



Sharlyn Ann Phillips

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Sharlyn Ann Phillips passed away on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the Baptist Reynolds Hospice House in Collierville, TN at the age of 86. She was born in Jacksonville, IL on February 5, 1939. She was the daughter of the late Clifford Amidei and Loretta Mae Defrates.

Sharlyn leaves behind her daughter, Fonda (Tom) Dichiara of Rossville, TN. She was preceded in death by her daughter Kimtoria Kae Wernecke (40) of Louisville, KY. She leaves behind her grandchildren Natalie Kaiser (Phillip) of Batavia, OH and Justin Wernecke, La Grange, KY. She also leaves three great grandchildren Melanie Kaiser, Landon Kaiser, and Owen Kaiser.

She was also preceded in death by her son Glenn Phillips (46) of Memphis, TN. She leaves her sister Connie Tuchmann of Springfield, IL and brother, John Amidei (Patsy) of Gainesville, GA. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Jerry Amidei of Jacksonville, IL, Michael Amidei (Linda) of Belleaire, FL and Terry Amidei of Seattle, WA.

She also leaves behind her nephews and nieces, Jeff Amidei (Carolina), JP Amidei, Michael Tuchmann, Pam Tuchmann, Doug Tuchmann (Stacey), Kristin Schenck (Tucker), and Michael Amidei (Amy). Sharlyn graduated high school at Springfield High School in Springfield, IL in 1957. She studied art at Memphis State University and Illinois College.

She married Glenn F. Phillips on January 28, 1961 in Springfield, IL and together they had three children, Kimtoria Kae, and twins Fonda and Glenn. She married Edwin W. Stafford, Sr on July 19, 1987. They were together until Edwin's death on April 1, 2001.

After her children were born, she changed course and received training as a stenographer which eventually led to her employment as a Federal Court Reporter for the United States District Court Western District of Tennessee in Memphis, TN. She was very proud of her career and retired in 2009.



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Sharlyn enjoyed going places and doing things with her family before and after retirement. She adored celebrating their birthdays, holidays, graduations and special events with them. Many family vacations were spent at Fairfield Bay, Arkansas and French Lick, Indiana. But also trips to Italy, Bahamas, Caribbean Islands, Hawaii, and Europe.

She loved going to church and did some volunteer work at Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown, TN after she retired. In 2018, she moved to Dyersburg, TN to be closer to her long time friend and travel companion Darrell Rutledge of Dyersburg, TN. Together they took countless road trips and logged many miles traveling to Texas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, New York, Washington, DC, and more.

They also shared a love of flowers and gardening, watching athletic games, time with family and friends and being active in local groups in Dyersburg, TN. Sharlyn was a very stylish and attractive woman. Everywhere she went she turned heads. She loved to decorate and had a keen eye in interior design.

Her beauty inside and out will be forever remembered and cherished by her family and all that knew her. Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at Memorial Park Funeral Home until the funeral service begins at 2:00 p.m. in the Fireside Chapel. Entombment will follow in Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Immediately following will be a reception in the Funeral Home. Donations can be made to the charity of your choice in the name of Sharlyn Ann Phillips.



Events

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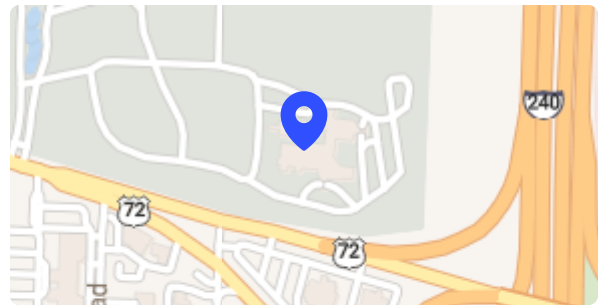
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Visitation

Saturday, May 31, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

Memorial Park Fireside Chapel
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119

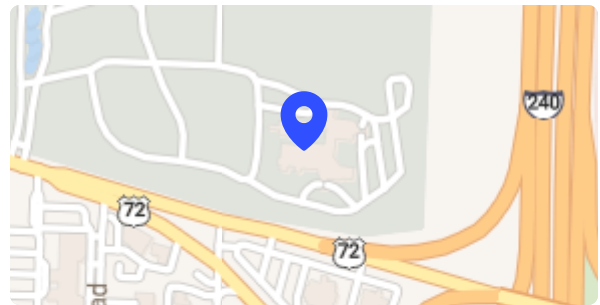


Funeral Service

Saturday, May 31, 2025

2:00 PM CT

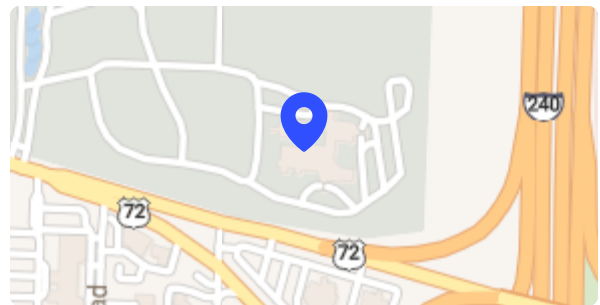
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Reception following committal

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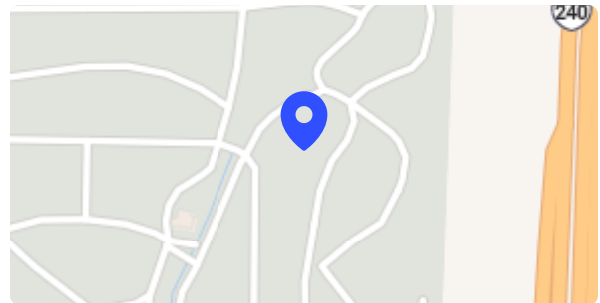
Memorial Park Funeral Home Parkside Event Center
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119



Cemetery Details

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(901) 445-8475





Tribute Wall

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FD

Fonda Diciara lit a candle in honor of Sharlyn.

I still think of you every day. I keep thinking you are still here and I need to go see you and check on you. I try to think of the positives times we shared and not the end of your life. I hope you are resting peacefully now and no more worries. You should still be here. In Feb 2025 you were doing fine. You just needed some compassion and time to adjust. I am so sorry there was no place I could find to help you. I will see you again. All my love.



September 29 at 3:26 AM

MS

Margie Schulte posted:

I was a bridesmaid in Sharlyn's wedding to Fonda's Dad, after a 'fender bender' with my car of course. Didn't get hurt and made it to the wedding on time. Got in another car wreck in Mexico later on. Sharlyn was driving that time. One night she stayed up until 2 a.m. making a hat for me to wear to a wedding the next day. I helped Sharlyn make the flowers for Kim's wedding reception. My daughter decided to take up Court Reporting - and Sharlyn gave her one of her old machines for practice. Through the years we have shared many ups and downs, so I'll stop here and say "I'll be along one of these days".Margie

May 27 at 2:49 PM

TF

The Diciara Family sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Phillips family.

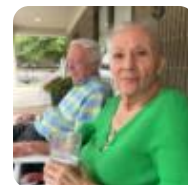


May 27 at 7:59 AM

FD

Fonda Diciara shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Hanging out on the porch



May 27 at 12:56 AM



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Tom Dichiara, Jr. shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



My memories of my Mother-In-Law Sharlyn started before I was even in the family. As Fonda's boyfriend she would always invite me on the summer trips to Greers Ferry Lake at Fairfield Bay, AR. She had a timeshare their where we had many memories. I remember the lakeside grilling of hamburgers and steaks. We would slalom water ski on the lake. Then would boat over to the island, Sugar Loaf Mountain, and hike up to the 1000 foot summit to get a beautiful view of the lake. When Fonda and I decided to tie the knot she was there to help plan one of the best weddings any couple could hope for. We traveled to the Virgin Islands, Florence Italy, and went on a Viking Rhine River Cruise. Dear Sharlyn, may you rest in peace.

May 26 at 9:51 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sharlyn.



May 26 at 8:26 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Phillips family.



May 26 at 8:26 PM



Margie Schulte posted:

There are SO many fond memories of Sharlyn. It is hard to select just one. It should be noted that we were just two months apart in age. We met when we were 7 years old so that makes us friends for 78 years. I was a bridesmaid in her wedding to Glenn Phillips. I helped her make flowers for the tables at Kim's wedding reception. She sat up until 2 a.m. making a hat for me to wear to our son's wedding. We attended a few parties held by a famous rock n'roll singer, who was a neighbor at the time. We planted a garden in her bedroom, which did not sit well with the parents. We enjoyed ballroom dancing at a famous hotel in downtown Memphis. We studied art together. Lastly, we supported each other through so many trials in our lives, until the last one. Unfortunately, I was unable to be much help. I am in touch with the Amidei cousins in Italy. See ya' later on the rainbow bridge. Marge

May 26 at 7:36 PM



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Gerald Cohn posted:

She was my court reporter in Memphis. I was very fond of her & admired her professionalism. Gerald B. Cohn Federal Judge

May 26 at 4:07 PM



Fonda Dichiara May 26 at 10:22 PM

Thank you for sharing Judge Cohn



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May 25 at 2:04 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Phillips family.



May 25 at 2:04 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sharlyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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