



Sharon Echelmeier

January 5, 1954 - June 8, 2023

Sharon Louise Echelmeier passed away peacefully on June 8, 2023 at St Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City, MO. She was born January 5, 1954, and was the first child born to Herbert and Louise Echelmeier. Sharon split her childhood between Higginsville and Boonville. She graduated from Saint Paul's Lutheran High School in Concordia and attained her undergraduate degree from Park College in Parkville MO. Sharon went on to earn her Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, and worked for firms in Kansas City, MO and Fort Smith, AR during her career. She spent later years working in the family auto parts business.

Sharon was a voracious reader, always continuing to educate herself. Wherever she lived, she was surrounded by happy, thriving houseplants, and despite chronic back pain she strove to beautify her outside spaces as well. Sharon was an extremely creative individual with a unique artistic and decorative perspective. There was always a loyal dog by her side, and Sharon was herself a loyal friend to a privileged few. Her wonderful sense of humor and generosity brought joy to many.

For the past six years, Sharon enjoyed retirement in her home on Lake Tapawingo, MO, where her kind and gracious nature endeared her to special neighbors who generously supported her and even now, adopted her last little dog, Joey. Sharon is survived by one sister, Susan Echelmeier of Boulder, CO; two brothers, Steven (Nancy) Echelmeier of Athens, AL and Stanton (Julie) Echelmeier of Higginsville, MO; and five nieces and nephews. There

are no services scheduled at this time per her wishes. The family will honor her life by scattering her ashes.

Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Echelmeier

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Sharon Echelmeier

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Sharon Echelmeier

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ I was so saddened to read of Sharon's death. My thoughts and prayers go out for each of you. There has always been and always will be a special place in my heart for this wonderful woman. She was bundle of energy with a loving heart.

Micheal Kahler - July 26, 2023 at 04:34 AM

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“ Sharon Echelmeier obituary addenda

Sharon moved to the greater Kansas City area after graduating from Park College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. After learning drafting, which she loved, she worked for the Johnson County, KS Wastewater District Ofc. as a Senior Engineering Technician. After that she was accepted into the College of Architecture at the Univ. of Oklahoma in Norman, in the Regional and City Planning Division. There she was granted an award scholarship and was selected to be included in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges (See Higginsville Advance, 1/31/1992). After moving Fort Smith, AK, she joined the Western Arkansas Planning & Development District as a Regional Planner. Other accomplishments to mention that she received in her lifetime were a coveted listing as one of two top art students in the highly esteemed Mrs. E. Catlett's ART II class in Boonville, and being the subject of one of jazz pianist Steve Million's first songs. Also in Boonville High School she was a Sophomore class officer serving as a student council representative (Boonville Daily News 9/24/1969.)

Susan Echelmeier - June 20, 2023 at 03:23 PM

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“ Susan, Steve and Stan, I was saddened to read about Shari's passing. You have my condolences. I remember the happy times we had playing together as children. And riding in the back of the station wagon singing songs and playing the Alphabet Game.

Mary Duncan - June 16, 2023 at 03:19 PM

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Thank you Mary Ann, for your comment. I remember, too. Over the rr tracks, past the grain elevator, down Fairground Ave, we sang "Ate a Peanut," the "Titanic song" and so many others. Please give Pat and Gloria my regards.

Susan E. - June 20, 2023 at 03:54 PM

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“*Susan, Stan and Steve, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember traveling to Booneville during high school to visit Susan and having a fun night with Sharon and several other friends. She was a beautiful talented woman. Sending love and hugs to all of you.*”

Martha Huffman - June 13, 2023 at 07:07 PM