



## Sharon K. Holtzen

June 1, 1949 - August 31, 2015

Sharon Kay Holtzen was born to Harley L. Gaston and Viola E. Schmidt Gaston on June 1st, 1949 in Fairbury, Nebraska and passed away August 31st, 2015 at the age of 66.

Sharon graduated in 1967 from Fairbury High School. She was a jack of all trades with numerous jobs from sewing to making cakes to winding brooms to helping troubled youth to secretarial responsibilities- she could do it ALL. She left a lasting impression on anyone who crossed her path. Her contagious smile and enthusiasm for life was her personal signature.

Although Sharon called a few other places home, her heart was in Bruning. She was an active member of the community and a die-hard fan of any school sport. Sharon had a lot of pride for Bruning and enjoyed her job as Village Clerk. She was always going above and beyond to make sure that the community was clean and welcoming to visitors and residents. Her pride was displayed especially during playoffs when she made the town's streets her canvas, leaving inspiration for the entire team.

She was all about "getting the party started". Whether it would be around a fire pit, in the gymnasium, on a road trip, or over a drink; her energy was contagious. She loved bringing joy to others through surprises and embarrassment. She especially enjoyed Christmas celebrations - coming up with games that were meant not only to bring a smile to everyone's face, but

also to reflect in the gift of life.

Her greatest pleasures in life were her four children, grandchildren, and youth of the community. Left to cherish her memory is her son Dustin Zabokrtsky and daughters Madison and Hailey of Bennington, Nebraska; daughter Kimberly Mussman and husband Chad Mussman and their children Cagney, Allison, and Barrett of Ohio, Nebraska; son Dalton Holtzen and wife Lary Holtzen of Fairbury, Nebraska; daughter Whitney Holtzen and fiancé Jason Garwood of Ames, Iowa; brother Dennis Gaston of Fairbury, Nebraska; sister Lorie Monroe of Lincoln, Nebraska; and sister-in-law Mary Jo Gaston of Fairbury, Nebraska. As well as nieces, nephews, friends, colleagues, and others she considered family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Ardith Willcoxon, and her brother Vern Gaston.

In January of 2013 Sharon started a journey in which she truly found her purpose in life. With a cancer diagnosis she utilized her faith and became an inspiration for others. She stayed strong and positive throughout her fight and hasn't lost the battle... she has finally won.

Funeral services for Sharon were held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning. Pastor Stuart Sell officiated the services. Melissa Houchin accompanied the congregation in the singing of "In The Garden" and "Amazing Grace." She also accompanied Karie Buchli in the singing of "The Lord's Prayer." The recorded music of "I'll Always Love You" by Whitney Houston was played at the end of the service.

Pallbearers for the service included Leon Gaston, Jeffrey Gaston, Michael Gaston, Matt Buchli, Donnie Willcoxon, Rob Marsh, Ryan Monroe, and Matt Pittman. Honorary bearers were Barrett Mussman, Allison Mussman, Cagney

Mussman, Madison Zabokrtsky, and Hailey Larsen. Interment was held in the Fairbury Cemetery. Memorials are directed to the CEDARS Youth Service, 6601 Pioneers BLVD #1, Lincoln, NE 68506. Farmer & Son Funeral Home of Geneva conducted the services.

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Michelle Sybrant lit a candle in memory of Sharon K. Holtzen*



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**Michelle Sybrant** - September 07, 2015 at 06:00 AM

JM

“ *Our Thoughts and Paryers are with you at this difficult time.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Dennis and Jan Meredith*

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**Jane Meredith** - September 03, 2015 at 09:57 AM

SW

“ *To know Sharon was to love Sharon. Her zest for life was an inspiration for all of us. My sincerest sympathy to her family. Sue Werner*

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**Sue Werner** - September 03, 2015 at 09:01 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Sharon K. Holtzen.*



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September 02, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sharon K. Holtzen.*



September 02, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ *Arlan and Linda (Aude) Seelhoff purchased the Large Heart - 'Death leaves a heartache' for the family of Sharon K. Holtzen.*



**Arlan and Linda (Aude) Seelhoff** - September 01, 2015 at 09:29 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Sharon, she was a fighter..... Who always had a smile & loved to talk. Sharon will be missed, but we will forever cherish all the great memories💕 With Sympathy, Love; Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan*

**Reinsch** - September 01, 2015 at 05:57 AM



“ *Timmerman and Snyder families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sharon K. Holtzen.*



**Timmerman and Snyder families** - August 31, 2015 at 10:42 PM

CH

“ Cheryl H. purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Sharon K. Holtzen.



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**Cheryl H.** - August 31, 2015 at 10:17 PM

AF

“ Aaron, Jodi, Hunter, And Hudson Fintel lit a candle in memory of Sharon K. Holtzen



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**Aaron, Jodi, Hunter, and Hudson Fintel** - August 31, 2015 at 08:14 PM

KA

*My thoughts and prayers are with Sharon's family. She was such an inspiration to us all. Her love for her lord was never ending. To know Sharon was to love her. What a fighter!*

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**Karen Arend** - September 03, 2015 at 07:51 PM