



## Sharon S. Rocchio

November 11, 1949 - July 16, 2019

Sharon S. Rocchio, 69, passed away July 16, 2019. She was born November 11, 1949 in Kokomo, Indiana to the late Charles and Dorothy Stahl. Sharon received her Bachelor's Degree in journalism from Indiana University in 1971 and worked for 32 years at the Kokomo Tribune and the Times of Northwest Indiana in Valparaiso. At the Kokomo Tribune she met Pasquale A. Rocchio and they were married June 14, 1975. She moved to Indianapolis to be near her grandchildren, whom she adored more than anything else. During her 16 years in Indianapolis she worked at Nordstrom and was a devoted member of Little Flower Catholic Church in her neighborhood. Among many other things, Sharon was a writer, philosopher, traveler, gardener, volunteer, teacher, and even pilot. She was well read, opinionated, and always open to a lively discussion over a glass of wine. Her family dearly hopes there aren't any typos in this obituary.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 E. 13th St.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Pasquale A. Rocchio; children, Francesco (Courtney) Rocchio, Anna (David) Tait, Michael Rocchio, Nicholas (Maggie) Rocchio; sisters, Charlaine Schmidt and Jill Ellis; and eight grandchildren. Two grandchildren preceded her in death. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.



# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Little Flower Catholic Church  
Indianapolis, IN 46201

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Indianapolis, IN 46201

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ It still doesn't seem real that Sharon has passed on to the glories of Heaven. She was part of our Howard Elementary School "gang" and a dear friend throughout high school. Although we rarely saw one another, we still kept in touch as adults, and I loved her post-Christmas newsletters about her wonderful family. It was good to see Charlaine this morning at the visitation. Sharon was so special, and my heart breaks for the sadness and loss her family now is feeling. My love and prayers go out to Pat, her children and grandchildren, her sisters, and her other extended family members. Memories of school days with Sharon continue to come to mind. It was special seeing her last September at our 50th reunion.

Carolyn Van Sickle  
Northwestern H.S. classmate

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Carolyn Van Sickle - July 27, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



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July 26, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



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July 26, 2019 at 09:00 AM

RS

“ Sharon always had a kind word. She had the best and warmest smile. Sorry for your deep loss.

Ronald E. Sharp - July 25, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



July 24, 2019 at 11:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



July 24, 2019 at 05:59 PM

FO

“ Having worked with Sharon and Pat at the Kokomo Evening Tribune, I was one of the privileged outsiders looking in on there courtship--pleasing, loving, secretive, heart-filling, joyful, wonderful. Those are memories that make an old man feel his youth again. Peace, Sharon; Blessings, Pat. A lasting friend, Fred Odiet

Fred C. Odiet - July 24, 2019 at 03:48 PM

TA

*“ We only spent brief moments in Sharon's company but in that short time knew what a light and joy she was. That light and joy will continue through her family. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Bob and Tish Abel*

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**Tish Abel** - July 24, 2019 at 09:00 AM



*“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.*



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July 23, 2019 at 10:24 PM

PD

*“ Met Sharon a few years back and have prepared her tax returns. Always enjoyed talking with her. She was very bright and yet very down to earth. I will miss her once a year visits. Our condolences to Pat and the whole family.*

*Pat Dearing*

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**Pat Dearing** - July 23, 2019 at 03:16 PM

MM

“ Pat, Frank, Anna, Michael, and Nick

*Peggy and I have fond memories of our short time in Kokomo with your family. Your home was always filled with joy and Sharon made sure all who visited felt like family.*

*Always the writer, Sharon's annual Christmas letters were always full of the many activities and accomplishments of her family.*

*Always conscious of deadlines, I also have adopted her practice of sending a Happy New Year greeting rather than rush during the busy Christmas season.*

*Roc, I'll always remember how Sharon didn't blink an eye when you mentioned that I'd be joining for dinner every Tuesday evening before we went to our woodworking class at IUK with "Sylvan Tom" The meals and conversation were always good, and I thank you for sharing that with me.*

*I also had a work relationship with Sharon who would usually walk over to my desk with an hour to go, with a story that had lots of red marks indicating questions. She made me a better editor, and I agree with your warning in the obituary, I hope my grammar and syntax is right; though she always gave me a pass on comma placement.*

*As we add candles to the birthday cake, it is important that we appreciate the many friendships that never seem to age, though we may be separated by the miles. I'm happy that I was able to see you and Sharon last summer in your Indy home spending time catching up on our lives.*

*Peggy and I are unable to be with you this weekend but know that you and your lovely family will be in our thoughts. We will be coming to Indy in the fall and will plan to stop by.*

*Love to you all and may the many memories you have help you at this challenging time. God Bless you*

*Michael and Peggy Mika*

*Wilmington, Delaware*



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**Michael J. Mika** - July 23, 2019 at 03:07 PM

TF

“ *The Clinger Family purchased the Pink Tribute S pray for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.*



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**The Clinger Family** - July 23, 2019 at 10:37 AM

KJ

“ *Pat and kids - I just heard the news about Sharon. I'm so very sorry, sending my heartfelt condolences. Sharon was such a neat lady, I have fond memories of paginating her sections and walking with her at Fairgrounds Park. The Vidette was a better place with her there.*  
*Kathy Joint*

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**Kathy Joint** - July 22, 2019 at 09:43 PM

SH

“ *"Her family dearly hopes there aren't any typos in this obituary."*

*Very nice touch.*

*We were so saddened to hear of Sharon's passing. Just a smart, sweet, kind person. Please accept our condolences.*

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**Sean & Tyann Hayden** - July 22, 2019 at 10:18 AM

MC

“ so sorry to hear this beautiful lady has passed...such a vibrant and wise and full of energy person...may you be surrounded with love and wonderful memories and know she made a wonderful mark on our world. In prayer...Joe and MaryAnn Claegens

MaryAnn Claegens - July 22, 2019 at 10:02 AM

JK

“ John,Rhonda and Diana Rocchio and Matt Krauss purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



John,Rhonda and Diana Rocchio and Matt Krauss - July 22, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



July 21, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



July 21, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.*



July 21, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.*



July 21, 2019 at 04:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.*



July 21, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ *Dear Sharon's family,  
I have many fond memories of Sharon from HS. She and I were good friends and I feel so fortunate to have spent time with her at our 50th last September.  
Peace, mercy and grace to all of you (her family) in this tragic loss,  
Mary Lynne (Lorenz) Lennon*



**Mary Lynne (Lorenz) Lennon** - July 21, 2019 at 01:23 PM

LP

*Sharon was a wonderful person. I first met her at Nordstrom Downtown when she was Manager of then Hosiery Dept. I was working in the upstairs in The Narrative Dept. She soon became Manager of That dept. She was a great leader and associate. So kind and full of joy.*

Lynn Pannicke - July 22, 2019 at 03:36 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



July 21, 2019 at 01:05 PM

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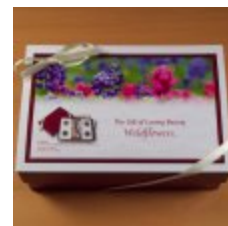
“ Northwestern High School Class of 1968 purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



Northwestern High School Class of 1968 - July 21, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



July 20, 2019 at 03:04 PM



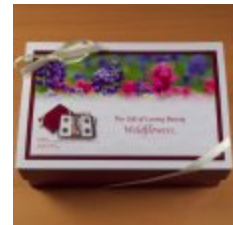
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July 20, 2019 at 02:56 PM



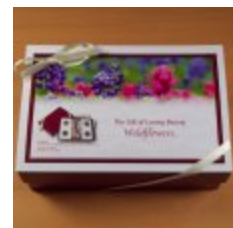
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July 20, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden* was purchased for the family of Sharon S. Rocchio.



July 20, 2019 at 02:50 PM