



Sharon Collison

March 8, 1940 - September 20, 2025

Sharon Collison, 85 of Carroll, and formerly of Arcadia, died Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Holy Spirit Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Craig Collison. Music will be by Kathy Halbur. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be Mindie Simons, Kelley Pick, and Lisa Langenfeld. Gift Bearers will be Jazalyn Miller, Maddox Miller, Madalena Paes and Theodore Paes.

Eucharistic Ministers will be Julie and Scott Hodne. Honorary pallbearers will be Kellie Paes, Kimberlie Hodne, Tom Collison, Sarah Collison, and Danielle Neiman. A private family burial will be at a later date in St. John Cemetery in Arcadia.

A visitation will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be left for Parkinson's Foundation to help improve care and advance research.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Sharon's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Sharon was the daughter of Felix and Bernadette (Conroy) Langenfeld. She was born on March 8, 1940, at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll, Iowa, and she grew up in Carroll. Sharon was proud to graduate in 1958 as part of the very first class of Kuemper High School, following its transition from St. Angela's Academy. Inspired by her Aunt Mike (Loretta Winnike) and her older sister Sandy, Sharon pursued her dream of becoming a nurse. She attended Saint Catherine's School of Nursing and Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, graduating with her RN degree in 1961 alongside some of her closest friends.

On December 29, 1962, Sharon was united in marriage to Thomas J. Collison at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. They met as classmates at Kuemper. Sharon quickly put together a beautiful winter wedding, when they found out that Tom had Christmas break while enlisted in the Navy in Pensacola, FL. She was excited to start her life and family with Tom and immediately began work as an Operating Nurse in Pensacola. They lived in Pensacola and in Washington D.C. while Tom was in the Navy. They had four beautiful children together, Julie, Jennifer, Timothy and Jodi.

After Tom was honorably discharged from the Navy, they returned to Iowa, settling into a beautiful farmhouse near Halbur where they could live and work close to family and friends. Sharon took great joy in attending and supporting all of her children's events in Manning. She worked as a school nurse for the Carroll Community School District for over 30 years, a role she truly loved. Sharon enjoyed driving her little Honeybee to the nearby parochial schools before eventually joining the Kuemper Catholic School system in Carroll. Sharon was a former member of the School Nurses Association, St. Augustine's Parish and Ladies Guild in Halbur and she volunteered many hours working at St. Anthony Hospital's Auxiliary Snack Bar. She retired in 2005. Even in retirement, she continued caring for others, offering help to her aunts and uncles and anyone in need.

Sharon and Tom shared 55 wonderful years on their farm. She enjoyed decorating her home for every holiday, especially for St. Patrick's Day, because she was proud to be IRISH! She became a bit famous when their home was featured in the 1992 Carroll Times as the "True Gingerbread House". She had accumulated quite the collection over the years. They each had a special meaning to her! Sharon was a wonderful cook, and she really enjoyed cooking meals for her family and toasting at the big table.

Her many hobbies included golfing, gardening, playing cards with her family and card club, reading, and keeping up with her favorite PEOPLE magazines. She and Tom treasured their travels together. When their children were young, they especially enjoyed trips to Okoboji, and in later years, to the Lake of the Ozarks. They also loved visiting their 3 children and grandchildren in California, and shared unforgettable journeys to Alaska, Hawaii, Italy, France, and Ireland.

In 2019, Sharon was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Tom was the very best caretaker throughout those first years until extra help was needed. Excellent care was provided by the Carroll County Home Care Aides, SARH Hospice staff, her family and some very special caregivers. Sharon and Tom moved to Carroll in June of 2024 to be closer to healthcare. Sharon was a spiritual person and prayed every day for all of us. She would say to keep faith, family and friends close. She was a wonderful card giver and always signed them with "Love and Prayers." Sharon was a loving and compassionate person whose life was filled with love and laughter. She will be deeply missed by many.

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents: Felix and Bernedette Langenfeld, Tom's parents, Marvin and Ruth Collison, her siblings, Sandy Ulveling and Dr.

