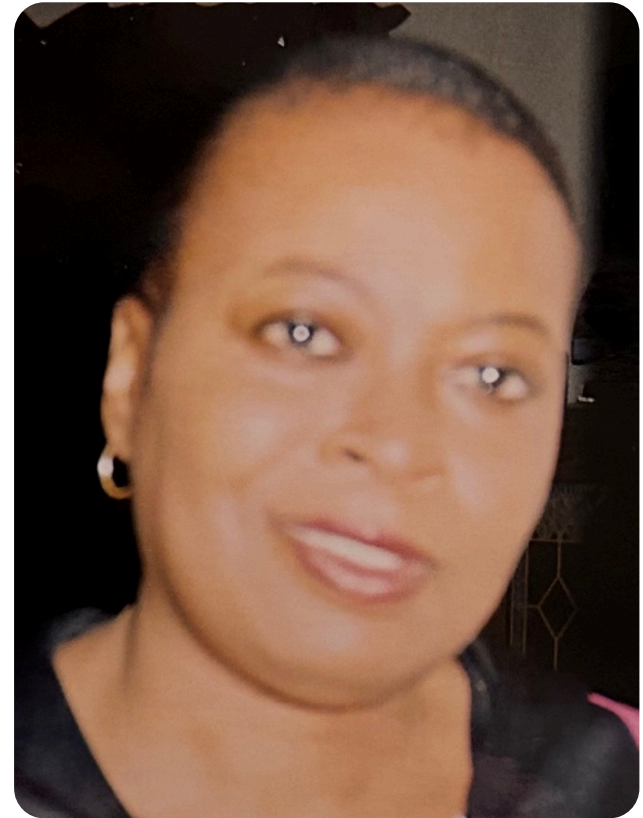




Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



*Your life was a blessing, your
memory a treasure, and to
live in our hearts we will
always remember our forever
angel*



*Gone from our sight, but
never our hearts. A life that
touches others will go on
forever. Till we meet again.*

**SHARON DENESE
NEMETZ**

July 3, 1957 ~ April 24, 2026

Sharon Denese Nemetz, 68, of Jacksonville, Arkansas, peacefully transitioned from this life on April 24, 2026, at Baptist Hospital in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Born on July 3, 1957, in Leland, Mississippi, Sharon was the beloved daughter of Benjamin Smith Jr. and Mary Lee Griffin-Smith. From a young age, she was taught the importance of faith, family, and perseverance—values she carried with her throughout her life and instilled in everyone she loved. Sharon was a woman of strength, grace, and unwavering devotion to her family. She was a proud graduate who valued education deeply, always encouraging those around her to strive for better and do more. Her words carried weight, often speaking truth with love, and reminding her family that growth and improvement were always within reach.

At the center of Sharon's life was her loving husband, Donald Nemetz. Their bond was one built on love, laughter, and partnership. Sharon cherished her role as a wife and took great pride in caring for her home and the people in it. She had a nurturing spirit that made everyone feel welcomed, comforted, and cared for.

Sharon had a true gift in the kitchen. Cooking was more than a hobby—it was her love language. Whether preparing meals for her husband or gathering loved ones around the table, she found joy in

feeding both body and soul. She often joked that the way to her husband's heart was through a good meal, and she proved that time and time again.

In her leisure time, Sharon enjoyed watching her favorite cooking shows and horror movies, finding both excitement and relaxation in those moments. She also loved the outdoors, especially fishing and

camping (as long as it was in an RV). Some of her fondest memories were made on fishing trips with her husband—he baiting the hook, and she proudly reeling in the catch. Those simple, meaningful moments brought her great happiness.



A POEM DEDICATION TO OUR SISTER

Lord, although we do not always understand Your timing,
we trust that You are good.

We know You hold us in Your hands
and surround us with Your love in times of sorrow.

Our prayer is that, as You have promised,
You will continue to love Sharon
as deeply as we have loved her.

We accept that You needed her more,
and we find peace in knowing
she is in Your loving care.

We take comfort in knowing
that she is no longer in pain,
and that she now smiles down on all of us
as our forever angel.

We will always carry a piece of her in our hearts
and cherish the big and small memories
we were blessed to share with her on this earth.

Until we meet again...

What do you do when you lose a flower?
What do you do when your rose has bloomed away?
What do you do when the best part of your life is gone?
What do you do when the pain and suffering are no more?

Do you stand still, pray, and cry?
Or do you smile, knowing that through it all,

she fought a good fight?

Rest in Peace
Sharon Smith-Nemetz

You are now home with the Lord.

Lovingly Submitted,
Mom, Dad, Siblings, Nieces, and Nephews
The Smith Family

Sharon will be remembered as a loving wife, a devoted family woman, and a nurturing presence who poured into others without hesitation. Her legacy is one of love, strength, wisdom, and the deep impact she made on those fortunate enough to know her. She leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband, Donald Nemetz; her daughter, Helen Gourgue; granddaughter, Somora Gourgue; her siblings, Carl Smith (Danyell), Benjamin Smith Jr. (Isis), Patricia Cunningham, and Darryl Smith (Patricia); along with a host of extended family members, loved ones, and dear friends.

Though she is no longer with us in body, Sharon's love, lessons, and spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Officiant:

Chaplin: Captain Johnson

Visitation Service:

Thursday, May 7, 2026
11:30 AM

Smith Sherwood Funeral Home

Burial:

Thursday, May 7, 2026
1:00 PM

Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery

