



Sharon Fennell

January 4, 1949 - February 11, 2026

Sharon Jean (Weaver) Fennell, 77, of Bourbonnais, Illinois, passed away on February 11, 2026. She was born on January 4, 1949, in Fairbury, Illinois, to Norma Jean Coyle and Joseph Edward Weaver. She was a graduate of Kankakee Eastridge High School.

In her youth she was an accomplished artistic roller skater achieving recognition in the 1960 Nationals. Sharon raised her three children, Mark, Lynette, and Linda with her former husband, Frederick Fennell III, in Bourbonnais. In her early career she was an entrepreneur owning two businesses, Fennell Enterprise LLC, the first independent distributor of the Chicago Tribune in Kankakee County and a clothing store Classy Casuals LLC. She loved to dance, read, and travel. She lived in California, Idaho, Colorado, and Florida before moving back to Illinois to be near her daughter and grandson. She was a complex and fiercely independent woman, sharing kindness in

unexpected moments. She enjoyed time with her children's dogs and shopping.

We're grateful to her loving nephew and neighbor, James Wilkins, who cared for her

She is survived by her daughters, Lynette Mirrielees and Linda (Todd) Miller; her sisters,

Pam Wilkins and Jackie (Robert) Dean; her grandchildren, Noah Mirrielees, Shani

Miller, TJ Miller, Ben Miller, and Kody Miller; five great-grandchildren; and niece and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her son, Mark Fennell, brother-in-law Floyd Wilkins, and her parents.

We're grateful for her family, neighbors and the Hospice Team, Spencer, Melissa,

Sarah, and Nicole who attended to her with patience and tender care during her

prolonged illness. We're grateful to Missy, RN and Debbie (roommate) at Citadel, whose

light was a beacon during the last few weeks.

We know that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ lives. We also know because of Him we

will see our mother again.

The family requests donations be made to Vitas Foundation in Bradley, IL.

Tribute Wall

LP

“ *Linda Pearson lit a candle in memory of Sharon Fennell*



Linda Pearson - February 17 at 09:44 AM

LP

So sorry to hear of Sharon's passing. We went to school together and had kept in touch through Facebook, but sadly lost touch a few years ago. My condolences to her family, may your memories comfort you at this time.

Linda Pearson - February 17 at 09:48 AM

KG

“ *Kristy Grabow lit a candle in memory of Sharon Fennell*



Kristy Grabow - February 15 at 05:49 AM

MR

“ *Marilyn Roy lit a candle in memory of Sharon Fennell*



Marilyn Roy - February 14 at 01:08 PM

MR

“ *My deepest sympathy to Sharon's family. We went to grade school, Junior high and high School together and had remained friends over the years through Facebook but had lost contact over the last several years. I had been trying to find where she was since she moved from Florida to no avail. Thoughts and prayers to her loved ones at this difficult time*

Marilyn Roy - February 14 at 01:07 PM

MT

“ *Melody And Jim Trudeau lit a candle in memory of Sharon Fennell*



Melody and Jim Trudeau - February 14 at 10:22 AM

MT

Jim and I met Sharon years ago. She had such a sweet smile. She had an overwhelming good heart. She was kind, a joy to be around, and we remember her fondly.

Melody and Jim Trudeau - February 14 at 10:28 AM

MM

“ *MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Sharon Fennell*



MR MRS - February 14 at 09:08 AM

LY

“ Arrangements will be privately held with family. ❤️

Lynette - February 13 at 06:53 PM

JD

“ I worked for Sharon at the Tribune and Classy Casual till I was hired at Smith Oil Company 38 years ago. Our family's did a lot together. It was a blast at the Fennell house or boating camping did alot together RIP Sharon love your baby sister Jackie and family.

Jackie Dean - February 13 at 06:24 PM

LY



Lynette - February 13 at 06:50 PM

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Lynette - February 13 at 06:51 PM