

Formerly of Falls City, NE

Sharon Irene (Honea) Horn, 76, of Kingman, AZ, passed away May 11, 2023. She was born in Falls City, Nebraska on October 24, 1946 to John and Lelia Honea, and was the youngest of five children.

Sharon attended Falls City public schools, graduated from Topeka High School, and later attended Highland Community College and Washburn University.

Sharon married Norman Horn in Hiawatha, Kansas on October 26, 1968. Their epic love story began at a Pepsi machine on Oregon Street, where Norman fell in love at first sight. It took Sharon a little longer to commit, but once they were in agreement, it was a romance for the ages. Sharon and Norman made their life together in Topeka, Kansas, where they spent many happy years before relocating to Kingman, Arizona in retirement.

Their four children, Arlen, Robert (Barbara), Kandy, and Rhiannon (Jeremiah) were the greatest challenges and treasures of their life together. They were also the bonus parents to friends of all of their children, whom they loved as their very own: Kerry, Kelly, Clint, Amanda (Will), Christin (Eric), Erin, Amy, Christina and Pete held particularly special spaces in her heart. In recent years, their summer visits to Kansas would culminate in huge gatherings for all of the kids, family, and friends, so that many of their loved ones could enjoy not just Norman and Sharon, but also fellowship with one another.

When the kids were young, Sharon ran an in-home daycare, where she cared for many children of friends and neighbors. Additionally, the family had apartments in the basement of their home, and many of the tenants became extended family — some for a lifetime. Michelle (Kirke) West is one such cherished friend from those youthful days.

After all of the kids were in school, Sharon was hired to be a Letter Sorting Machine operator at the Post Office, a job that spoke to her precise nature and provided a flexible schedule that enabled her to remain an actively involved parent. Later, she became a Carrier Supervisor and was active in the National Association of Postal Supervisors. Sharon expected a lot from the people she worked with, but she was also a dedicated advocate in the workplace and maintained long friendships with many Postal Service employees after retirement.

Norman and Sharon were involved in a number of activities throughout their life together. As avid collectors of Pepsi-Cola memorabilia, they frequently traveled across the country in pursuit of their next great treasure, eventually amassing one of the most extensive collections in the country. Pepsi-Cola, in fact, was Sharon- “handle” as she recovered from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident and became an active CB and Ham radio operator.

Beginning in the early 80s, Norman and Sharon became actively involved in the Crown Victoria Association. Over the years, Sharon served as the secretary, convention coordinator, and vice president, and she and Norman were in charge of merchandise for many years. To this day, they

have also run the registration room at the annual convention. Their experiences with the CVA have helped them connect with many friends who have become family. In recent years “Uncle” Carl has attended the CVA convention and traveled widely with the family, and Bert assisted Norman during the medical emergency that preceded Sharon- passing. Sharon- family is so thankful for the friends and neighbors whose presence have enriched their lives.

Sharon was also a beautiful quilter, and although she would always diminish the quality of her work, it was a treasured gift to receive one of her creations — though they should really be classified as “their” creations, since Norman designed many of them. Sharon- quilting brought her dear friend Connie (Karl) into her life, for which she was deeply thankful.

Norman and Sharon traveled extensively in the United States, they loved a good road trip together. Following Sharon’s first stroke 20 years ago, one of her great regrets was that she had never left the U.S. to visit Paris. In celebration of her 60th birthday, her family surprised her with a Parisian themed birthday party. Friends came from all over the country to celebrate how hard she had fought to recover from multiple strokes. It was a party that she talked about until her final days. Best of all, she was eventually healthy enough to make the trip to spend a beautiful New Year- Eve in Paris.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, her step father Stanley Peden, and four siblings: Myrna, whom Sharon called Gracie, Leah Rae, John, and Walter/Bud; as well as her eldest son, Arlen.

In addition to her immediate family, Sharon- memory will be cherished by friends from coast to coast and beyond, and by her grandchildren: Joshua, Nicolas and Shalyn Horn, Kayla and Royce Knapp, Jackson Meyer, Hazel Naughton; her brothers and sisters in law: June (Roy) Snavely, Claudia Honea; her aunts and uncles: Irene, Evelyn, Bill, Bob (Karen), and many nieces and nephews, who were among her favorite people.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home in Falls City, Nebraska on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 1:30 PM with Reverend Fay Ann Blaylock officiating. Inurnment will follow at Steele Cemetery.

Sharon was an avid reader — first to her children, as she realized how important it was for their development, and later, for relaxation and enjoyment. To honor her lifelong love of reading, memorial contributions may be made to Morrill Public Library in Hiawatha, KS.