



Sharon D. Ray

September 1, 1942 - December 6, 2021

Mineral Point - Sharon D Ray, age 79, entered eternal rest and was reunited with the love of her life, David, on Monday, December 6, 2021.

Sharon was born to Howard and Avis (Evans) Douglas on September 1, 1942. She attended Mineral Point High School where she met David and then married on New Year's Eve, 1960, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Darlington, WI. In 2009, she retired from SWCAP where she managed the food pantry. This helping-hand gave her joy and a sense of pride to serve the area counties.

Sharon was well-known for her lack of patience, not holding back her opinion and a knack for 'telling it like it is'. She always told you the truth, even if it wasn't what you wanted to hear. With that said, she was genuine at a fault. Due to her competitive nature (which has trickled down to her children), Sharon was a great contender. She was no stranger to the mound as one of the finest softball pitchers, she loved gliding a ball across the wooden planks of a bowling alley and she wouldn't dare miss a tee-time for the opportunity of a hole-in-one. She wasn't your average soft-spoken grandma. She was the fun, quick-witted grandma who teased, poked and made you earn your bragging rights in a game of Go Fish. What's not to love about a woman who loved her children and grandchildren... almost as much as she loved the Brewers, Packers and a fist-pounding game of Euchre?

Sharon is survived by her children Sherry Ray, Duane Ray (Pam) and Rina Salverson; her daughter-in-law, Brenda Ray; 12 grandchildren, Ben, Nikki, Mike and Katy Ray, Chris Graber and Cory Bennett, David Greene, Morgyn Ray, Melissa Kowalksi and Bryant Ray, Logan and Alex Salverson; and her 15 great-grandchildren. Sharon is also survived by her siblings Arlen and Debra; sister-in-law, Alvina and brothers-in-law John, Billy and Clyde.

Sharon was preceded in death by her beloved husband, David, who undoubtedly greeted her with open arms, an infectious smile and an ice-cold Pepsi; children, Dennis, Robin and Carolyn; granddaughter, Mandy; parents, 'Bud' and Avis; and her siblings, Barb and Bruce.

Friends and family may visit from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at GORGEN FUNERAL HOME. A private memorial service will be held for the family at 12:30 p.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Mineral Point.

We, Sharon's children, would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mom's 'mini-me' (her granddaughter), Cory Bennett. Because of you, Cory, and your tireless dedication, love and compassion for Mom, we knew she was in good hands up until her final breath. You are proof that angels do walk among us.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

700 Dodge Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen Funeral Home
310 Ridge Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565
(608) 987-3421
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Tribute Wall



“ Sharon D. Ray

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ Mom, I miss you so much. I hope you are having a good time with dad, grandma and grandpa Douglas, Denny Barb, and Bruce. You are truly missed and loved. I wish I could bring you all back. 😭

Sherry Ray - February 08, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ William and Dardanella McKenna purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharon D. Ray.



William and Dardanella McKenna - December 10, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ I worked with Sharon for many years before her retirement from SWCAP—she was an original—you always knew what she was thinking and feeling and I loved her honest grit—and I learned a few lessons in witness to her concern for and dedication to meeting the needs of those we served. May she Rest In Peace. My heartfelt condolences to the family. God bless.

Lori Olson Pink - December 09, 2021 at 09:38 AM

SR

Thanks so much for your words. I remember mom talking about you and her working together. I know she liked and respected you and your work you did.

Sherry Ray - December 10, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sharon D. Ray.*



December 09, 2021 at 04:50 AM

Rina
Ray
Salverson

“ *2 files added to the album Reunited*



Rina Ray Salverson - December 08, 2021 at 04:42 PM

CG

“ *Cousin Gail purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Sharon D. Ray.*



Cousin Gail - December 07, 2021 at 11:51 PM