



Sharon A Nelson

July 30, 1949 - September 19, 2020

Sharon A. Nelson, 71, of Herscher passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. Sharon was born on July 30, 1949 in Kankakee; the daughter of Lawrence and Arlene (Shay) Severson. Sharon married Larry Nelson on August 16, 1969 at Herscher United Methodist Church. Sharon cared for many kids over the years in Herscher running a daycare out of her home; later she went on to work for CIGNA for 24 years until she retired in 2015. She loved playing bridge, completing puzzles in books and on the computer to keep her mind sharp, watching Hallmark Movies and Gameshow Network, needlepoint creating all of her families Christmas stockings and blankets, but most of all she loved spending time with her family especially her grandchildren.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband of 51 years Larry Nelson of Herscher, her 2 sons; Chad (Sheri Elzinga) Nelson and Kyle (Amanda) Nelson both of Herscher, her grandchildren Kade, Kamden, Kayna, Gavin, Rylan, and Ashton, brothers-in-law: Dennis (Liz) Nelson of Darby, MT, Steve Nelson of Reddick, sister-in-law Pam (Jeff) Nelson-Bertrand of Kankakee, her aunt Milly Girard of Cornell, IL, as well as several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation for Sharon will be held on Wednesday, September 23, from 9 am-

Noon at the Herscher United Methodist Church. A private funeral service will be held. Burial will take place at Norwegian Lutheran Cemetery in Herscher. Due to COVID 19 restrictions please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

Memorials in Sharon's name may be made to Riverside Cancer Institute or to Herscher United Methodist Church.

Please visit Sharon's online obituary at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Norwegian Lutheran Cemetery

Herscher, IL 60941
(815) 426-6282

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Herscher United Methodist Church
274 North Elm St.
Herscher, IL 60941

Tribute Wall



“ Sharon A Nelson

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ Tracy Lynn lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson



Tracy Lynn - April 08, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ i had the pleasure of working with Sharon at Cigna. She was always so sweet and positive

Judith Lawrence - November 15, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ Larry....I am so sorry to hear about Sharon passing. She was always so kind and sweet whenever we met. A true lady for sure. Prayers for you and your family and hopefully you'll find the peace of our Lord and Savior. May Sharon Rest In Peace.

Martha (Maguire) Feeney - September 25, 2020 at 04:52 PM

MF

“ *Marsha Palazzini Ford lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson*



Marsha Palazzini Ford - September 25, 2020 at 01:03 PM

MF

“ *Sharon was indeed a very special lady and everyone that knew her loved her. May she rest in peace and our deepest sympathies to Larry and all her family. Gods Blessings.*

Marsha Palazzini Ford - September 25, 2020 at 01:02 PM

DT

“ *I've spoken to Sharon a few times and said hi in passing the halls at the Cigna office several times. She was so sweet and always had a smile on her face. She will be missed...deepest sympathy to the Nelson family.*

Darlyn Thurman - September 25, 2020 at 11:58 AM

MD

“ *We are so sad to hear of Sharon's passing! She was a lovely lady, a devout Christian, and very kind to everyone! RIP! Bob and Maxine Dunn and Family*

Maxine Dunn - September 25, 2020 at 12:09 AM

ML

“ RIP Sharon... I am blessed to have known you and to reap the rewards of your kindness. God Bless.



Mary Longtin - September 24, 2020 at 03:34 PM

DD

“ I can only repeat the wonderful comments about this sweet woman. I still display the ceramic basket that she hand delivered to my home 20+ years ago after I went to work at home. I smile and think of her every time I look at it. RIP Sharon

Donna DuMontelle - September 23, 2020 at 07:53 PM

MJ

“ I am so blessed to have known this great lady. I will never forget her kindness, words of wisdom, the time she gave me, and just taking care of me. Cigna lost a pillar of our family. I will never forget Sharon. Deepest sympathies to the Nelson family.



Marie Johnson - September 23, 2020 at 04:23 PM

HW

“ So sorry to hear of Sharon's Passing. I got to know Sharon when we were patients in a room together at St. Mary's Hospital ,a long time ago when the boys were small. We got to visiting with each other, exchanged recipes, visited their place on Rt. 17, at a house next to a church , several times. She was the BEST! Housewife, Mother, and being a Grandmother, Yes, she was the BEST! I can imagine how proud she was of her Family!

With Heartfelt Sympathy to You, and Your Family. May God give You Strength, Comfort, Love, and Peace. May God comfort You as You treasure Your many beautiful cherished memories. Thinking of You at this special time. She is God's angel in heaven.

