



Sharon Kay Piper

December 29, 1946 - April 13, 2016

Sharon Kay (Hughes) Piper was born in Humansville, Missouri to Sophie (Study) and Leonard Dale Hughes, on December 29, 1946. She married Carroll Wilson Piper on May 23, 1964 shortly after graduating from Collins High School, in Collins, Missouri. They had two children; Tod R. Piper and Shelly A. Graves (Piper). Both reside in the Flemington, Missouri, area.

Sharon was an extraordinary woman and wore many hats over her lifetime. She grew up on the Brush Creek Bottoms, west of Collins, and helped her family work the family farm. After marrying Carroll, she worked in various restaurants as a cook and waitress; she was a caregiver to small children and disadvantaged adults. She was an extremely gifted softball player and coach to many young children. Sharon and Carroll owned and operated the Humansville Star-Leader in the 1970s and 80s, until her health forced her to retire from that line of work. She then began taking on a larger role in her own family farm, Piper Farms, where she loved raking and baling hay with her husband.

She loved to be outside gardening, hunting, and fishing in her free time until her health would not allow it, but her all-time favorite past time was visiting and spending time with her two best friends, who she regarded as “her sisters,” Norine Osburn and Jenny Layton. She also looked forward to her long phone conversations with her cousin, “sister” Grace Griswold. Above all

else, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the loves of her life.

Sharon was preceded in death by her mother, Sophie Hughes; her father, Leonard Hughes; her husband, Carroll Piper; brother-in-law, H. Duane Piper.

She is survived by her son, Tod Piper, and his daughter Samantha Piper, of Flemington; her daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Johnny Graves, of Flemington, and their daughters: Dana Graves, of Flemington, Ashley Allen and husband Thomas, of Bolivar, and their sons, Richard and Dallas; Brandy Vastine and husband Chris, of Humansville, and their children, Keara and Alex; Crystal Wright and husband Patrick, of Springfield, Missouri, and their sons, Zane and Drake; her brother Kenneth Hughes and wife Nina, of Flemington; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Donnie and Marilyn Piper, of Georgetown, Texas; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Shirley and Jerry Emanuel, of University City, Missouri; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gaylord and Lorna Piper, Flemington; many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 – 8:00 pm on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel, of Humansville, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be at 10:00 am, on Monday, April 18, 2016, at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel, of Humansville, Missouri, with Rev. Matt Underwood officiating. Burial will follow the funeral, at Flemington Cemetery, in Flemington, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Flemington Cemetery

Flemington, MO 65650

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Humansville
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Humansville, MO 65674
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Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Kay Piper

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Sharon Kay Piper

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Such happy memories of Sharon during our school days and finally our graduation year. Then she married my cousin. We tried to keep track of one another through the years as we traveled down different roads. We recently reconnected during our 50th class Reunion time and had a great time visiting and catching up. Rest in peace lovely lady until we meet again. May your family be comforted knowing the joy you brought to others and there personal happy memories of you.

Linda Piper Elliston - April 19, 2016 at 05:26 PM



“ What a lady! I have no memories of Sharon that do not include a laugh or huge smile. To have half her knowledge would be a burden few could carry off. My heartfelt condolences to the entire family.
debie igo

Debie Igo - April 18, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“ Our condolences to Tod and Shelly and their families. -- Gary and Helen Sosniecki

Gary Sosniecki - April 18, 2016 at 03:55 PM

MG

“ Remembering all the wonderful memories at the Newspaper office and at GTE parties.. Thinking of your family at this time of Loss.
Maxine Grimes

Maxine Grimes - April 17, 2016 at 03:00 PM

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“ I am Grace Higginbotham Griswold, My husband Garry Carl and I live in Dolores CO.

We have a son Garry Eugene who resides in Joshua Tree, CA.

Sharon's mother and my mom were sisters. Sharon and I were kindred spirit sisters. We never really thought of each other as cousins.

When Sharon was a little girl I played house with her. Of course she was always my baby girl. As I grew up I spent many long weeks in the summer time helping my Aunt Sophie. I guess you could say that was not my favorite summer past time. I was a city kid.

Now in my golden years, my time on the farm are my best childhood memories.

God now has my dear Sharon in the palm of His hand. Due to her long enduring illness

I would not wish her back. But, lordy will I have a HUGE hole in my heart, and a boat load of memories to carry me thru.

May God bless her brother Kenny as he must persevere. Love to her dear children that call me Aunt Grace. Tod and Shelly I love you dearly and please remember --I'm on the other end of your telephone. Love you all , Aunt Grace and family.

May you rest in peace Sharon Kay.

Grace Griswold - April 16, 2016 at 01:12 PM

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“ *Andy and Helen Rainey purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sharon Kay Piper.*



Andy and Helen Rainey - April 15, 2016 at 08:07 PM

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“ *Sharon was my niece, the daughter of my husbands sister Sophie Stude Hughes. Sharon was such a happy and pleasant individual who had such a beautiful sense of humor. We all loved her very much and enjoyed being around her. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew and loved her. We send our love and prayers to her children and all her family who enjoyed her sweet spirit. Our prayers that God will give comfort and peace to her family. Aunt Juanita Stude and children. Bonner Springs, KS.*

Juanita Stude Aunt to Sharon Hughes Pipe - April 15, 2016 at 11:52 AM