



Sr. Sharon Fitzpatrick

September 25, 1944 - March 6, 2021

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, September 25, 2021, for Franciscan Sister Sharon Fitzpatrick, 76, who passed away March 6, 2021. Mass will take place at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls, at 11 am with a visitation from 9-11 am. Masks are required. Mass will be live-streamed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiyFvZ53PAfd1apBC88kEuQ> Donations to Franciscan Sisters Ministries preferred.

Sharon was born on September 25, 1944, in St. Cloud, Minn. She was the fourth of eight children born to the late Ed and Ellen (Smith) Fitzpatrick. Sister Sharon was very proud of her Irish heritage. She attended both elementary and high school in Foley, Minn., and in the fall of 1963 she entered the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota. She was received into the novitiate on July 31, 1964, and was given the name Sister Mary Colleen. She returned to her baptismal name in 1976. Sister Sharon made her first profession of vows on June 13, 1966, and final vows on June 6, 1971. She was a Franciscan Sister for 56 years.

Sister Sharon earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn. She was the co-founder and administrator of The House of Bread and Peace, a shelter for homeless women. Later, she was the co-founder and staff person at Becker House, a home for single women making transitions in their lives. Next, she was appointed Assistant Novice Director for the Midwest Franciscans Novitiate in Joliet, Ill. From 2009-2020,

she was the Benefactor Relations Coordinator for the Franciscan Sisters. Sister Sharon ministered in Little Falls and Duluth, Minn.; Evansville, Ind.; and Chicago and Joliet, Ill. Sister Sharon was an all-around-person who was always concerned for the well-being of others. Her ministry to homeless women and those in transition tells how she did what Jesus would do in a given situation. She put her whole heart into whatever ministry she did. At the same time, she enjoyed life and brought joy to many with her Irish wit and humor.

She was preceded in death by siblings, Colleen, Tim and Maureen.

Survivors include siblings, Terry, Mike (Mary Jo), Catherine (Leroy) Herbst, and Tom (Sharon); sister-in-law, Georgette Fitzpatrick; nieces and nephews and her Franciscan Community.

Cemetery Details

St. Francis Convent Cemetery

116 8th Avenue SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Sr. Sharon Fitzpatrick*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Wendy Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Sr. Sharon Fitzpatrick*



Wendy Sweeney - March 08, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Sister Sharon was ALWAYS smiling whenever I saw her. She had a joyful spirit that oozed out of her. She made a lasting positive influence in many lives. God Bless!*

Charlotte - March 08, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Sr Sharon tip have a lot of memories from the Christmas dinner making the famous turkey with beer on the grill to going to doctor appointments when I couldn't drive n helping me find a place to live and never giving up on me and also visiting when u lived in Chicago always know I would get new clothes from u and other nuns rip Sharon and the fond memories I would here of ure hitching days instead of driving*

michael carter - March 07, 2021 at 05:58 AM

MS

Sharon and her family were considered neighbors when I was young. She even babysat my brothers and I. I did not see her for years, but thought of her often. She was truly a blessing!!! God bless and sympathy to her family.

Marge (Henry) Stangl - March 07, 2021 at 09:43 AM

PM

Sharon was a classmate & friend, May God be always at your side. Glad I got to visit with you when our families were together.

Phyllis Marstein - March 07, 2021 at 12:55 PM

SK

Sharon was a classmate of mine. She was such a wonderful person and friend.

Shirley (Kujawa) Kampa

Shirley Kampa - March 08, 2021 at 09:35 AM