With Deepest Sympathy, Harry & Bev Welsh



Harry & Bev Welsh - September 23, 2020 at 02:07 PM

TR

“ Everyone has those select people in your life that would instantly put a SMILE on your face, Sharon was that person. Sharon lite up the walls and aisles in the Cigna building. Sharon greeted everyone and treated them as if they were part of her family. She loved her family and always had a picture and story to tell. Sharon's smile and kindness was greatly missed when she retired. She was excited for the next chapter in her life spending more time with family and friends.

My deepest sympathy to Larry, Kyle, Chad, and your families. May her memories always put a smile on your face.

Tammy Richie

Tammy Richie - September 23, 2020 at 11:48 AM

SH

“ I worked with Sharon during her entire career at Cigna. She most certainly was a gem and I am happy to have been able to call her a friend. Always a smile on her face and so willing to do anything for you. She is flying high amongst her fellow angels. May your family have comfort during the coming months knowing she loved you all dearly and is watching over you. Blessings to all.

Sue Hanson - September 23, 2020 at 11:18 AM

TG

“ Sharon was the most kind hearted, sweetest person. She took care of all of us in the Bourbonnais office. She was always so helpful and did everything with a smile. She was so proud of her family and would beam with joy as she shared pictures of her children and grandchildren. I am blessed to have known her and she will be greatly missed.

My prayer is that God wraps a hedge of strength around the family and bring peace to all of them. My deepest condolences.

Toni Gipson

Toni Gipson - September 22, 2020 at 06:01 PM

GA

“ Sharon did daycare for both of my kids. She was a great daycare provider and I don't think she ever raised her voice. and know there was times she should of. she treated all of the kids as if they were her own and asked about them even as adults. Jessica was one of those babies that had to be rocked to sleep with her big heavy blanket. But she did it everyday no matter how warm it was. She was wonder person inside and out and will be greatly missed. Larry, Chad, Kyle and families you have my deepest condolences.

Gail - September 22, 2020 at 05:06 PM

DH

“ Sharon was my right hand man at Cigna and a dear friend. Never one to get flustered. Never one to say no. Never one to not want to help whether work related or personal. She was our safety net❤️

My deepest condolences to the entire family! She spoke of each and everyone of you daily- sharing pictures and stories of each grandchild ! She was a proud parent and idolized her grandchildren. May she Rest In Peace.

Deb Huber - September 22, 2020 at 04:26 PM

JG

“ Our deepest heartfelt condolences to Larry, Chad, Kyle and the entire family. I spent countless hours at the Nelson house growing up and I'm glad Sharon was always there to take care of us. Our prayers are with you.

Jeff, Amy, and Isabel Goodwin

Jeff Goodwin - September 22, 2020 at 03:53 PM

TM

“ Sharon was a beautiful person inside and out. I worked with her at Cigna for a long time and I never seen her upset or angry. She always had a smile and a kind word to say. She was like our "Work Mom". If we needed a talk or just some positive in a bad day, she was always there insure we are good. Sharon -- you will be greatly missed. Love ya

Tracie Martin - September 22, 2020 at 02:47 PM

JP

“ My deepest sympathies to Larry and the entire Nelson family at this extremely sad time.

Jim Puswaskis - September 22, 2020 at 01:30 PM

JC

“ Like many, I had the opportunity to work with Sharon. She was always smiling! Sharon completed the Bourbonnais office, her knowledge was endless, her support was outstanding, and her laugh was contagious.

My deepest sympathy to Sharon's family.

Jen Cotter - September 22, 2020 at 12:39 PM

DN

“ I had the pleasure of working with Sharon, always a sweet lady! My prayers ae with her family.



Deb Neal - September 22, 2020 at 12:18 PM

BC

“ Sharon was a Wonderful person! She was a valued peer at Cigna, as well as a friend to all she knew. She definitely made a positive impact on all she encountered!

Bette Chouinard - September 22, 2020 at 12:18 PM

CN

“ RIP Sharon -
I had the pleasure of working with Sharon for many years at CIGNA!! She was the sweetest and most kindest person.

Cheryl Nolden - September 22, 2020 at 12:07 PM

JR

“ I also was lucky to have worked with Sharon at Cigna. She truly had a way of bringing people together and touched so many lives. She had a job that had no bounds.....if it was no one's job.....it was Sharon's. I remember her just laughing when I shared that with her.

I'm so glad I had the opportunity to know her, and my deepest sympathy to her family. She was one of the great ones.

Janet L Richard - September 22, 2020 at 11:48 AM

DM

“ I am so sorry for your loss and am sending my deepest sympathies for Sharon's family.

I had the pleasure of working with Sharon over her 24 year career at Cigna. She was the sweetest and most caring person I have ever known. She provided Cigna with her joy everyday. Her smile was contagious and we visited often as she set up my client visit luncheons. She loved that creative piece of her job.

I am truly a better person for knowing her!!

