

Sharon Lee Claussen was born on February 19, 1936, to Charles and Elizabeth (Boy) Grave in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church which was just across the section from the family farm where she grew up. Sharon attended country school for the first two years and then went to Humbolt through 8th Grade. She returned to Hartford for High School, graduating in 1954. She married Alton Claussen in April of 1958 and she worked as a secretary at Regan General Agency, All Saint School and L.C. Lippert Company in Sioux Falls. Pipestone, Minnesota became their home in 1963. In 1974, she opened an in-home daycare in Pipestone where she lovingly provided childcare for dozens of children for 29 years. In April 2003, she had brain surgery at Mayo Clinic. She went home for a short time and then made her home at Falls Landing Assisted Living as one of their first residents when they opened. She entered the Good Samaritan Communities of Pipestone in 2015 and resided there until she passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at the age of 89.

Sharon was a member of Christ the King Free Lutheran Church in Pipestone. She was also a member of the UCT, and the Legion and VFW Auxiliary (as a member and officer). She enjoyed embroidering dish towels. She was quite the BINGO shark at Good Sam; going to such great lengths to hide her and her roommate's special/winning BINGO cards in her room each week so no one else could use them. Sharon always had a positive attitude and a good sense of humor. She liked to hide Easter eggs with \$2 bills in them for her grandkids. She was always saving individual bags of Lay's potato chips for the grandkids and great-grandkids for when they came for a visit. She had a real sweet tooth. You could always find cookies, candy, and Chex mix on her bedside table.

Sharon is lovingly remembered by her children, Terry (Karen) of Havre de Grace, Maryland, Randy of Mitchell, South Dakota, Troy (Mary Lou) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Sherri (Tom) Pierson of Centerville, South Dakota, and Karla (Todd) Chamley of Trent, South Dakota; grandchildren, Don Claussen (Kristine), Chad Claussen (Tara), Kyle Claussen (Jessica), Jamie Juhl (Tyler), Brady Claussen (Kyla Schuler), Bianca Claussen (Kipper Johnson), Justin Claussen (Maya), Carrie Menke (Tony), Bethany Dhingra (Manan), Erin Kwan (Simon), Laurel Pierson, Tyler Pierson (Shae), Spencer Pierson, and Gunnar Chamley; great-grandchildren, Emma Claussen, Ryan Claussen, Warren Claussen, Sibyl Claussen, Lucy Claussen, Trey Juhl, Tyus Juhl, Maliyah Valleck, Xavier Menke, Colette Menke, Avila Menke, Rose Menke, Isaac Menke, Eden Kwan, and Elliott Pierson; one sister-in-law, Mabel Grave of Sioux Falls; and many other loving family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Al; her brother, Marlin; and her parents.

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Sharon Claussen

February 19, 1936 - April 22, 2025

Dear Heavenly Father,

We are here with our beloved Mom, grandma and great grandma Sharon. Holding her hand and surrounding her with her families love.

Thank You for the life she has lived, the laughter she shared, the strength she showed, her love which she gave so freely, to so many through her time as a devoted daycare provider, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She has been a gift to all of us in our own ways, a light in our lives, and we are so very grateful for her and the role model she was.

Now, Lord, we ask You to bring her peace.

Let her feel safe, held, and comforted as she prepares to leave this earthly world and enter her forever heavenly home.

Calm any fear. Ease any pain. Let her feel the deep love we carry for her, now and always.

Guide her gently into your presence and light Lord God, where there is no more sorrow and no more suffering.

Let her rest in Your arms, whole and free.

We give her to you, Lord God, with hearts full of love and gratitude even though we are sad.

We ask for strength for ourselves here on earth, as we say goodbye for now.

We love you forever and always grandma and mom.

In your precious name our Claussen family prays, Amen.

(This was written by granddaughter Jamie Juhl)

In Loving Memory of

Sharon Claussen



Funeral Service

Friday, April 25, 2025

10:30 AM

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Pipestone, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Tim Johnson

Scripture Readings

Psalms 23 John 14:1-6 Mark 10:13-16

Organist

Judy Steuck

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace" - Hymn 107

"Because He Lives" - Hymn 292

"How Great Thou Art" - Hymn 2

Casket Bearers

All of Sharon's beloved grandchildren.

Interment

New Woodlawn Cemetery
Pipestone, Minnesota

Arrangements under the care of
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME