



Sharon Anne Farris

February 2, 1944 - June 28, 2025

The following service arrangements for Sharon Farris are being shared at the request of Meyer Funeral Home, Dieterich, Illinois, and in memory of our friend, Sharon, as a courtesy to her family.

Sharon Anne (Jones) Martin Farris, age 81 years, a resident of Dieterich, Illinois and a former resident of Salem, Illinois and Vienna, Illinois, passed away Saturday afternoon, June 28, 2025, at 3:05 P.M. at her home.

Sharon was born on February 2, 1944, in Louisville, Kentucky, the daughter of Virgil M. and Ruth (Martin) Jones. She was raised with her two sisters Nancy and Carolyn in rural Wheeler, Illinois, on a grain and turkey farm. She graduated from Newton Community High School in 1962, then went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees in education at Eastern Illinois University.

In 1962, Sharon married James E. Martin, her high school sweetheart. Together Jim and Sharon had two children: Chad and Suzi. Sharon and Jim were married until the untimely death of Jim on August 30, 1968. She later married Mark Carney in 1979, and together they had a son, Joshua D. Carney.

In 1975, Sharon and family moved to Salem, Illinois, where she taught middle school math at Franklin Park until retirement in 2002. After retirement, she married Joe Farris of Vienna, Illinois, and he preceded her in death on August 27, 2015.

Sharon lived a life of faith, devoted to Christ. For many years, she played the organ and piano at church. Most recently, she was a member at the First Baptist Church of Newton, IL where she enjoyed attending Sunday School and Bible Study. She loved to spend time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren- attending all their extracurricular activities. Sharon was an avid Cardinals fan and loved to bowl. She volunteered preparing taxes, served as treasurer at a Christian thrift store, and served as City Clerk of Newton.

Remaining to cherish Sharon's memory are her children Chad A. (Julie) Martin of rural Wheeler, Illinois; Suzi (Ron) Cook of Lincolnton, North Carolina; and Joshua D. (Sara) Carney of Rochelle, Illinois; Step Children Russ (Kirsten) Farris, Sara Farris, and Todd (Sarah) Farris, Step Daughter-in-law Dawn Farris; Grandchildren Jaime (Jesse) Newkirk, Megan Martin (Justin Tabrizi) , Sean (Jamie) Martin, Shannon (Joel) Mann-Alvarenga, Chris (Eva) Rykrsmith, Hunter Carney, Tanner Farris, Luke Farris, Sydney Farris, Kendall Farris, Cora Farris and Grace Farris; great-grandchildren Cameron Newkirk, Mason Newkirk, Mia Martin, Leo Martin, Isabella Mann, Joseph Alvarenga, Lukas Alvarenga, Kaleb Alvarenga, Selah Alvarenga, Roman Rykrsmith, Gwen Rykrsmith and one on the way. Brothers-in-law Jim Stroud and Tom (Bobette) Martin and Sister-in-law Judy (John) Menke.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, husbands James Martin and Joe Farris, stepson Matt Farris, grandchildren Jason Mann, Joey Alfonso, sisters Nancy Stroud and Carolyn (Gerald) Dobbins.

A service celebrating Sharon's life will be held Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 11 A.M. at the First Baptist Church, 400 West Washington Street, Newton, Illinois. Pastor Anthony Harris will officiate.

Burial will be in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Newton.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 5 P.M. until 7 P.M.

Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at the church.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Meyer Funeral Home in Dieterich, Illinois.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

807 East Jourdan Street
Newton, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
400 West Washington Street
Newton, IL

Celebration of Life

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Newton
400 West Washington Street
Newton, IL

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Bob and Kim Collins*



Bob and Kim Collins - June 30, 2025 at 02:17 PM

LM

“ *Lynn McMahan sent a virtual gift in memory of Sharon Anne Farris*



Lynn McMahan - June 30, 2025 at 11:21 AM

LM

She was a very special friend. So many good memories.

Lynn McMahan - June 30, 2025 at 11:25 AM

JH

“ *Janet& Gary Hacker lit a candle in memory of Sharon Anne Farris*



Janet& Gary Hacker - June 30, 2025 at 07:51 AM

JM

“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Sharon Anne Farris



Jeannie McCall - June 30, 2025 at 07:08 AM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Sharon Anne Farris



Margaret Mathis - June 29, 2025 at 10:56 PM

LK

“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Sharon Anne Farris



Linda Koehler - June 29, 2025 at 03:30 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Sharon Anne Farris



Barbara Jeffress - June 29, 2025 at 02:08 PM