Donica Messier

Donica Messier - September 22, 2020 at 11:22 AM

DD

“ Donna DePatis lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson



Donna DePatis - September 22, 2020 at 11:21 AM

DT

I had the true pleasure of working with Sharon for many years @ Cigna. We often reflected on the good times we had at the old office, telling stories and laugh a lot. She was always so nice and sweet to everyone. A great colleague and friend. She never forgot a face. She was one of the great ones. My deepest sympathy to Sharon's family.

Dawn Tutt - September 22, 2020 at 12:34 PM

TC

“ *Tonja Chandler lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson*



Tonja Chandler - September 22, 2020 at 11:20 AM

AW

“ *Amanda West lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson*



Amanda West - September 22, 2020 at 11:17 AM

RD

“ *Sharon was the "go to person" at Cigna if you had something you needed for a client visit - and always knew the best meals to serve the clients. She always had a good word and a smile to share. Sharon was always willing to help out no matter how big or small the task. She will be greatly missed.*

Renee Dixon - September 22, 2020 at 11:15 AM

CB

“ *Candy Baker lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson*



Candy Baker - September 22, 2020 at 11:14 AM

EM

“ *Eva Marion lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson*



Eva Marion - September 22, 2020 at 11:09 AM

DM

“ *Sharon was such a beautiful person- kind, friendly and would help you in whatever means needed. She was the type to spread light and cheer wherever she was and I was truly blessed to work with her for many years at Cigna.*

Dani Makkay - September 22, 2020 at 11:09 AM

BW

“ Sharon was a wonderful asset to the Cigna team, and was so very loved as you can see by the wonderful comments. Whenever you saw Sharon, she was a shining light with her broad smile and open, loving manner. I also knew Sharon prior to working with her at Cigna for her 24 year career. Growing up in Reddick, her Mother had been our "wallpaper lady" for so many years when I was young and Sharon and i would share great memories talking about the Reddick area and our common friends and family connections. Heaven certainly gained an angel, and we left on earth will miss her terribly.

Beth (Wills) Walczak

Beth (Wills) Walczak - September 22, 2020 at 11:02 AM

ML

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. Sharon was always a smiling, happy face around the Cigna office. She was very kind to everyone she saw.



Maribeth Lundquist - September 22, 2020 at 11:02 AM

KW

“ Kristi Woolman lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson



Kristi Woolman - September 22, 2020 at 10:56 AM

LG

“ *Lisa Goncher lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson*



Lisa Goncher - September 22, 2020 at 10:55 AM

CW

“ *My deepest sympathies to you all. Sharon was a treasure! She always had a kind word or a smile when I needed it most. She will be missed.*



Cathie West - September 22, 2020 at 10:55 AM

BR

“ *Beth Rayburn lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson*



Beth Rayburn - September 22, 2020 at 10:53 AM

TS

“ *Tamara Shay lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson*



Tamara Shay - September 22, 2020 at 09:38 AM

MS

“ Deepest sympathy to Mr. Nelson, Chad, Kyle & families. Mrs. Nelson was such a nice person and always took the time to greet us @ schools events growing up in Herscher.
Sincerely,
Monica (Fulton) Stark

Monica Fulton Stark - September 22, 2020 at 09:24 AM

JA

“ Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson



Judy Andersen - September 22, 2020 at 08:37 AM

JA

My deepest sympathy to Sharon's family. She was a great person and we had a lot of fun working together.

Judy Andersen - September 22, 2020 at 08:39 AM

JD

“ Sharon was a wonderful woman , she raised 2 wonderful kinds that I consider them as my own brothers and a great husband Larry you all have my deepest sympathy. Love you all !! Farmer aka Jamie Denault

JamiePaul Denault - September 22, 2020 at 07:28 AM

KL

“ *Kathy Lott lit a candle in memory of Sharon A Nelson*



Kathy Lott - September 21, 2020 at 06:38 PM

CB

“ *Sharon was literally the kindest person and such a sweet soul. I worked with her at Cigna for years. She always had a smile on her face and a positive outlook each and every day. Her sons and grandchildren were proudly displayed on her desk and her face lit up when she talked about them. God has taken a Beautiful Angel to be by his side. Rest in Peace Sharon.* 🙏🙏😭

Carrie Bertand - September 21, 2020 at 05:23 PM

JK

“ *Although I have not seen Sharon since high school I have very fond memories of her. She was my piano accompaniment when I played solos on my trumpet all so many years ago. Great, classy lady! Larry was a lucky man. RIP Sharon.*

Jim King - September 21, 2020 at 05:03 PM

PF

“ *My deepest sympathy to Larry and to Chad, Kyle, and your families. Sharon was a sweet, friendly lady who always had a smile. May God comfort you and give you His strength in your time of need.*

Patricia Fisher - September 21, 2020 at 04:01 PM