



## Sharon K. Thiesen

November 8, 1962 - December 2, 2021

On December 2, 2021 Sharon Thiesen decided it was time to head home early, put on her sloungie clothes (her pajamas), and relax with her granddaughter, Taylor; father, Dave; her dogs, BooBoo, Shane Dogoo, Penny, Gracie, Maggie, granddog, Chorizo; and her kitty, Herbie. She had about 100 alternate names for each pet, but we only have so many words available in the paper, so we will spare you. If you would like to hear all of them, you can come ask her kids during Sharon's celebration of life at Clancy-Gernon in Bourbonnais on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Visitation will be from 4pm-7pm. Her Celebration of Life service will immediately follow. Sharon loved color so please don't wear black!

Sharon passed at age 59 after a hell of a fight with metastatic breast cancer. In typical Sharon fashion she took a process that normally takes years and got it done in 8 months – she was always an overachiever.

Sharon was born in Wiesbaden, Germany, but don't let it fool you. While she enjoyed a good pretzel, Sharon was American by nature and Parisian at heart—she always meant to relearn French. She was one of a gaggle of kids who grew up in St. Marys, Ohio where she spent her childhood learning the words to every television theme song of the 1970s and devising ways to stay safe from vampires. Sharon had the heart of a wanderer in her youth and spent many years in Yellowstone. She even once got caught skinny dipping in

a hot spring, but maybe that's a story for another time. After a brief and allergy ridden stop in Louisiana, Sharon made her permanent home in Bourbonnais.

Sharon was always the smartest person in the room and spent a life chasing new ways to challenge her mind and help her community. She was a Ravenclaw, after all. She spent 8 years on the St. George School Board, who knew how to throw one heck of a party back in the day. She was the best office lady you could ask for at St. Paul's Lutheran School, where her then pre-school aged son would nap under her desk. She went on to get her Masters from Southern New Hampshire University – summa cum laude, naturally.

Most importantly, Sharon was the world's best mother. No, seriously. Everyone else can compete for second place because Sharon has the title. She handmade Halloween costumes, made the best birthday cakes, waited up until her teenagers rolled in the house at 2am, and spoiled her grandchildren in only ways that the best grandmas can. She gave us blessings innumerable, including the gift of creativity which her daughter is using now to write this tribute. Look at me now, mom, my writing is in the paper!

Survived by Mother, Barbara; Sisters: Terry, Dianna, Sue, and Kim; Brothers: Jim, Travis, and Jason; Husband, Brian; Daughters: Amber, Caitlin, and Jessica; Son, Nickolaus; The cat who lived, Harry Potter; and a bunch of squirrels. Well, guys, at least one of us has a shot at winning Scattegories now.

Love you, mom.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
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## Celebration of Life

DEC 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Julie Green And Family lit a candle in memory of Sharon K. Thiesen



Julie Green and family - December 10, 2021 at 02:21 PM

TH

“ Rest In Peace, Sharon. ❤️



Tracey Houde - December 09, 2021 at 06:01 PM

SA

“ I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Sharon, but after reading this beautifully written tribute by her daughter, I feel like was part of their family. Sending prayers & healing to the family. Rip Sharon



Sara A - December 08, 2021 at 03:29 PM

AZ

I felt the exact same way!! This is the best obituary I've ever read. So much love and thought gone into it. You know that her family is at peace with her passing as her struggle is no longer, and a beautiful soul is there to watch over her incredible family. Prayers to the Thiesen family. Your mom raised good ones!

alexandria zilinger - January 02, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - December 08, 2021 at 09:51 AM

DF

“ *I did not know Sharon but this daughter, the author, sure did. This is the most beautiful tribute I have ever read. My heart goes out to the family of this incredible lady. You were blessed to have known her... she left her mark...RIP*

**Debra Foulks** - December 08, 2021 at 07:27 AM

AN

“ *fantastic obituary. to be loved like that. inspiring. and eye-opening. condolences to all who knew her.*



**anonymous** - December 08, 2021 at 03:43 AM

SW

“ *I had the pleasure of being Sharon's neighbor for 4 years in hunters Run! Sharon and her family were so welcoming of us and she would do anything to help!! Her passing has saddened me so much. My heart goes out to her entire family ! She was the best Mom just like that spot on obituary read! That was so moving and I know she is so proud !! I'm sorry I lost touch with her over the years ! Prayers to all of her family !*

**Stephanie Wenzelman** - December 07, 2021 at 11:05 PM



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - December 07, 2021 at 03:55 PM

AA

“ All of our love and prayers. Sharon truly was an amazing person. Always enjoyed our times together through TeamQuest events and Boy Scouts. God Bless to the entire Theisen Family. Jim, Angela, Jimmy, Anna and Joey Anders

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**angela anders** - December 07, 2021 at 02:06 PM

CB

“ Sharon, I will miss you forever, my beautiful friend! I guess we are going to have to have that Starbucks that we planned on having when we meet again! If they don't have Starbucks up there, please see what you can do about changing that, please! Love you, my sweet, dear friend!💕

*This is the best obit I've ever read and she deserves nothing less. I can see her huge smile and hear her beautiful laugh right now! I'm sure she's very pleased with it!💜💜💜💜*

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**Cindy Smith Baker** - December 07, 2021 at 01:47 PM

MM

“ *Brian, Amber, Caitlin, Jessica & Nick,  
We are deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered.  
Sharon was a beautify individuals who will be dearly missed.  
Our heartfelt condolences.  
Dan, Mary, Nate & Cade Martin*

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**Mary & Dan Martin** - December 07, 2021 at 01:19 PM

SU

“ *My sincere sympathy to Sharon's family. I clicked on her obituary because not only is she beautiful but looks so young! I also worked with a Mrs. Thiesen many years ago at SMH in Kankakee. Oh my goodness child, (adult) the talent you say your Mother gave you in writing is amazing! What a brilliant read for everyone to get to understand your Mother. Beautifully written, this is what all obituaries should be. You have honored your Mother in such a loving tribute. Again, my sincere condolences to you and your family.*



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**Sue** - December 07, 2021 at 12:25 PM

LM

“ *Did not know her or your Family but this is one of the Best Obituaries I've ever Read! God Help you in this time of Grief. Praying for your Family.*

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**Lori Medalis** - December 07, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Sharon K. Thiesen.



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December 07, 2021 at 08:22 AM