



Sharon Lee Derby

April 18, 1944 - June 27, 2025

Sharon Lee (née Johnson) Derby, Age 81, formerly of Mazon, IL, and most recently of Largo, FL, passed away on June 27, 2025, at HCA Florida Largo Hospital. Born April 18, 1944, in Joliet, Illinois, she was the daughter of Harold and Geneva (née Melbourne) Johnson.

On November 18, 1983, Sharon was united in marriage to Vincent “Bud” Joseph Derby. They enjoyed 20 years of marriage before his passing on April 30, 2004.

A member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington and the Red Hat Society, Sharon had a deep love for her horses and dogs and found great happiness in caring for her home and yard, which she maintained with great pride. She enjoyed many social outings, including playing cards with her friends.

Survivors include her sons, Lonnie (Leslie) Harvey of Seminole, FL, and Chad (Patti) Harvey of Gardner, IL; and her stepsons, Glen (Pam) Derby and Brian (Leslie) Derby, both of Indiana. She was a proud grandmother to Josh (Terra) Harvey, Sean Harvey, Tyler (Kyra Pitapit) Harvey, and Cody (Halie) Harvey; and a loving step-grandmother to Julie, Stephanie, and Brian. Sharon was also a cherished great-grandmother to Addison, Aubrey, and Lainey Rae. Her dearly loved cousin, Maureen Tambling, who held a very special place in her

heart, and her niece, Tanya Johnson, also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her siblings, Doug Johnson, Fred Johnson, and Judy Johnson; her step grandson, Michael Derby; a special cousin, Peggy Vogen and lifelong friends Shirley Weber and Mary Landers.

Visitation will be held at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood, IL, on Thursday, July 10, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington, with Reverend Stanley Drewniak officiating. Interment will take place following the funeral services at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Campus, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grundy County Humane Society.

To share memories or offer condolences, please visit Sharon's online guestbook at www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
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Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

North 3300 East Road: Approximately 3 miles
south of Rt. 17
Campus, IL 60920

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **10**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Service

JUL **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Lawrence Catholic Church
165 Rice Rd
South Wilmington, IL 60474
(815) 237-2230

Graveside Service

JUL **10** (CT)

Sacred Heart Cemetery

North 3300 East Road: Approximately 3 miles south of Rt. 17

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Tribute Wall

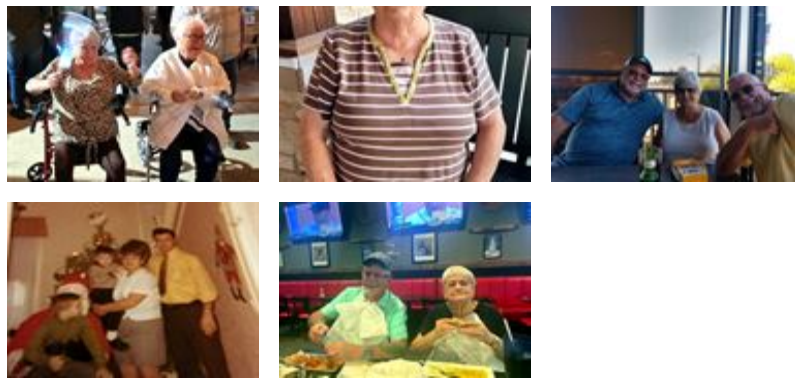
MI

“ I have been trying to find this for months. This is Mia Her home health care worker from working with her for 3 years. I so enjoyed her. She was always the most generous, kind, sweet giving woman. I'm figured she had past weh I tried to call her last year and her phone was disconnect. I don't have a computer, I'm at the library. I'm grateful to have known her and her family.

Mia - March 20 at 02:25 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - July 09, 2025 at 04:06 PM

PS

“ Oh my so sorry to hear of this. Loved her and we had a lot of memories in our youth. Just had lots of fun. Her and Mary are all ready running around in convertible probably with Vince on his blue motorcycle. RIP dear friend.



Pat Swisher - July 02, 2025 at 03:29 PM

SV

“ Oh how we loved Sharon, she was the best neighbor a person could ask for, our time in Red hat ladies was always a fun time, she will be missed...I'm sure she ran right to Vince when she got to heaven❤️❤️

Rich & Sarah valerio

Sarah valerio - July 02, 2025 at 12:25 AM

KB

“ Sending my sympathy. Sharon was a great lady, and a lot of fun, and will certainly be missed.

Kay Bell - July 01, 2025 at 09:45 PM