

Sharon Ione Nelson was born on October 17, 1953, in Willmar, Minnesota, the fourth of 5 children born to Luther and Lillian (Wig) Nelson. She grew up on Lake Florida, attended New London-Spicer schools and graduated with the NL-S class of 1971. She moved into the family farmhouse in Spicer with her mother, father and younger brother, Lyle to help their uncle, Clifford and his aging parents Lars and Klara. She entered the work force directly after school at Jennie-O. Sharon later found her calling at Bethesda Country Home in rural Willmar, where her father used to farm for them, and her mother and aunt Margot already worked. She worked in almost every facet available to her at Bethesda Heritage and Bethesda Pleasant View prior to becoming Bethesda Grand, putting down roots in the activities department. She remained a loyal employee of Bethesda for over 45 years.

Sharon was a lover more than a fighter, but she fought for what she loved. One wouldn't think so just looking at her, but she had a fight inside of her that was fierce. She loved everybody. She loved bringing the residents joy and happiness. Sharon was forever a kid at heart. She loved figurines, cartoons and all animals, especially cats and horses. Sharon would always remember your birthday and send you a card. She enjoyed decorating with the change of the seasons with her mom Lillian. Christmas was her favorite holiday. She sometimes left Christmas decorations up all year round on purpose. She also loved the cinema and collected many movies that she rented out for free to all the family members who asked. Some of you still have some...not going to name anyone...you know who you are! Keep'm!!

Along with spending time with friends, she also a member of the infamous Red Hat Society. Sharon loved gatherings. Sometimes hosting up to 75 or more people. Sharon was also an artist. She painted realism just as she practiced realism in life. She was accepting of the situations she was placed in and was prepared to deal with them accordingly. Sharon was also extremely generous, donating to several nonprofit wildlife organizations. She was a defender of wildlife. She would give you anything she could, even if she couldn't afford it. Sharon will be greatly missed by all who knew her kind heart and soul

She is survived by her son, David (and Sarah) Nelson of Spicer; three grandchildren, Cadence, Mythias and Milaunia Nelson; four brothers, Leon Nelson, Kenneth Nelson, Keith Nelson and Lyle (Deb) Nelson; and two uncles, Clifford Wig and Roger (and Cheryl) Wig.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Lillian Nelson and her grandparents, Lars and Klara Wig, and a sister-in-law, Lynette.

Celebrating the Life of



Sharon I. Nelson

1953 - 2022

Red Feathered Soul

*When you're lost or feeling down,
Don't despair, just look around
God made me red so you would see,
I still exist outside your memory.
I make my visits in bright daylight,
You'll hear my son in distant flight,
My cardinal song is a call to you,
To tell you that I miss you too.
I am everywhere and finally free,
Like love you cannot touch or see,
You'll see me in the trees and skies,
I didn't leave, love never dies.*

Elle Bee

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Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

Sharon I. Nelson

October 17, 1953
Willmar, Minnesota

March 14, 2022
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Thursday, March 24, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
Spicer, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Gary Mikkelson

Music

Organist: Sue Rime

Congregational Hymns:

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Special Music:

"Coat of Many Colors" - Dolly Parton on CD

"In The Garden" - Alan Jackson on CD

Honorary Pallbearers

Lisa Wig Barrett Tina Nelson Michelle Nelson
Cadence Nelson Milaunia Nelson Mythias Nelson