Robert Langenfeld and her brothers-in-law, Paul Collison and Bill Feld.

Survivors include her loving family, husband, Tom Collison of Carroll, her four children; Julie (Scott) Hodne of Manning, IA, Jennifer Piccinini of San Francisco, CA, Tim (Bev) Collison of Granite Bay, CA, Jodi (Jeff) Neiman of Roseville, CA and special friend /cousin, Roxie McDaniel from Columbia, MO. 8 grandchildren: Katie (Joe) Billmeier, Kellie (Lucas) Paes, Kimberlie Hodne; Luca Piccinini; Sarah Collison, Tom Collison, Nick Pellegrino, Ana Pellegrino; Nicole Neiman (Fiancé, Eric Millan), Danielle Neiman and Jacob Neiman; 4 great grandchildren: Jazalyn and Maddox Miller, Madalena and Theodore Paes; Sisters-in-laws: June Langenfeld, Judy Feld, Shirley Collison, Mary Collison, Jean Collison and Diane Collison and brothers-in-laws: Jim Ulveling, Dr. Robert Collison, David Collison and Steve Collison; as well as many special nieces and nephews, other extended relatives and many many friends.

Tribute Wall

TK

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mrs. Collison's passing. She was such a loving and caring person and helped so many students at Kuemper. I'll never forget how she started a support group for students with parents who had Cancer - me being one of them. My prayers are with and the Collision family. Tony Killeen - Class of 1994

Tony Killeen - November 12, 2025 at 04:34 PM

SP

“ My sincere condolences to the Collison family. Mrs. Collison was a such an inspiring presence in my years at HTR and KHS. She was truly the embodiment of a nurse and one of the reasons I followed in the profession of nursing.

sarah pike - September 27, 2025 at 07:05 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear of Sharon's passing. I too was a member of that first Kuemper graduating class of 1958. We were good friends and shared lots of memories from those wonderful days. I left Carroll for college and marriage. However, whenever I returned Sharon was always there for me to visit or have telephone talk. We shared many events, and I especially remember the many times her mother calling my mother to see if she was giving me permission to participate. We had lots of fun. Jan (Pietig) Houston

Janet Houston - September 27, 2025 at 12:07 AM

MV

“ Our sympathy to the Collison family.
Denny and Marilyn Vonnahme

Marilyn Vonnahme - September 26, 2025 at 06:13 PM

AR

“ My husband has Parkinson’s disease, adding PD-5 to his nighttime Parkinson’s meds has completely changed his sleep issues. He slept all day and up all night, we had to hire care nurses. Now using this PD-5 medicine for the last four months and a normal routine he sleeps almost completely through the night and may get up once to use the restroom. It’s improved so much we were able to let go of the night nurses. This medicine also helps a ton with memory. we got the treatment from [Limitlesshealthcenter. com](https://www.limitlesshealthcenter.com) I am absolutely confident that this program offers a viable solution. I hope someone find this helpful, We feel very fortunate to have learned about pd-5.

Angela Rempel - September 26, 2025 at 02:51 AM

SR

“ Memories of Sharon -- where do I begin? For lack of a better word, the following are merely "highlights"- a loving eulogy in a sense. Sharon was a lovely lady, both inside and out! Yet, she was human, a typical woman. Prior to special occasions, such as her children's weddings, she struggled to lose a few extra pounds. In Sharon's kitchen was a large table with leaves. When she had guests, she would pull the table apart. She turned the leaf over and had her guests sign the underside. Sharon's friendship knew no boundaries -- her friendships ran the gamut! The signatures were from all walks of life, the rich and the not so rich, some quite elite individuals, some just common folk. A lasting tribute -- it exemplified the type of human being she was. She never put on airs, never held herself above others. Sharon the school nurse! My daughter wrote me a letter after I filed for divorce. She mentioned by name, six of my closest friends -- among them Sharon. My daughter went on to state: "These are in my eyes, some of the most caring, moral, loving people in the world. I hope and pray they are part of your life right now" Sharon had no idea the lasting impression she left on many her former students. Sharon was not a "fair weather" friend--she was there in good times and bad. Shortly after receiving the letter from my daughter, Sharon paid me a visit at my apartment. She gifted me with a "Comfort Angel Pocket Token". On it is this verse: "Lift my spirits with inner peace, send comfort and strength today. Show me rays of sunshine that turn darkness into day." The gift was inexpensive - yet the gesture priceless to me!! Still have the gift on my desk. Sharon was a woman of deep faith. When the occasion arose, her gifts were not as cheap! One year Sharon told me she had purchased a Pewter Chess Set for her husband for Christmas. After Christmas, I questioned if her husband was surprised -- what he thought of her gift. She replied, Tom,, being Tom, thought she was too frivolous -- the gift was too expensive -- yet she went on to assure me, she knew he valued it. No doubt in my mind, Sharon is now an "Angel" looking down from heaven above!!!

