



Sharon Stepp

December 29, 1937 - August 14, 2025

Sharon Stepp, beloved daughter, sister, mother, aunt, and friend, passed away on August 14, 2025, at the age of 87.

Born to Harold Wilkins and Margaret Wilkins (Née, Ochs). Sharon grew up alongside her younger brother, Robert Wilkins, with whom she shared a lifetime of memories. After graduating from high school, her determination and ambition led her to alter her birth certificate so she could qualify for a more senior position, an early sign of her drive to succeed. She began her career at Packard Automotive, later joined American Motors, and eventually built a distinguished 25-year career at Ford Motor Company, retiring as a Public Relations Executive.

While at Ford, Sharon returned to school, earning her bachelor's degree in computer science from Madonna University. She made her mark on the company by developing an innovative "Lease Program" before car leasing was common practice, providing vehicles to mayors and governors across the country. The program's success prompted Ford to extend an offer for Sharon to relocate to Washington, D.C., to pilot it with officials in the United States House of Representatives and Senate. Instead, Sharon chose to retire early to care for her ailing mother, reflecting her deep commitment to family.

Sharon's life was rich with adventure, culture, and personal passions. She loved horseback riding, gardening, and traveling the world, visiting six continents and catching a glimpse of Antarctica from Melbourne, Australia. She enjoyed musicals, classical music, tennis, baseball, golf, reading, and

entertaining, and had an appreciation for a perfectly cooked steak. Each year, she looked forward to vacationing in Vanderbilt Beach, Florida, reconnecting with old friends and family. Above all, she adored her daughter, Janai Stepp, who was her greatest joy and crowning achievement.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Stepp, with whom she shared four wonderful years of marriage, and by her late brother, Robert Wilkins.

Sharon is survived by her daughter, Janai Stepp; her sister-in-law, Charlotte/Aunt Millie; her nephew, Jamie Wilkins (married to Renee); her niece, Sheryl Shenefelt (married to Bob); and her great-nieces and great-nephews, Grace Greene (married to Joel), Nick Shenefelt, and Lauren Wilkins.

Sharon will be remembered for her pioneering spirit, love for family, adventurous heart, and the warmth she shared with all who knew her.

Visitation Sunday August 17, 2025 2 PM to 8 PM and Monday August 18, 2025 10 AM to 11 AM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W, (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth.

Funeral Service Monday August 18, 2025 11 AM also at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W, (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth.

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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenh.com

Visitation

AUG 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know and love Sharon through my friend Janai who introduced me to her when interviewing to take care of Sharon’s mother. I ended up working for Sharon for three years while I took care of her mother until she passed. Whenever I clean, I think of Sharon. Lol she really did show me how to clean a house properly while I worked for her. And those memories stay with me and make me smile and laugh. She loved being out and about and traveling, and I picked up her love for the color teal while working in her home. She treated me like part of her family, and I’m so grateful that I had the blessing to come to know her and love her. I will miss her very greatly my prayers and love to you, Janai and your family!
Love Donna Purdy

Donna Purdy - August 21, 2025 at 08:49 AM

TM

So sorry to hear about your Mom's passing, Janai...she was a sweet Lady. Glad I was able to meet her, n help out a little at some point. God's xo.fort and peace to. You, and your families. Love, Therese Maynard

Therese Maynard - August 23, 2025 at 07:45 PM

LG

“ Lorraine G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Stepp.

Lorraine G. - August 18, 2025 at 10:57 AM

SM

“ Suzanne M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Stepp.

Suzanne M. - August 18, 2025 at 09:16 AM

LF

“ Love from the Ndiang'ui family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharon Stepp.



Love from the Ndiang'ui family - August 17, 2025 at 11:16 PM

HG

“ Heather G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Stepp.

Heather G. - August 17, 2025 at 09:45 PM

AG

“ Bless your Beautiful Mother. I know this loss honey. Always here for you. Praying God hold your heart in his palms. 🙏🙏🙏

Angela Grammatico - August 17, 2025 at 10:36 AM

SS

“ Me and my 3 kids will miss you so much my neighbor rest in peace we will never forget your kindness

Sara Sharaf - August 17, 2025 at 09:38 AM

CN

“ We will miss your smile! Love your neighbors, The Novaks!

Christina A. Novak - August 16, 2025 at 10:18 PM

JS

“ Jane S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Stepp.

Jane S. - August 16, 2025 at 09:30 PM

HF

“ *Hadley and Toop familys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sharon Stepp.*



Hadley and Toop familys - August 16, 2025 at 11:58 AM

SJ

“ *Sandy,Craig,Cheryl, Brenda, Jenny,Brad purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sharon Stepp.*



Sandy,Craig,Cheryl, Brenda, Jenny,Brad - August 16, 2025 at 10:19 AM

RW

“ *Renee W. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Sharon Stepp.*



Renee W. - August 15, 2025 at 10:50 PM