



## Sharon Kirkland

May 5, 1939 - May 21, 2026

Sharon E. Karnes Kirkland, 87, of Dyer, Indiana, born May 5, 1939, peacefully departed this world on May 21, 2026. Though our hearts are heavy with loss, we celebrate Sharon's life and the kindness, warmth, and gentle spirit she shared with everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Her memory will forever remind us how blessed we were to have had her in our lives. Sharon was a woman of strong faith who loved the Lord deeply, and her kindness, compassion, and devotion to family reflected that faith every day.

Sharon took great pride in owning and operating two successful pizza parlors alongside her husband, Arthur, for 17 years, creating not only thriving businesses but also lasting memories for their family and community.

Sharon is lovingly survived by her three devoted daughters, Cathy (John) Hesselstine, Marcia (Dave) Wallace, and Carol Karnes. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Kristi

(James) Burrell, Stefani (Chuck) Westerberg, Dallas (Melissa) Hesseltine, Ben Little, Josh Little, Chelsey (Paul) Witsberger, Casey Wallace, Paris (Tyla) Karnes, Asia (Robert) Arthur, Kevin (Shantel) Smith, Cartier Karnes, Isley (Torrell) Karnes, and Blaise Karnes, along with many beloved great-grandchildren who brought her endless joy, along with the family of Bill Kirkland who she adored.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harley and Pauline Pirtle, her brother, Gary Joseph, her sister, Shirley Churchman, her beloved daughter, Sherri Little, and the two great loves of her life, Arthur Karnes and Bill Kirkland. Sharon and Arthur shared 50 years of unconditional love and devotion, while she and Bill shared 12 wonderful years together filled with the same deep care and companionship.

One of Sharon's greatest acts of love was caring for Arthur during the final eight years of his life. Determined to provide him with the best care possible, she attended school to become a Certified Nursing Assistant so she could personally care for him at home. Sharon took immense pride in caring for those she loved, and her compassion became so well known that many turned to her whenever home health care was needed. Though the experience was difficult, Sharon often said she would do it all again in a heartbeat.

Sharon took great pride in remembering every birthday of her grandchildren

and great-grandchildren, never missing an opportunity to make each one feel loved and celebrated with heartfelt birthday wishes shared on social media.

Sharon was an avid sports fan who loved cheering on her favorite Indiana and Chicago teams, often sharing enthusiastic play-by-play commentary with her grandchildren over the phone. She also found comfort and joy in her favorite television classics, having watched every episode of The Andy Griffith Show, I Love Lucy, and Matlock more times than anyone could count.

Friends and relatives may visit with the family on Friday, May 29, 2026 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home 6305 W. Lincoln Hwy, Crown Point, IN 46307. There will be a funeral service beginning at 5 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 322-2050  
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com  
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Memory Lane Funeral Home  
6305 W. Lincoln Highway  
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## Funeral Service

**MAY 29.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

HA

“ Carol and family, grief is the price we pay for love. May beautiful memories bring you peace. Prayerfully, H. Torain

Harolyn - June 04 at 06:09 AM

KM

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you . Love from your cousin Karen Marker



Karen Marker - May 29 at 07:26 PM

HR

“ Hope & Wendell Rowe purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Sharon Kirkland.



Hope & Wendell Rowe - May 28 at 07:48 PM

HR

“ Hope & Wendell Rowe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Kirkland.

Hope & Wendell Rowe - May 28 at 07:48 PM

RK

“ Rose K. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Kirkland.

Rose K. - May 28 at 06:32 PM

BL

“ Benjamin L. purchased the Full Heart for the family of Sharon Kirkland.



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Benjamin L. - May 28 at 05:12 PM

BL

“ Benjamin L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Kirkland.

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Benjamin L. - May 28 at 05:12 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Kirkland.



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May 28 at 05:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sharon Kirkland.

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May 28 at 05:03 PM

FO

“ From Pat & Ariana O'Leary purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sharon Kirkland.



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**From Pat & Ariana O'Leary - May 28 at 04:59 PM**



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Kirkland.



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May 28 at 12:37 PM

AL

“ Alice, Terri, Jeff, Jason, Laura purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sharon Kirkland.



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**Alice, Terri, Jeff, Jason, Laura - May 28 at 11:03 AM**

JC

“ John, Reba & Sarah Churchman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sharon Kirkland.



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**John, Reba & Sarah Churchman - May 28 at 10:59 AM**



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Kirkland.*



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May 27 at 02:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharon Kirkland.*



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May 27 at 12:14 PM



“ *Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Sharon Kirkland.*



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May 27 at 07:56 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sharon Kirkland.*

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May 27 at 07:56 AM

SF

“ Steve Vivian and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sharon Kirkland.



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Steve Vivian and family - May 26 at 02:18 PM

SF

“ Steve Vivian and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Kirkland.

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Steve Vivian and family - May 26 at 02:18 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sharon Kirkland.



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May 26 at 01:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sharon Kirkland.

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May 26 at 01:14 PM

MF

“ Marcella and Hans Rollmann and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Sharon Kirkland.



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Marcella and Hans Rollmann and family - May 26 at 11:47 AM

MF

“ *Marcella and Hans Rollmann and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Kirkland.*

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**Marcella and Hans Rollmann and family** - May 26 at 11:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sharon Kirkland.*



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May 26 at 09:35 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sharon Kirkland.*

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May 26 at 09:35 AM

PK

“ *I love you and miss you so much Grandma! Thank you for everything you've ever done for me, and everything that you taught me. I won't never forget any of it. I'm so blessed to have had you in my life for 39 and a half years. Thank you for always believing in me! I can't wait to see you again in Heaven!*



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**Paris Karnes** - May 23 at 10:34 PM

SF

“ Steve Vivian and family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Kirkland.

Steve Vivian and family - May 23 at 10:00 PM

HR

“ A photo tribute to our beloved sister-in-law Sharon (Pirtle) Karnes.  
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=hans.rollmann&set=a.10174517166605438>

Hans & Marcella Rollmann - May 23 at 04:58 PM

JA

“ Janice Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Kirkland.

Janice Allen - May 23 at 03:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sharon Kirkland.

May 23 at 04:04 AM