Sue Romey - September 25, 2025 at 01:34 PM

AS

“ Some of my best memories at KHS were the times in the nurse’s office with Sharon. She was such an amazing caretaker and great listener! I know she will be deeply missed. Praying for you all as you journey ahead and start a new normal without your beloved Sharon.



Amy Sherman Sherman - September 24, 2025 at 07:54 PM

JH

Thank you for your kind words Amy!! ❤️

Julie Hodne - September 24, 2025 at 10:44 PM

KF

“ Ken and Rae Jean and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sharon Collison.



Ken and Rae Jean and family - September 24, 2025 at 12:26 PM

KF

“ Ken and Rae Jean and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Collison.

Ken and Rae Jean and family - September 24, 2025 at 12:26 PM

JF

“ Judy Hinnners and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Collison.

Judy Hinnners and families - September 24, 2025 at 10:22 AM

JF

“ Judy Hinnners and families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sharon Collison.



Judy Hinnners and families - September 24, 2025 at 10:22 AM

KY

“ Sharon was always so good to my dad. She would take him to lunch frequently while he was still living at home. When he became a resident at St Anthony's Nursing Home, she would visit him often. Dad thought the world of Sharon and loved her vivacious personality. I too enjoyed seeing Sharon when I was in Carroll visiting Dad. I was lucky enough to be invited to one of her famous dinners, in her and Tom's charming farm house. To Tom and family, you have my deepest sympathy at this sad time. Cherish your memories, as I know there are many, I know Sharon will be greatly missed.

Kathy (Langenfeld) Young

Kathy Langenfeld Young - September 24, 2025 at 07:13 AM

JH

Thank you Kathy for your kind works!! 🙏

Julie Hodne - September 24, 2025 at 08:44 AM

JM

“ My memories span decades. Sharon was our school nurse when I was student and we'd see her in church on Sundays at St. Augustine with her family. Later I appreciated her willingness to help at parish events and work with students when I became a teacher. Always a caring person. LOVED wearing green and decorating for St. Pats. She was such a blessing to anyone who met her. God bless her. Peace to her family and friends.

Janet Muhlbauer - September 23, 2025 at 06:14 PM

JH

Thank you Janet for your kind words!! 🙏

Julie Hodne - September 24, 2025 at 08:46 AM

MD

“ Julie, Scott, Katie, Kellie, Kimberlie, and family,

We're sorry to learn of the loss of your mom and grandmother. It must have made her so happy to know that her granddaughter and family are making that pretty red family house their home for years and years to come.

Jay and Maureen Drees

Maureen Drees - September 22, 2025 at 10:02 PM

JH

Thanks Maureen! ❤️

Julie Hodne - September 24, 2025 at 08:47 AM

LM

“ Love, Rebecca & Mike Minasi purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Sharon Collison.



Love, Rebecca & Mike Minasi - September 22, 2025 at 05:21 PM

LM

“ Love, Rebecca & Mike Minasi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Collison.

