



## Sheri Ann (Schmitz) Schweizer

October 30, 1969 - September 10, 2022

BOURBONNAIS — Sheri Ann (Schmitz) Schweizer, 52, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home with her children present on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The second of three daughters to Dick and Judy (Kvols) Schmitz, Sheri was born in Kankakee on Oct. 30, 1969.

A 1987 graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School, Sheri spent her life immersed in the community that helped raise her.

Growing up, Sheri always knew she wanted nothing more than to be a mother. In 1992, she gave birth to her first son, Mason, before giving birth to her second son, Dylan, in 1994, and her daughter and best friend, Halle, in 1999. Nothing made her more proud than her children, always cheering them on at sporting events, Scholastic Bowl, church Christmas plays and other activities. Sheri always went above and beyond for her children, but it's when she became a single mother that she truly became a source of inspiration for her family and others around her. An employee at both BSN Sports and then Walgreens for many years, many people quickly became her friend when she would greet them with a smile.

While raising her children and working full-time, Sheri earned her Associate's degree from Kankakee Community College in 2014 and her Bachelor's degree in social work from Olivet Nazarene University in 2017. Recognized by her peers as a pillar of strength and kindness, Sheri was presented with the honorary Spirit of Social Work award at Olivet in 2016.

She began her social work career at Clove Alliance (KC-CASA) as a training & anti-trafficking coordinator after her graduation from Olivet. In 2019, she became a case manager at Harbor House in Kankakee. Whether a client or coworker, everyone who met Sheri described her similarly — selfless, compassionate and thoughtful.

Sheri's positive outlook on life persisted despite living with Inclusion Body Myositis (IBM), a rare auto-immune disorder that gradually weakened her muscles over time. In June 2021, Sheri was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. In November of that year, she ended her chemotherapy battle and entered Uplifted Care (Hospice).

Despite her initial prognosis, Sheri remained as cheerful, upbeat and grateful as ever. Trusting in God's plan for her, Sheri spent her final year by writing cards and sending gifts and surprises to friends and family.

Sheri and her family were extremely grateful for the love she was shown and relationships she formed with the members of Uplifted Care, particularly her "Hospice gals."

When she wasn't getting crafty or playing card games, Sheri was glued to her TV, flipping between classic game shows, old crime dramas and sporting events.

Sheri is survived by her children, her parents and her sisters, Paula (Tony Majewski) and Angie (Jeff Benoit). She is also survived by nephews Alex Majewski and Nathan Benoit and nieces Nicole Majewski (Kevin Carlson) and Allison Benoit.

Sheri is preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Morris and Bonnie Kvols, and paternal grandparents, Henry and Lola Schmitz.

A visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral service will be held at Clancy-Gernon at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Both are open to the public. Interment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township. Memorials may be made in Sheri's name to Uplifted Care Bourbonnais.



# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **26**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
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# Tribute Wall

IE

“ Halle, Dylan, and Mason, we send you all heartfelt condolences. Your mom was an amazing woman in so many ways. She was smart, disciplined, and accomplished so many things during her life. But most of all, she was possibly the most compassionate, giving, unselfish person we have ever known. She loved you all so much. You are her greatest legacy, and we know even now she is so proud of you all. May you find strength, comfort, and peace as the days go by.

*Ruth and Wright Eavenson*

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**INA EAVENSON** - September 27, 2022 at 01:50 PM

JB

“ Always admired Sheri for her strength and fortitude in meeting every challenge that came her way. She raised three loving children and set an example of how to live life to the fullest.

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**Joyce Barbee** - September 27, 2022 at 12:28 PM

KE

“ Sheri what a sweet, sweet spirit you had. Everyone who knew you were blessed to have you in their life. You are healed completely now and we will see you again one day. Praying for all of the family that they will find peace and comfort. Love Aunt Kim and Uncle Steve.

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**Kim Ellis** - September 27, 2022 at 10:09 AM

MR

“ *Deepest sympathy to all the family.*



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**Mike & Suzy Reyling** - September 26, 2022 at 07:22 PM

SB

“ *RIP my softball and volleyball friend.*



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**Susan Burgdorf-Miller** - September 20, 2022 at 07:54 PM

SB

*Sheri is 3rd from left in second row.*

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**Susan Burgdorf-Miller** - September 20, 2022 at 08:27 PM

CH

“ *Sad to hear the news, she was proud of each of you kids. Every conversation we had included all of you, and each of you had her the inspiration and courage to keep going. Your mom made a difference in a lot of lives.*

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**Chris** - September 19, 2022 at 10:48 PM

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“ Timothy And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Sheri Ann (Schmitz) Schweizer



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**Timothy and Connie Eaker** - September 15, 2022 at 10:10 PM

TM

“ So sorry to hear this news. Sheri and I grew up together just houses apart. I was so glad to run into her at our 25th class reunion. Hugs and prayers to all her family.



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**Tammy Marshall** - September 15, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ Lisa Irle Richmond lit a candle in memory of Sheri Ann (Schmitz) Schweizer



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**Lisa Irle Richmond** - September 14, 2022 at 05:54 PM

JL

“ I went to school with Sheri from early grade school through high school. She was such a genuine person. Never did I ever hear any thing negative from Sheri. She was a kind caring beautiful woman who always smiled and seemed to care deeply. I am so very sorry for the loss the family must be feeling. Sheri went straight to heaven! And we can all count on her to watch over us because that is just the kind of person she was; a true angel on earth. She will be missed but when ever I think about her I will smile- She was simply amazing.

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**Jeanie Luehrs** - September 14, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ I worked with Sheri at KC-CASA. She was always talking to me about her children. The exciting things they were doing, plans for an upcoming visit, and just how proud she was as a mother. My sincerest condolences with you in this time. My hope is you let the knowledge of knowing the positive impact she had on her community bring you some warmth and comfort.



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**Heather Kemp** - September 14, 2022 at 02:04 PM

DK

“ Darcy & Donn Kane lit a candle in memory of Sheri Ann (Schmitz) Schweizer



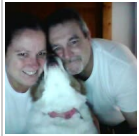
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**Darcy & Donn Kane** - September 14, 2022 at 07:58 AM

ST

“ I met Sheri working at BSN and we've been friends ever since. We would get together to "catch up" and hours would pass! We could talk, laugh, cry, and chat about our kids for hours! She was so proud of her kids!! We both felt like we knew each other's kids so well, but only through the stories we shared! I will miss her so much! Sheri is the most incredible woman I've ever met. Calling her my friend is one of the greatest honors of my life. Sheri, I will carry you with me always!



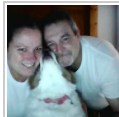
Shawna Taylor - September 13, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ Monte Schweizer lit a candle in memory of Sheri Ann (Schmitz) Schweizer



Monte Schweizer - September 13, 2022 at 08:59 PM



Donna and I would like to give our Heartfelt Condolences to all the Family! Thoughts and Prayers to All! Mason, Dylan and Halle, Uncle Monte and Aunt Donna Love You Very Much!

Monte Schweizer - September 16, 2022 at 05:16 PM