



Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore

October 22, 1951 - August 5, 2025

Mrs. Sharon Cortez Kilgore, 73, of Peoria, IL, passed away peacefully at 2:11 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at Grand View Alzheimer's Special Care Center, surrounded by her loving family.

Sharon was born on October 22, 1951, in Peoria, IL, to Charles and Erma (Moore) Davis. She married the love of her life, Allen Kilgore, on September 2, 1972, in Peoria. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and faith, raising two sons, Aaron and Evan.

A 1970 graduate of Richwoods High School, Sharon attended Illinois Central College, earning her certificate as an operating room technician. Inspired by her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse, she returned to Illinois Central College School of Nursing to earn her Licensed Practical Nurse degree and later her Registered Nurse degree in 1990. Sharon's career took her to Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL, where she served as a member of the open-heart surgery team for 20 years - before retiring in 2011.

Sharon was a devoted member of Bethel United Methodist Church for over 50 years. She served faithfully as a youth leader, choir member, communion steward, president of the United Methodist Women Ministry, and a committed participant in Bethel's Outreach Ministries. Her service reflected her deep love for God and for others.

Family was Sharon's greatest joy. She was a loving wife and proud mother, always present to guide and encourage her sons. Known for her beautiful and infectious smile, Sharon had a gift for making people feel welcome - she truly never met a stranger. She especially loved the Christmas season, turning it into a full-day celebration complete with carols, a beautifully decorated tree, and freshly baked cookies.

Sharon leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband of 53 years, Allen Kilgore of Peoria, IL; two sons, Aaron (Amanda) Kilgore of Peoria, IL, and Evan (Christina) Kilgore of Round Lake, IL; two sisters, Michele Davis and Lisa Davis, both of Peoria, IL; two grandchildren, Alex Kilgore and Joshua Kilgore; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends who loved her deeply. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Robert Davis.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Bethel United Methodist Church, with visitation beginning at 9 a.m. Pastor Tyson Parks III will officiate. Sharon will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St
Peoria, IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church
210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.
Peoria, IL 61605

http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us&ion=welcome

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore*



Simons Mortuary - August 14, 2025 at 04:48 PM

DG

“ *Denise Green lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kilgore*



Denise Green - August 20, 2025 at 10:27 PM

RS

“ *I was Sharon's Pastor for a little over 2 years. She was a wonderful and a very supportive member to me. An infectious smile that made a person at ease. Allen, you and family have my deepest condolences and I pray God will bless each of you with God's love, Grace and Mercy. Hold onto those wonderful memories and one day those tears will turn into joy.*
Rev. Flo Scott.

Rev. Flo Scott - August 18, 2025 at 03:17 PM

KC

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Kathy Collins - August 16, 2025 at 12:57 AM

FS

“ From Margaret and Elnora Smith purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore.



From Margaret and Elnora Smith - August 15, 2025 at 10:34 AM

LF

“ Love, Christene Riddle and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore.



Love, Christene Riddle and Family - August 15, 2025 at 06:44 AM

YP

“ Your Cousin, Charles and Pat Pickens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore.



Your Cousin, Charles and Pat Pickens - August 14, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore.*



August 14, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ *J. Hightower & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore.*



J. Hightower & Family - August 13, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ *Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kilgore*



Theresa Walker - August 13, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ *Willie and Michaela Williams lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kilgore*



Willie and Michaela Williams - August 12, 2025 at 09:11 PM

AF

“ Aunt Kela & Aunt Lur & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore.



Aunt Kela & Aunt Lur & Family - August 12, 2025 at 07:47 PM

VK

“ Allen & Family - I am so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy and prayers. I don't need to tell you what a special person she was. I always enjoyed our inspirational email exchanges. They kept me uplifted. May God Quiet you with His peace, Comfort you with His presence, and Bless you with His Love! Sharon will be forever missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her.



Vickie King - August 12, 2025 at 03:37 PM

CS

“ Celise Shockley sent a virtual gift in memory of Sharon Kilgore



Celise Shockley - August 11, 2025 at 08:09 PM

MH

“ *A Beautiful Lady*



Marcia J Hinton - August 11, 2025 at 01:24 AM

DT

“ *Celebrating Life My Cousin Sharon, So Sweet her Smile would light up a Room. Every time We would run into each other it was indeed a family reunion in talking about her dad my Sweet Uncle Charles and his sister my loving mother Aunt Eloise and how close they were. Thank you for the love Sharon, and our wonderful talks about our LORD. You will be forever remembered in our Hearts.*

Denaria Thorn-Ward - August 10, 2025 at 09:39 PM

DJ

“ *My sincere prayers and condolences sent to Al and family. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*

Deborah Johnson - August 09, 2025 at 05:00 PM

IB

“ *IGRC Caucus of BMCR purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore.*



IGRC Caucus of BMCR - August 09, 2025 at 10:21 AM

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“ *Diane Pettway and Marthea Sherrer (Gibby purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore.*



Diane Pettway and Marthea Sherrer (Gibby - August 08, 2025
at 05:36 PM

RR

“ *Rene' & Eddy Ruth purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Sharon C. Kilgore.*



Rene' & Eddy Ruth - August 08, 2025 at 01:47 PM

OM

“ *Onnie Macon lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kilgore*



Onnie Macon - August 08, 2025 at 01:03 PM

RH

“ *Sending Prayers, Condolences, and love to the Kilgore family 🙏*

Kendall Sr & Rachel Hearn



Rachel Hearn - August 08, 2025 at 09:44 AM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kilgore*



Brenda D Cayson - August 07, 2025 at 10:13 AM

DP

“ *My deepest condolences to my family!*

Darryl Pegues - August 07, 2025 at 04:41 AM