Love, Rebecca & Mike Minasi - September 22, 2025 at 05:21 PM

DC

“ My dear Tom and family- although we are deeply saddened by the passing of your incredibly kind, loving, compassionate Sharon, she lends comfort to us in having so beautifully exemplified these qualities throughout her life. She has honored and graced us with the dignity in which she lived- in faith, in kindness and with enormous courage. God speed, dear Sharon. Diane

Diane Collison - September 22, 2025 at 05:16 PM

MC

Tom & all the family- we send out deepest sympathy's to each of you. Sharon will always be remembered by her beautiful smile & infectious laugh. We are sending prayers for each of you during this most difficult time. Love & Prayers, Nick & Melissa Collison

melissa collison - September 22, 2025 at 11:39 PM

JH

Thank Melissa for your kind words! 🙏

Julie Hodne - September 24, 2025 at 08:49 AM

JH

Thank you Aunt Diane for your kind and sweet words!! I hope to continue with her legacy of faith and compassion!! 🙏❤️

Julie Hodne - September 24, 2025 at 10:30 AM

DC

You will, sweetheart- it's part of the DNA she left to her beloved children. Much love and prayers 🤞

Diane Collison - September 24, 2025 at 03:17 PM

MF

“ *Marianne Bliss and family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Sharon Collison.*



Marianne Bliss and family - September 22, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Sharon Collison.*



September 22, 2025 at 04:06 PM

DF

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

Diane Collison and family - September 22, 2025 at 12:07 PM

DF

“ *Diane Collison and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sharon Collison.*



Diane Collison and family - September 22, 2025 at 12:07 PM

KB

“ *Kim Bauman Boeckman lit a candle in memory of Sharon Collison*



Kim Bauman Boeckman - September 21, 2025 at 11:44 PM

KP

“ *Kristi Pudenz lit a candle in memory of Sharon Collison*



Kristi Pudenz - September 21, 2025 at 07:46 PM

“Tom and family, Dave and I are so sorry for your loss, Sharon and I started working at Dedham-Willey School in the fall of 1975. We shared so many good times there in Willey. Sharon talked about all of you all the time. I remember when she wanted a new car called the Honeybee and finally Tom got the hint and bought it for her! She was so happy and excited to drive it. It was a little 2-door car and many times she had to give our principal who over 6 feet tall and heavier-set a ride down to Dedham once a week. We all laughed about the stories she told about those rides.

Sharon used to change her hair color a lot in those days and we laughed when she told us her mom wished she would just go back to her original hair color just once!

I remember when she wanted new siding on her house! She told us about how she would tease, bug, leave notes begging Tom for new siding! When Tom said yes, she couldn't wait to tell us that she finally talked you into it!

Sharon always told us stories about you kids when you were growing up. I always felt like we knew you so well! She was so proud of all of you!

Sharon also got called on to sub for us from time to time at D-W. I always felt badly if my classes would misbehave for her. She never complained about having to be a sub!

When she moved to Holy Trinity in Halbur-Templeton-Roselle and I joined the faculty there, it was like one big happy family again with some extra special new people! Whoever she met in any of her schools, became part of her extended school family.

I could share more stories about her, but I'll close here and just end by saying I loved Sharon so much and I am so glad to get to talk with her a few weeks ago at Regency. She knew me, even though she couldn't say it; she just held my hand and squeezed it, looked

into my eyes and there was the Sharon I've always known. Sharon was one special person and will be missed greatly by all of you and many more people whose lives she has touched over the years.

PS: I'll bet she and the Lord are getting all caught up now!

Rest easy, Sharon, and don't stay up too late catching up with everyone!

Dave and Mary Ann Brincks

Mary Ann Brincks - September 21, 2025 at 07:37 PM

JH

☐ *thank you Mary Ann for telling your wonderful stories of my dear mother!! 💔 Julie Collison Hodne*

Julie Collison Hodne - September 22, 2025 at 02:54 PM

LD

“ *Tom & family, Sorry for your loss. Sharon was an exceptionally kind and caring school nurse to our children. I enjoyed working in the Halbur school system with her.*
Lois and Glenn Dentlinger



Lois Dentlinger - September 21, 2025 at 12:15 PM

JH

Thanks Lois for your kind words!
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Julie Collison Hodne - September 22, 2025 at 02:56 PM