of Alton.

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Judy Roszak.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at First Baptist Church in Brighton. Pastor Don Letson will officiate. The Nurses Honor Guard will perform a ceremony at 11:30 a.m., during which time the church doors will be locked. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Brighton. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM.

First Baptist Church
Brighton, IL

Funeral

FEB 3. 11:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Brighton
304 N Maple St
Brighton, IL 62012
(618) 372-3201

Tribute Wall

CY

“ Emily & Anne, Sorry to hear about your Mom passing, we've been neighbors since late 80's, I wanted to show, but been dealing with having radiation, today was my last treatment I completed, Hoping and praying for you two, and your families, for peace and comfort in the coming days. Love you, Christine & Billy Yenne

Christine Yenne - February 03 at 08:16 PM

PM

“ Your mom was one of my bride's maids in 1965 when I married. We grew up together at Sanford Ave. Baptist church. Several years ago, my husband and I visited your parents. You girls came over and we got to meet you and your husbands and children, too. We had a wonderful day. Your Dad and my husband, Al, really hit it off. I brought my adopted grandkids with me. You let my son drive the golf cart all over the yard. My kids threw a stinkin' fit when we had to leave. I am so glad your parents both belonged to Jesus. I'm sure your dad and my husband have reconnected in the eternal city. I look forward to seeing your mom again and to our eternal fellowship together. I will be praying for you and your children. I know it will be hard for you to miss your precious mom. from Pat (Hughey) Mora

Patricia (Pat) Mora - January 31 at 11:14 AM

DL

What a sweet gal she was. Nothing but good memories of Sharon , your mom & dad & family. God blessed those SABC days in so many ways....& Still is. Blessings & peace from God our father. Doris loved you all.

Don Luckert

Don luckert - January 31 at 02:34 PM

SW

“ Your mother and I met when we started at AHS in that we had the same name with only our middle name to separate us. Everything we signed had to have our middle initial K or M. You dad once commented and wondered why she always insisted on using the K. She even got Dennis to come to one of our class reunion luncheons so we could meet each other. I always tried to meet up with your mom for lunch when I came back to Alton. She loved you girls and was so proud of her wonderful family. I will dearly miss my other half of Sharon Wilson. Sharon M Wilson Witty

sharon m wilson witty - January 31 at 09:03 AM