



Sharal Rae McCranner

July 25, 2022

Sharal McCranner departed this life on Monday July 25, 2022. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband of 52 years, Ivan Leland McCranner, and great-grandson Hayden Wright.

Sharal was born August 17, 1932 in Madison, Wisconsin. Sharal was blessed to be adopted by her parents, Vernice and Vira, who raised her in a wholesome and loving home. On one occasion they drove past Sharal's birth mother's house and they offered to introduce her, but Sharal declined, saying she was already with her true parents.

Sharal's father drove a delivery truck for a bakery and Sharal helped him deliver baked goods to the McCranner's house, among others. Sharal and Ivan were very young at the time but that's they first met. Sharal and Ivan knew each other for nearly their whole lives.

Sharal particularly enjoyed the years she spent on her parent's farm. This was a dairy farm in Wisconsin, and she told many stories about the farm and her father and developed a lifelong love for animals.

She worked as a secretary for lawyers in Madison after high school. She had her own apartment and was proud to be able to support herself. This was probably unusual at the time.

Music was always part of Sharal's life. Her father performed as a "one man band," and played the accordion and saxophone. Sharal played the saxophone while in High School and enjoyed performing in her High School marching band. She was certainly a standout in her band uniform since that attracted her future husband's attention, which the kids heard about repeatedly for the next 50 years.

Ivan and Sharal married June 8, 1957. Ivan was truly the love of Sharal's life, and they never ran out of things to talk about. There was never a shortage of laughter in the house. Sharal and Ivan were truly best friends, sharing jokes, stories, news of the day, and

concerns.

Sharal and Ivan had three children together, Bryan (1961), Elizabeth (1964), and Michael (1966). Sharal was proud to be a parent and homemaker. She cooked meals, bandaged injuries, and counseled her kids, creating a comfortable, loving home for their family. Ivan and Sharal's relationship set a positive example for their children and others of how to treat each other with respect, patience and love, and that remains their lasting legacy.

After leaving Wisconsin, husband Ivan took a job with the federal government and the family moved briefly to Chicago, then to Virginia where they spent many good years.

As a skilled secretary, Sharal could take dictation from Ivan when he needed to write letters, and she could actually write in shorthand. She was a fast typist though she resisted using a computer and never wanted to use the "WWW" internet because she was afraid of doing something wrong or being victimized.

Sharal's faith was very important to her. She had a beautiful singing voice and enjoyed singing along with records and in church, which she attended for many years. At home, she could often be heard singing or humming.

Sharal enjoyed fishing in Wisconsin and whenever else she had the opportunity. During family trips to Canada, she caught yellow perch, walleye and northern pike. The highlight of a trip to Alaska in 1992 was when she caught a 50# salmon, showing up everyone else. Ivan was thrilled seeing her so happy as he had hoped she would "tie into a big one" on the trip.

She was an accomplished bowler and participated in leagues for many years. Rumor is that she scored a 300 game once.

After Ivan's retirement they moved to a house in Woodbridge, Virginia that had a mother-in-law master suite and large ground-level windows which gave her many hours of enjoyment watching birds and other wildlife. She was happy and content to watch all the activity in her lush back yard that had several birdfeeders. It was a special joy when hummingbirds came to their feeders.

An avid sports fan, she rooted for the Green Bay Packers football team and watched many hours of tennis on TV. When the Packers sold shares of stock, Sharal bought a share that she proudly hung on the wall by her "cheesehead" foam hat.

Sharal was very popular with companies who sent catalogs and requests for donations. One of her favorite hobbies in her later years was sorting and re-sorting the mail she received. Bless her heart, she said she felt obligated to at least read things she received if someone took the trouble to send them and paid for the postage. Doing this gave her a sense of accomplishment and it let her assist causes she believed in. This became a full-time job for her.

Though Sharal faced many health struggles in her later years, she never lost her grace, good humor, and sense of inner peace. During her life, she set a positive example of how to treat others with caring, love and respect. We will miss her greatly. Today, as we lay her to rest, we can best honor the person Sharal was by applying her example in our own lives.

Those left to cherish Sharal's memory include son Bryan and spouse Laura (Hutton) McCranner of Holland, Michigan; daughter Elizabeth (Beth) Owens of Hope Mills, NC, son Michael and spouse Cher (Shifflett) McCranner of Woodbridge, Virginia, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 9:30-10:00 a.m. with a funeral service at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA 22192. Phone 703-878-CARE (2273). Interment will follow at Woodbine Cemetery, 12914 Canova Drive, Manassas VA, 20112.

Please sign the guestbook at the service or you can sign and leave a memory of Sharal on Sharal's obituary page at www.MillerFuneralHome.NET/Obituaries

Cemetery Details

Woodbine Cemetery

12914 Canova Drive
Manassas, VA 20112

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sharal Rae McCranner*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM

RM

“ *Bryan, Beth, and Michael and family I'm finding words hard to come to me about your Mom, there are so many memories going through my head and there all so special to me. We always were like family loving and caring about each other. I was 9 when Bryan was born he was like a little brother to me and I was always excited to see all of you when you came back to Madison. I will never forget the winter you came and I borrowed our friends snow mobile when you all were up, with your Mom sitting behind me I cracked it open she let out with a yell and grabbed me so tight I could hardly breath. The same thing happened on our Goldwing she was always up for a good time. Your Mom and Dad were like a second set of parents to me, they will always be remembered in my heart. Love and Gods blessing be with you all in your loss.*

Rodney and Wanda Maass - July 30, 2022 at 09:53 AM

ML

“ *Maginnis Howard and Britton Law purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Sharal Rae McCranner.*



Maginnis Howard and Britton Law - July 29, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sharal Rae McCranner.*



July 29, 2022 at 11:11 AM

MF

“ *Mark & Laura Arrington & Carl & Fran purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Sharal Rae McCranner.*



Mark & Laura Arrington & Carl & Fran - July 29, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sharal Rae McCranner.*



July 29, 2022 at 08:32 AM

AK

“ *April, Bobby, and Kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sharal Rae McCranner.*



April, Bobby, and Kids - July 28, 2022 at 04:36 PM

CM

“ *Cher M. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sharal Rae McCranner.*



Cher M. - July 28, 2022 at 02:21 PM