



## Sharon Isabelle Rueda

October 5, 1944 - November 22, 2024

Sharon Isabelle Lee Rueda died November 22, 2024, of Multiple System Atrophy a month after her 80th birthday, at home surrounded by her family. Although in her last few years she lost her mobility and ability to speak, before this she lived a life of joy, spreading happiness to all with her smile and loving heart.

Daughter of Isabelle and John Lee, Sharon spent most of her life in the Portland area. Born and raised in Beaverton, OR, she attended the University of Oregon and has been a lifelong diehard Duck fan. She met Xavier at U of O, and they married the day before they graduated in June 1966. They moved to Los Angeles so Sharon could attend the Internal Revenue Service training program. She finished number one, then enjoyed some amusing months auditing celebrities in the Hollywood IRS office. They moved to Iowa, and then Vermont to pursue architectural positions for Xavier. In 1973 they moved “back home” and raised their four children in Tigard, OR. She and Xavier retired to Canby, OR in 2004. Xavier designed a major remodel of the house, and Sharon designed the garden.

Sharon had tireless energy and a giving spirit. She volunteered for over twenty years as bookkeeper for Good Samaritan Ministries. She gave her time to Oregon Right to Life, Special Olympics and March of Dimes. She taught Sunday School and at Boy and Girl Scout Camp. She was a part-time

accountant and a full-time, devoted mother. She dedicated herself to supporting and improving the quality of life for her youngest daughter who has Down Syndrome.

After her three eldest children were grown, Sharon had time to garden! Through rigorous study, she became a master gardener. She loved to spend hours in her yard, putting in new plants, perfecting the shape of trees and bushes, and ensuring a riot of color throughout the year. She joined the Canby Garden Club, serving as president, participating in many events, and proudly earning the Yard of the Month in 2016.

Sharon lived her life with a foundation of faith and love for the Lord. She was a devout Catholic and very spiritual. The joy this gave to her was evident to everyone she met. She had a smile and a warm hug for all and considered everyone she encountered her friend. Her gentleness and firm faith inspired others to the last day of her life.

Sharon is survived by her husband of 58 years, Xavier Rueda; her brother John Lee; her children Darsi (Sarah), Bronson (Meredith), Amanda, and Annie; and grandchildren Benjamin, Addison, and Emma.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 19. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Hillside Chapel  
1306 7th Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
(503) 656-4285  
<https://www.hillsidechapelfh.com/>

## Rosary

DEC 19. 5:00 PM (PT)

Hillside Chapel  
1306 7th Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
(503) 656-4285  
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## Funeral Mass

DEC 20. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (PT)

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church  
417 Washington Street  
Oregon City, OR

## Graveside Service

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DEC 20. 1:45 PM (PT)

Willamette National Cemetery  
11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd  
Portland, OR 97086

*Please arrive 15-30 minutes early to avoid missing the service*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hillside Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Sharon Isabelle Rueda*



Hillside Chapel - December 20, 2024 at 01:25 PM

MM

“ *Sharon has touched my life in so many beautiful ways! The first time when we were young parents coming to St. Anthony's Church in Tigard. We were nervous about leaving our first-born child in the children's room. Sharon welcomed him (and us) so gracefully and easily. After that, we felt accepted, welcomed and nourished. I enjoyed getting to know Sharon more through church, Camp Tillikum and Panache' Living activities. She was so present in everything she was doing, especially with children, families and sharing God's divine love & support. Thank you Sharon and Family!*



Marilyn Melvin - January 09, 2025 at 04:15 PM

JE

“ 1 file added to the album Sharon Rueda Tribute Video



Jessica - December 23, 2024 at 12:15 PM

SB

“ Sharon was my beautiful Master Gardener friend and sitter of my wonderful dog, Shasta, her "granddog". I know she is now enjoying a perfect garden free of all pests and weeds with lots of her four-legged friends, and folks who have preceded her, all in the forever presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus!

Sally Jo Browne - December 20, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Isabelle Rueda.



December 18, 2024 at 10:31 PM

FK

“ from the family of Doug & Laila Kaer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Isabelle Rueda.

from the family of Doug & Laila Kaer - December 17, 2024 at 06:59 PM

FK

“ from the family of Doug & Laila Kaer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sharon Isabelle Rueda.



from the family of Doug & Laila Kaer - December 17, 2024 at 06:59 PM

TK

“ The family of Doug & Laila Kaer purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Sharon Isabelle Rueda.



The family of Doug & Laila Kaer - December 17, 2024 at 06:54 PM

TK

“ The family of Doug & Laila Kaer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Isabelle Rueda.

The family of Doug & Laila Kaer - December 17, 2024 at 06:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharon Isabelle Rueda.



December 17, 2024 at 02:10 AM



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

December 17, 2024 at 02:10 AM



“ Mike Lujan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sharon Isabelle Rueda.



Mike Lujan - December 16, 2024 at 01:17 PM



“ Sharon was the first friend I had when moving to Tigard. We met through Bronson & my boys. Later Amanda & Ashleigh became friends. She was such a loving & caring person. She got me sign up to take organizational classes at her church. We only lived in Tigard for a year, but remained lifelong friends. I always loved their Disneyland trips because we got to see them. She had been a blessing in my life for almost 50 years.

Sharon was a wonderful & devoted mother & wife. Always happy & light hearted. She enjoyed her blessings in life.

Although I hadn't seen her for 7 or 8 years, I knew how she struggled in the last few years. Bless her heart, she is now "home" where she wanted to be.

We send our family love to X, Darci, Bronson, Amanda & Annie.

Kathy - December 15, 2024 at 05:00 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Sharon Isabelle Rueda.



December 13, 2024 at 08:51 PM



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

December 13, 2024 at 08:51 PM



“ 79 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hillside Chapel - December 13, 2024 at 01:09 PM

DK

“ (Doug Kaer) *Two Years, Two Months and Two Days ... I'm pretty sure it was Auntie Isabelle who came up with that. My cousin, Sharon, is 2-Years, 2-Months and 2-Days older than I am. Growing up, we spent so much time together - I have the pictures and the movies to prove it - and All Of It Was An Adventure! Whether throwing Red-White-Blue firecrackers into a pond water a campground ... jumping from sand-dune cliffs at Twin Harbors State Park ... running from Uncle Vernon after the beer that we brought him "geysered" at one of the cottages in Arch Cape ... or our fathers betting on the outcome of a \*serious\* wrestling match on the Rec Room floor at their home on Scholls Ferry ... life was never tame when we were together. So, if you wonder where Darsi, Bronson, Amanda and Annie get it, there's your answer! Later on, I remember Sharon shaking pom-poms and cheering on her beloved Duckies. Of course, I got the sad-faced emails from her that said "Sorry for your loss." whenever they beat up on the Cougars (my WSU team), but every now-and-again I got to send her one that just said, "QUACK!" when we won. Her love of family and Disneyland is legendary, and the way she fussed over her plants and flowers and shrubs at the Canby home is historic, but her faith is the thing that sits in my brain. At the end of one of my visits, she whispered into my ear, "I'm on the road to Emmaus and I'm walking with Jesus." Now, she is in His arms and her struggles have ended in redemption, salvation and glory. That is one thing we can all pray for and take away as we face this loss. And praise to her family who have watched over her through all of this. Be strong. Stay healthy. God bless.*

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Doug Kaer - December 09, 2024 at 11:57 AM

EB

“ *The Ruedas, Boharts, Hausmans and many more met while attending St. Anthony's Church in Tigard in the late seventies. What fun we all had church camping. Remembering one particular time when our food was stolen and we got totally rained out. Going to Black Butte--the golfing tournaments and many nights sharing experiences at the bar. Numerous trips to Mexico and, almost more importantly, penultimate Duck fans. Who could forget that infamous Rose Bowl game when we got iced in at our house with a mess of sick kids. And, always, the sumptuous feast of Mexican food Sharon provided. The memories are overwhelming me with great joy and profound sadness. Rest in Peace, Sharon.*

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**EMILY BOHART** - December 07, 2024 at 08:05 PM