



Sharon E. Klinedinst

December 8, 1939 - March 24, 2021

Sharon E. Klinedinst, 81, of South Bend, Indiana, passed from this earthly realm comfortably and with grace on March 24, 2021, in her beloved villa at Southfield Village.

Sharon was born on December 8, 1939, in Denver, IN to the late Everett and Irene Ream. She was a 1957 graduate of Walkerton High School, a 1961 graduate of Indiana State University, where she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in music and performed in numerous operas and musicals. In 1975 she earned her Master of Science degree in education from Indiana University.

On June 17, 1961, Sharon was united in marriage at the Walkerton United Methodist Church to Kenny Klinedinst, who preceded her in death in 2019. During their 58-year marriage, she taught music for one year at LaPaz School prior to joining John Glenn School Corporation in 1968, where she taught elementary school music. Years later, she became the FIRST Director of Technology for JGSC until her retirement in 1998. In 1985, she was named Corporation Teacher of the Year. In addition to teaching music in the schools, Sharon taught private piano instruction in her home for 50+ years. For decades, she directed the Walkerton Community choir and served as music director at the Walkerton United Methodist Church. Her school children's choirs performed on various stages and experienced extraordinary opportunities under her tutelage. It would be a hard pressed endeavor to find a child from Walkerton from that era who was not influenced by "Mrs. Klinedinst's" dedication to children in the arts.

Sharon's goals were "to continually discover, learn and grow to become the person God intended for me to be and to share with others any knowledge, skills and attitudes I have gained through performing, teaching and leading". Indeed, she did. She was a lifetime member of Sigma Alpha Iota, national music fraternity for women; a member of Kappa Delta Pi, National Education Association, Indiana State Teachers' Association, as well as a member of the Music Educators' National Conference, and the Walkerton chapters of the Business and Professional Women's Club, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Having spent many years dedicated to her career, Sharon thoroughly savored retirement by traveling, visiting her son's family in Tennessee, frequently engaging in tastings at her favorite cheese shoppes, and participating in Bingo and ice cream socials at "the big house" at Southfield Village. From the age of 75, her absolute jubilation and delight was achieved while singing with The Ripple Effect Vocal Visionary Project, Inc, with whom she radiated as a soloist both locally and on annual tours. Referred to as "choir mom", she exemplified the love and acceptance mission of the organization through leading by example. A pivotal and shining achievement with the group culminated in December of 2019 when Sharon relished the moment of a lifetime to perform in Stern Auditorium at the world renowned Carnegie Hall.

Sharon is survived by her two children, Sherry Klinedinst of South Bend, IN and Mike (Martha) Klinedinst of Crossville, TN; three granddaughters, Chloe, Katie and Carly; a sister, Jeanie Poston; a brother, Dennis (Robin) Ream, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place at Walkerton United Methodist Church, 1000 Georgia St. on March 31, 4-7pm EST. Due to current public health and safety standards for COVID-19, social distancing will be enforced and masks required. A brief graveside service will be held April 1 at noon EST at Woodlawn Cemetery, US-6, Walkerton. A celebration of life filled with music, memories, and all things "cheese" will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Sharon's honor may be directed to The Ripple Effect Vocal Visionary Project, Inc. at <https://www.rippleeffectchoir.org/make-a-donation>, or Center for Hospice Care at <https://foundationforhospice.org/donate/>. To leave on-line condolences please refer to her obituary at rannellsfuneralhome.com.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Walkerton United Methodist Church

1000 Georgia St., Walkerton, IN, US, 46574

APR **Graveside Service** 12:00PM

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Woodlawn Cemetery

Industrial Park Drive and US 6, Walkerton, IN, US, 46574

Comments



“ To the kids.....Your Mom touched hearts in many ways....
Mrs. Klinedinst was my piano teacher from the late 60's - early 70's.
My half hour lesson would begin after my sister Jill (Carbiener) was done. As I waited for my turn, I focused on a poem hanging on the wall in the piano room of Mrs. Klinedinst's house. The poem is called, Children Learn What They Live. Unbeknown to my teacher, I memorized the poem instead of my recital piece. I've come across that poem many times in my life, and, I always think of your Mom and where I was sitting the first time I read it.

