



Sharon Rae Fritch

September 12, 1946 - February 28, 2025

On February 28, 2025, Sharon Rae Fritch, 78, a longtime Chanute resident, passed away with her family by her side after a courageous battle with several health conditions. Sharon is survived by Frank, her husband of 60 years; son Elton (Lori) Fritch, Wichita; daughter Tricia (Brian) Sarbaugh, Olathe; and grandchildren Brennan Sarbaugh, Olathe, and McKenna Fritch, Wichita. She is also survived by her brother Carl (Janet) Metzger, Ankeny, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Sharon was born September 12, 1946, to Carleton and Fern (Burton) Metzger in Council Grove, Kansas. Sharon grew up in Kansas, living first in Wichita and then moving to Salina, where she graduated from Salina High School in 1964. She attended Emporia State University in 1964 and married her husband Frank on February 14, 1965. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

She worked at Bank of Commerce, Community National Bank, and the Eye Center at Walmart.

Sharon was wonderfully creative with crafting of all kinds, but especially pottery, sewing, and card making. She enjoyed traveling, most of all to Colorado. She and Frank had many adventures together in the mountains. She also enjoyed cooking and watching movies.

Sharon was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends, who will always remember her with fondness and love. May God's blessings be upon all who knew and love her.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Countryside Funeral Home in Chanute, Kansas. Burial will occur at a future date at Sunny Slope Cemetery in Council Grove, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Horizon Hospice and can be left with Countryside Funeral Home.

The family would like to give a special thank you the staff at Heritage Health Care and Horizon Hospice for the compassionate care provided to Sharon.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel

101 N. Highland

Chanute, KS 66720

(620) 431-1220

<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I am so saddened to learn about Sharon's passing. Sharon and I were good friends from highschool.
Monta Howland Ballard

Monta Ballard - October 11, 2025 at 07:31 PM

LC

“ Locke Supply Co. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sharon Rae Fritch.



Locke Supply Co. - March 06, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Countryside Funeral Home - March 05, 2025 at 01:42 PM

TP

“ The guys at Pixley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sharon Rae Fritch.



The guys at Pixley - March 05, 2025 at 10:53 AM

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“ The guys at Pixley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Rae Fritch.

The guys at Pixley - March 05, 2025 at 10:53 AM

AS

“ APEX Restaurant & Market Solutions purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sharon Rae Fritch.



APEX Restaurant & Market Solutions - March 04, 2025 at 09:12 AM

AS

“ APEX Restaurant & Market Solutions planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Rae Fritch.

APEX Restaurant & Market Solutions - March 04, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Rae Fritch.



March 03, 2025 at 09:54 AM

CC

“ *Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Sharon Fritch*



Chip&Nancy Crum - March 01, 2025 at 08:07 PM

JW

So very sorry to hear of Sharon's passing. I have many memories with her from church and sharing her talent with stained glass. She was a beautiful person and will be missed by her family and friends.

Judy Lemasters Williams - March 03, 2025 at 07:46 PM