



Sharon Jean McDonald (Chewning)

March 15, 1944 - December 5, 2020

On Saturday, December 5th, Sharon Jean McDonald (Chewning), passed away at the age of 76. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Sharon's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Sharon was born on March 15, 1944, in Roswell, NM to Henry Chewning and Margie Chewning (Lacey). She graduated Class of 1962 from Roswell High School and went on to become an EMT and Respiratory Therapist. She married Michael Lawrence and raised her two children, David and Kelly, in her hometown of Roswell. Sharon participated in all aspects of her children's life including serving as a board member of the Roswell Little League Football, keeping official score and running concessions for Styles Baseball Field, and was an active member of the PTA.

At age 40, Sharon was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy and decided to devote her strongest years to the Chaves County Casa Program. For her profound work of advocating for abused and neglected children, Sharon was chosen to be President Bush's 462nd Point of Light. She flew to Washington where she received this prestigious honor directly from President Bush in the White House. Sharon's work had an everlasting effect on many children's lives. Sharon was a devout grandmother to her grandchildren attending every sports game, dance recital, swim lesson, and school function. She took great pride in maintaining her home and garden. And she loved to watch Jeopardy!

In her later years, Sharon rekindled her love with her High School sweetheart, Dennis McDonald. They were married on September 26, 2001, and resided in Colorado Springs, Colorado for nine years. They moved back to Roswell to retire and be closer to family. Sharon stayed devoted to her family, loved her dogs Seamus and Shotzi, and enjoyed being on her back patio with music, family, and friends.

Sharon was preceded in death by her father, Henry; mother, Margie; and half-brother, Byron Reed.

Those left to cherish Sharon's memory are her loving husband, Dennis; her three children: David Lawrence and wife Marybeth, Kelly Ramey and husband Harold, and Nicole Madden and husband Jonathan; her four grandchildren: Samantha Ward, Chelsea Lane and husband Brandon, Kyle Haynie and wife Melody, and Matthew Ramey and wife Sydney; and seven great-grandchildren: Kameron, Witney, Kase, Kooper, Brody, Adam and Ayla.

A private family graveside service for Sharon will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at South Park Cemetery.

The family sends a special thank you to Lakeview Christian Home, Lakeview Hospice and all of their staff for the excellent care and love for Mom over the last year.

Sharon's tribute was beautifully written in her honor by her family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sharon Jean McDonald (Chewning)*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Amy McVay Tellez lit a candle in memory of Sharon Jean McDonald (Chewning)*



Amy McVay Tellez - January 30, 2021 at 02:55 PM



*The Memories at the Ballpark will forever be cherished!! Sincerest Blessings,
Amy McVay Tellez and The McVay Family*

Amy McVay Tellez - January 30, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ *Kelly, I am sorry for your loss of your Mom. She is now with the Angels. I pray for you and your family and your loss of your Mom. So hard. Love, Carol Green*

Carol Green - December 13, 2020 at 01:50 PM

KR

“ Mom,
To say we have so many great memories is an understatement. My most fondest memories are those of you playing pranks on us. I remember laughing so hard at the water fights at the sink. I wish we could make that mess again. Your young heart made life so fun. I will miss you until we see each other again. I love you Mom.
Your Daughter
Kelly Lynn



Kelly Lynn Ramey - December 10, 2020 at 12:02 PM

BD

“ So sad to hear of Sharon’s passing. She grew up in the city and I grew up on a farm northeast of Roswell. We shared some happy times, and laughter played a part in all of it. We were cousins and I admired her wit and determination. As you know, she had a tough upbringing. We grew closer during those times and I’d like to think I played a small part in helping her rise above what might have been. She called me “Cuz” all of her life, and always greeted me with a smile and a wise*** comment.
I’ll miss her.

Bob DeBorde

Bob DeBorde - December 09, 2020 at 03:16 PM

BP

“ *Dynamite comes in small packages. And Sharon was full of Dynamite, in the most beautiful way. I don't know how she did it, but she convinced me to help her coach some off season slow pitch softball team - LOL. I didn't know one thing about softball, but we forged ahead.*

I can still hear her voice on the other end of the phone calling my name as only she could. Sharon was, most definitely, one of a kind, and while she was small in stature, her shoes will never be able to be filled. You never questioned Sharon's love, she loved fiercely, for the right or wrong of it. What a beautiful lady, who is finally free!!! We do not grieve as the world grieves, but we do grieve.

For Sharon's family, I pray the Holy Spirit's peace fill every sorrow and give to your remembrance every beautiful memory her. May you be encouraged by her successes as a wife, mother and grandmother. She leaves you all with a priceless legacy.

Kelley and Nicole, I love you two beauties. You're momma is free! Rejoice in that freedom.

Barbara Payne - December 09, 2020 at 01:51 PM

ML

“ *Sharon welcomed me into her family with arms wide open. I can't thank you enough or put in words everything you did for me, David and the girls. Countless memories that I will forever cherish. Continue to Watch over us like you always did . Until we see you again !!! Hugs
Mary*

Marybeth Lawrence - December 08, 2020 at 10:46 PM

SW

“ I'll never forget all the times we would come home from school and lay on the living room floor playing Super Mario Brothers eating Better Cheddars until dark. The homemade spaghetti you would make that was to die for will always be one of my favorites. Singing Linda Ronstadt with you when no one else knew what we were singing will forever be my favorite memory of us together. I will forever be thankful of the memories I have of you cheering me on during the early years of my soccer career, running up and down the sideline with me yelling Go HotRod Go! I love you grandma and miss you so much. Love HotRod

samantha ward - December 08, 2020 at 09:26 PM

JM

“ *"Momma Juanita", I will miss you so very much. You were very instrumental in my life when I first met you while I was in college. The kindness and love you showered upon me will never be forgotten. Thank you for accepting me and loving me for all that I am, was to become, and all you knew I would be for your Nicole. You were indeed a Mother to me as well. I can't thank you enough for loving me. You will be missed dearly within this family and we are all the better for having been in your presence while you were here. I love you, keep an eye out on us from time to time.*

*Love you!
"Juanito"*

Jon Madden - December 08, 2020 at 02:20 PM

ST

“ As Young Girls Sharon and I grew up in Roswell. We were in grade school, Washington Avenue, together and enjoyed the Brownies and and many sleep overs. On my 13th Birthday my Sister surprised me with a party and Sharon along with my other Friends were there. We had lost contact for many many years but thanks to Facebook we were able to reconnect! I am Thankful for that. God Bless and Prayers to all of the Family and All the Memories still in our Hearts!!

Sherry Hester Trasp - December 08, 2020 at 02:10 PM

EB

“ Sorry to hear the passing of your dear wife Dennis and mother,you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers-Elia and John

Elia Barela - December 08, 2020 at 01:44 PM

BP

“ Sharon was the best friend I could have! She was "my person" and we shared many fun times. Laughter was what she always brought to the table. She was always upbeat and found the good in everyone she met. I will miss her so much! Till we meet again my dear friend remember to always "walk this way"! 💔💔💔💔
Betty Primeaux

Betty Primeaux - December 08, 2020 at 05:11 AM

LW

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lynda whalen - December 07, 2020 at 09:57 PM

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lynda whalen - December 07, 2020 at 08:18 PM

ML



Marybeth Lawrence - December 07, 2020 at 08:33 PM