

Remembering the Life of...

Sharon Louise Strunk was born on October 26, 1947, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, the daughter of Arnold and Doris (Mickelson) Ehlers. She was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake and graduated from Elbow Lake High School in 1965. Sharon earned a degree in Elementary Education from Moorhead State University and later furthered her education in Early Childhood and Family Education.

Sharon married David Strunk on June 28, 1969, at United Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, and they ran a dairy farm outside Hoffman, Minnesota. She taught six years at the elementary school in Elbow Lake then stayed home to raise her family. Sharon was later instrumental in starting the Early Childhood Family Education Program for Hoffman-Kensington Schools and eventually returned to teaching for West Central Area School District. In 2008, she retired from full-time teaching and she and David started wintering in Mesa, Arizona. Sharon cherished spending time with her grandchildren as many of them spent many summer days at what was lovingly nicknamed "Grandma's Daycare." She enjoyed quilting, baking, singing, and teaching 55 Alive courses. Sharon served many years on the Hoffman-Kensington School Board and West Central Initiative Board. She was President of the Hoffman Lions, served on the Horizons Board, and was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church, where she served many years as Sunday School Superintendent and sang in the church choir.

On Monday, November 26, 2018 Sharon passed away in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the age of seventy-one years.

She is survived by her husband, David; four children and their families, Renae (Tony) Lien, Tyler and Reid of Elbow Lake, Steven (Sara) Strunk, Isabelle, Emily and Alex, Kurt (Janee) Strunk, Alexis, Tenley and Kennedy and Angie (Jeff Smith) Strunk, Jacob, Ava and Rylee all of Hoffman; two brothers, Robert (Connie) Ehlers of Barrett and Mark (Diane) Ehlers of Elbow Lake; and by numerous relatives and friends. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Doris Ehlers; father and mother-in-law, Cam and Helen Strunk; and brother-in-law, Keith Strunk.





Sharon Louise Strunk

October 26, 1947 - November 26, 2018

Memorial Service

11:00 AM Tuesday, December 4, 2018
Zion Lutheran Church
Hoffman, Minnesota

Officiating

Reverend Bill Aufdenkamp

Music

Debi Anderson, organist
"Amazing Grace" No. 744
"I'm But A Stranger Here" No. 748
"When Peace, Like A River" No. 763
Diane Ehlers & Elizabeth Michealson, duet
"Borning Cry"
Jane Lannoye, accompanist

Urn Bearers

Tyler McClellan ~ Jacob Strunk
Reid Lien ~ Alex Strunk

Interment

Zion Cemetery, Hoffman, Minnesota

Appreciation

The Strunk family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Please join the family for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Arrangements By

Erickson-Smith Funeral Home ~ Hoffman
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The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning
That God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly;
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

- Anonymous