



Sharon Dunlap

July 2, 1941 - January 16, 2019

Sharon Dunlap, 77, of Zanesville, passed peacefully in the arms of her husband at 8:38 pm on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. She was surrounded by family and friends. She was born July 2, 1941 in Wheeling, W.Va. to the late Alexander and Evelyn (Fischer) Defibaugh. She was a retired R.N. at Genesis Healthcare and a member of Zanesville Christian and Missionary Alliance. She attended Union High School in Benwood, W.Va and Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in Wheeling, W.Va.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Delmer Dunlap, daughters Susan (Christopher Bogush) Dunlap, Lynda (Brian) Hoyle, and Debbie (Ben) Henney, grandchildren Dean and Laura Hoyle, brother Larry (Libby) Defibaugh, nephews Brady (Danielle) Defibaugh, Tanner (Ashly) Defibaugh, Casey Defibaugh and niece Kiley Defibaugh, great nephews Michael and Brantley Defibaugh and great niece Addelyn Defibaugh. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by mother-in-law Hazel Dunlap and sister-in-law Terry Defibaugh.

Sharon spent her life in service of others, and was honored as a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow in 2018. Throughout her nursing career she touched the lives of many patients and their families. However, the center of her world was always her family. She dedicated her life to making a comfortable home for her husband, daughters, grandchildren and all the extended family. She loved

planting and caring for the flowers in her yard and watching the many birds that would visit each year. We will miss her funny, emoji filled texts and Facebook comments. Our whole family is eternally grateful for the love and support provided by Sharon's close friend, Pam Hogue. We would also like to thank all the caregivers at Genesis Cancer Center and Genesis Hospice.

Family and friends may call from 3 PM and 7 PM on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at HILLIS, COMBS & NESTOR FUNERAL HOME, 935 FOREST AVE., ZANESVILLE where funeral services will be held at 11AM on Monday, January 21, 2018 with Rev. Andy Winters officiating. She will be laid to rest at St. Paul's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Miracle League of Muskingum Valley, PO Box 185, Zanesville, OH 43702-0185 or Zanesville Christian and Missionary Alliance, Buzz Benson Mission Fund, 545 Richey Road, Zanesville, OH 43701.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Cemetery

Sonora, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
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Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sharon Dunlap



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - January 20, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ Sharon Dunlap

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ Del and family,

Sorry for the delay but we have been and Florida and missed Sharon's notice. We wish you peace and express our sincere condolences.

Lynn and Dick Curtis

Richard Curtis - March 24, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ Del, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.

Jim and Cassie McLendon

Jim McLendon - January 20, 2019 at 11:27 PM

KL

“ Dear Delmer and Family,



I knew Sharon from our high school days at Union Hi in Benwood, WV. Sharon was younger than I. She was in my brother Frank Blake's class. Sharon, after graduating from HS, went on to the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing in Wheeling, WV. I was a Senior when Sharon entered the school of nursing. We frequently saw each other there as we attended classes and worked in the hospital. We were friends with many fond memories of our days at the same small HS and in McMechen, WV where most of my friends were from, but I lived in Benwood.

Times moved on and I became a RN in 1960 and Sharon was still a student. I married and moved away from the Ohio Valley, I married a Ohio State Trooper, Wayne C. Vessels Jr.

In 1968 Wayne was transferred by the OSHP to Cadiz, Ohio. We moved in and the first visitor I had was Sharon. What a delight!. