



## Sheryl Kay Shepherd

September 26, 1945 - December 3, 2024

Sheryl Kay Shepherd, 79, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, passed away December 3, 2024. She was born September 26, 1945 to the late Bob and Kay (Havens) Shepherd. Sheryl was a graduate of Arlington High School where she was Miss Junior Achievement. She received her bachelor's degree from Herron School of Art and her master's degree in education from Butler University. Sheryl began her career in teaching at IPS, and then as an elementary art teacher at Nora Elementary School for 42 years. She was an art teacher for the Indianapolis JCC and taught cultural arts for the Summer Program at Pike Township. Sheryl was a longtime member of Christ Church Cathedral. She was a member of O.E.S Englewood Chapter #783 where she was a past Worthy Matron, and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Kappa Gamma, and Alpha Delta Kappa Philanthropic Sororities. In 1990, Sheryl was awarded teacher of the year and was a volunteer for the Assistance League of Indianapolis.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 11, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Sheryl is survived by her loving husband of 37 years, Larry R. Elstro; and daughters, Bettina M. Elstro (Ricardo Chaides) and Candace K. Shepherd (Rob Carlsen).

Memorial contributions may be made to the Assistance League of

Indianapolis, 1475 W. 86th Street, Suite E, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Sheryl made a huge difference in the lives of a countless number of her students, her fellow teachers, her friends, and family. To know Sheryl was to love her. I will always remember her kindness and sweet spirit.*



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**Buddy Bernhardt** - December 13, 2024 at 08:23 AM

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“ *I had the great pleasure of teaching with Sheryl at Nora Elementary and she became one of my best friends. Sheryl was very nice, caring, and kind hearted. She showed the love and joy of Jesus daily. She was always helping others and volunteering to do things for Nora Elementary, for others, for me, for the special areas teacher's team. She definitely treated others with loving kindness. Ann and I loved getting together with Larry and Sheryl. We have so many wonderful memories of Sheryl. May God give Larry and their family comfort and peace. With our deepest sympathy and condolences, Ann and Buddy Bernhardt*

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**Buddy Bernhardt** - December 13, 2024 at 08:14 AM

GT

“ As a new teacher at Nora in 2000, Sheryl took me under her wing. She taught me her love and compassion for kids and people. She got me involved in the Teachers In Touch prayer group on Wednesday mornings. Then she got John and I involved in the couples Euchre group where we have so many fond memories. These past few years we have enjoyed our Mexican meals together. She will be in my heart forever!

Gay Talbert - December 11, 2024 at 10:29 AM

GT

“ My girls always remember that Sheryl would always have a gift for them whenever they would come to visit or They had a birthday. She genuinely cared about our family. She is already missed ☐

Gay Talbert - December 11, 2024 at 10:23 AM

PF

“ Paul Elstro and Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Sheryl Kay Shepherd.



Paul Elstro and Family - December 09, 2024 at 09:30 PM

PW

“ Sheryl was a charter member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Alpha Upsilon chapter (March 12, 1973) and even served twice as chapter president (1984-1986 and with Judy Fraps in 2004-2006). They're pictured here at 50-year celebration of the charter, along with charter member Jean Umemura and chapter president Claudia Nole.



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**Peggy Wild** - December 08, 2024 at 01:04 PM

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Thanks for sharing ❤️

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**Candi Shepherd** - December 08, 2024 at 04:22 PM