



Sharon Hughes Killian

January 24, 1946 - February 26, 2025

Mrs. Sharon Hughes Killian, age 79, of Asheville, NC, passed away suddenly on February 26, 2025. She was born on January 24, 1946, in the loving home of Edmund Earl Hughes Jr. and Edith Polasek Hughes, who preceded her in death.

Sharon was the beloved wife of Charles Edwin Killian for 57 years. Together, they raised a family full of love and pride. She is survived by her husband, Charles; her daughters, Leigh Killian Altman (Allen) of Keller, TX, Susan Killian VanderKam (Jeffrey) of Princeton, NJ, Teresa Killian Tate (Jed) of Waynesville, NC; her son, Charles Edwin Killian, Jr. (Kristina) of Cary, NC; and her 10 grandchildren, Katie, James and Michael VanderKam, Anna and John Altman, David, Andre, and Aly Killian, and Samuel and Edie Rose Tate.

Sharon was also a loving sister to Kathy Bambach, Ed Hughes III, Dorothy Hovis, and Robert Hughes. She cherished her family deeply, and her nurturing presence will be greatly missed. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Thomas and David Hughes.

A proud alumna of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNC-G), Sharon was part of the first co-ed class at the university in 1967. She earned her B.A. in Mathematics and went on to have a rewarding 25+ year career as a Math Instructor at A.B. Technical Community College, where she was the

director and guiding force at the Guided Studies Math Lab.

Sharon was a dedicated member of the Women's Guild and Adult Choir at St. Eugene Catholic Church and was known for her involvement in the PEO group, as well as her talent for quilting and heirloom sewing. Her contributions to the community and her family were countless, and her warm heart and kind spirit left a lasting impact on all who knew her.

In addition to her work in education and community, Sharon's passions extended to her family and her faith. She will be fondly remembered for her deep love for her family, her devotion to her church, and her tireless commitment to bettering the lives of others.

Visitation will take place from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 2, 2025, at Morris Funeral & Cremation Care in Asheville, NC. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Eugene Catholic Church in Asheville, NC, on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM, with Reverend Patrick Cahill officiating. Graveside services will take place on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Gilkey United Methodist Church Cemetery in Rutherfordton, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the UNC-Greensboro Foundation or ABCCM Helene Relief Fund in honor of Sharon's legacy.

Sharon's family takes comfort in knowing she is at peace, surrounded by love, and that her memory will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care - Asheville
304 Merrimon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Parish of St. Eugene Catholic Church
72 Culvern Street
Asheville, NC 28804
<http://www.steugene.org/>

Graveside Service

MAR 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Gilkey United Methodist Church Cemetery
108 Aydlotte Rd
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Tribute Wall

IA

“ A special lady when I was changing careers. Going back to school later in life she was a truly amazing in the math lab at ABTech. I am thankful we crossed paths and the encouragement she gave me.

Inez Alexander - March 04, 2025 at 11:01 AM

AH

“ I just valued knowing her. She was welcoming to me as a new and the not best singer to the choir.
I know hearts are heavy today.
She was faithful and will be welcomed to God's kingdom

Ann Heaney - March 02, 2025 at 08:01 PM

LM

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

Lori M. - March 02, 2025 at 07:32 PM

AM

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

Ana M. - March 02, 2025 at 09:04 AM

MW

“ Mark and Jenny white purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sharon Hughes Killian.



Mark and Jenny white - March 02, 2025 at 07:25 AM

GR

“ Dear Family of Sharon Killian,
On behalf of the St. Eugene Church
Bereavement Ministry, I would like to express
my condolences for the loss of your loved
one. Know that our Ministry will be praying for
your family during this time of sadness. Be in touch with our Ministry
if there is anything we can do to help your family.
Blessings,
Ginny Raviotta
St. Eugene Church Bereavement Ministry



Ginny Raviotta - March 01, 2025 at 09:56 PM

LM

“ Mike and I will always be thankful for Mrs
Killian hosting us for dinner when we drove
from Chapel Hill to Kentucky. She also made
the Baptism gown that our two children wore.
Mother Teresa said, "...do small things with
great love." Although Mrs. Killian's contributions have been
ANYTHING BUT small, she did everything with great love and that
has made a big difference in the world. Love and hugs to the whole
family at this time.



Lori Meadows-Clark - March 01, 2025 at 07:02 AM

EF

“ Eddie Hughes and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Sharon Hughes Killian.



Eddie Hughes and family - February 28, 2025 at 06:00 PM

EF

“ Eddie Hughes and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Hughes Killian.

Eddie Hughes and family - February 28, 2025 at 06:00 PM

DH

“ My heart is heavy with this news. I feel like I've lost a family member. I will miss you in choir, and as a patient. My prayers are with Chuck and the rest of the family. Doug Hauschild

Doug Hauschild - February 28, 2025 at 01:51 PM

AF

“ All our LOVE ALWAYS, Your DF Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Sharon Hughes Killian.



All our LOVE ALWAYS, Your DF Family - February 28, 2025 at 01:24 PM

AF

“ All our LOVE ALWAYS, Your DF Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Hughes Killian.

All our LOVE ALWAYS, Your DF Family - February 28, 2025 at 01:24 PM

JP

“ I was at Sharon's house in January for a P.E.O. meeting. She was a wonderful hostess, sister and friend. She will be greatly missed.

Jen Peeples - February 28, 2025 at 12:31 PM

JF

“ Jim and Mary Vanderkam and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sharon Hughes Killian.



Jim and Mary Vanderkam and family - February 28, 2025 at 11:09 AM

JF

“ Jim and Mary Vanderkam and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Hughes Killian.

Jim and Mary Vanderkam and family - February 28, 2025 at 11:09 AM

JA

“ Judith A. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Sharon Hughes Killian.



Judith A. - February 28, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sharon Hughes Killian.



February 28, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sharon Hughes Killian.



February 28, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sharon Hughes Killian.

February 28, 2025 at 10:23 AM

CC

“ Sharon was not only a cherished friend she was a talented seamstress and quilter who freely gave of her knowledge and expertise. She made me laugh and inspired me to try new things and to do better. Strong in her faith and love of family and friends. I will truly miss her.

Chris Cicotello - February 28, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Hughes Killian.



February 27, 2025 at 06:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sharon Hughes Killian.

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