

Sharon Ann Braun, 83, Detroit Lakes, MN, died Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Ecumen-Emmanuel Cottages in Detroit Lakes.

Sharon was born April 13, 1938 in Starbuck, MN to Walter and Kathryn (Voit) Gullickson. Sharon grew up on a dairy farm in rural Starbuck. In high school she participated in the one act plays. Her senior year, she contracted scarlet fever, and spent most of the year recuperating to meet her goal of walking across the stage for graduation in 1956.

Sharon met her first husband Bob Lorsung at the Minnewaska Lake Dancing Pavilion, they married in 1956 and divorced in 1974. Together they had four children, Lynn, Joseph, Jodi and Thomas. They moved to Fergus Falls in 1959. Sharon met second husband Ben at a singles dance in Detroit Lakes. She was united in marriage to Bernard (Ben) Braun, November 26, 1983 in Callaway, MN. They moved to Detroit Lakes in 1995 but continued to farm until 2015. They entered the Madison in February 2019, losing her dear Ben in October of 2019, and then moved to the Ecumen Cottage.

Sharon was a seamstress for years and did repairs and alterations out of her home. Sharon's first job out of the home was at JC Penney in Fergus Falls. Shortly thereafter she worked at the Fergus Falls High School as the study hall supervisor, and later at Helle International as their bookkeeper.

Sharon spent summers with the kids in their early years, at their Long Lake retreat, just north of Fergus Falls. She did not miss a little league game for the boys and sometimes coached when asked. She encouraged piano and guitar lessons for the girls. She enjoyed playing Bridge and was in several bridge clubs. Sharon made her elderly neighbors on Laurel Street part of the kids' family with afternoon tea and evenings playing Whist. Christmas Eve was made special by her hosting an orphan's potluck, for friends and their families who were also alone on this special holiday. She was a participant in Parents without Partners. Sharon was a spectacular ballroom dancer. Her grandchildren recall having enjoyed playing dominoes and various dice games at almost every gathering with Grandma and Grandpa. Sharon and Ben continued to play dominoes whenever possible here and at their winter home in Mesa, AZ. Together they enjoyed many a church dinner in the Callaway area, and made many trips to New Ulm in their home on wheels.

She is preceded in death by her husband Ben, her son-in-law Brian Bakke, brother-in-law Mac Gorder, and her parents Walter and Kathryn.

Survivors include daughters Lynn Bakke, Jodi (Mike) Boos, sons Joseph Lorsung and Thomas Lorsung. Grandchildren Benton (Abigail) Bakke, Gina (Reed) Matter, Jason (Jenny) Lorsung; great-grandchildren Zoe Bakke, Octavia Matter, Phoebe Bakke and Talia Matter; siblings Janet Gorder, Strafford, MO and Mary (Jerome) Hoffmann of Kensington MN, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.



In Loving Memory of



Sharon A. Braun

April 13, 1938 ~ October 19, 2021

Celebrating Sharon Ann Braun

Born

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April 13, 1938

Glenwood, Minnesota

Died

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October 19, 2021

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota



We give them back to you,

O Lord, Who first gave
Them to us; and you did not
Lose them in the giving, so we do
not lose them in the return.

Life is unending because love is
undying, and the boundaries
of this life are but a horizon, and
The horizon is but the limit of our sight.

Lift us up, strong Son of God,
That we may see further.
Strengthen our faith that we may
See beyond the horizon.

Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 - 1:30

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Father Chuck Huck— *Officiant*

Special Music

"Peace is Flowing like a River"

"On Eagles Wings"

"Shepherd Me O God"

"How Great Thou Art"

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

"The Hand of God Shall Hold You"

"Strife is Over"

April Spaeth— *Accompanist*

Jamie McDougall— *Soloist*

Gina Steffl— *Soloist*

Interment

Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery

Detroit Lakes, MN