-Gina (Carbiener) Morgan

Gina - April 06 at 10:26 PM



“ To Sherry, and Mike, and Jeanie, and the rest of your loving family. I know Sharon will be thoroughly missed. I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful memory was written about her. I got to see her a few times, at church, or music events or a backyard party. What a wonderful momma she was. God bless you all as you are guided thru the upcoming rough times. And may good memories shine thru on all of you.

Jim Beck

Jim Beck - March 31 at 01:05 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sharon E. Klinedinst.



March 31 at 12:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sharon E. Klinedinst.



March 29 at 06:52 PM



“ To Sherry and Mike and the rest of family. So sorry for your loss, Sharon will be missed greatly by all who knew her. May God grant you all peace. Love, Jim and Annie Miller

Ann Miller - March 29 at 02:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon E. Klinedinst.



March 29 at 11:51 AM



“ We're glad we met Sharon when she moved to Southfield, but we wish we could have known her longer and better. What a wonderful life she had!
Jack and Pat Frazier

Pat Frazier - March 28 at 05:50 PM



“ I'm very sad today. I've lost a great friend. I have many wonderful memories of times spent with Sharon. We went through grade school, junior high and high school together. Then we spent 4 years together as music majors at Indiana State College. I was her maid of honor at her wedding and she sang for my wedding. She was such an outstanding, intelligent and talented person. I will miss her so much but I'm so grateful that Sherry will carry on her Mom's talents spreading love through music

Sincerely, Pat Drake Tomb

Patricia A Tomb - March 26 at 06:34 PM



“ All my Love to the Family

Lennie Gaddis - March 26 at 02:22 PM



“ Sharon brought the gift of music to so many in the community, including me with her piano lessons. Even "We are the choir, the Tyner Elementary choir. We sing with lots of fire..." leaves a meaningful mark on me. She and her gifts will be greatly missed...

Wendell Rohrer - March 26 at 12:48 PM



“ Mrs. Klinedinst was my piano teacher in junior high, high school and into college (1967 - 1974). I learned to love the classics through her and learned to play Polonaise in A Flat by Chopin after hearing her play it at my senior year recital. She was the pianist at my wedding on 1/29/1977 which was just after a big blizzard and good friends had to pick her up in their Jeep to transport her to the church in Plymouth because of the snowdrifts. She played Polonaise in A Flat by Chopin as the recessional

Jill (Carbiener) Savage
Concord, NH



Jill Savage - March 26 at 10:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sharon E. Klinedinst.



March 25 at 09:59 PM



“ I am grateful to have been touched by Sharon Klinedinst's love for music. I took piano lessons from her for years and sang in several of her cantatas. I'm sure I'll see her in heaven one day directing the angels singing.

ken Rohrer - March 25 at 08:23 PM



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March 25 at 06:19 PM



“ Sharon was my friend and though I didn't see her often it breaks my heart that she is gone. She welcomed me in her life. One highlight I remember was when I went with her up into Michigan to sing in a large choir the new music of John Peterson. She shared her fantastic talent, but most of all she opened her big heart. Rest in Peace, sweet Sharon. My deepest sympathy to all her wonderful family.

Barbara Rohrer - March 25 at 06:13 PM



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March 25 at 03:56 PM



“ I will remember Sharon most as a great teacher of piano and music theory, which benefitted me greatly. I especially loved the 6 electric pianos in the basement for group lessons! I was in several cantatas she directed, and in a school musical under her direction in Jr High. Her voice was angelic, always a big heart and friendly. Her and Kenny had a fun relationship! There's one more angelic voice singing the Lord's praises in heaven! Comfort and peace to your family.

Kathy Frazier - March 25 at 03:24 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Photos and videos of Sharon



Sherry Klinedinst - March 25 at 02:56 PM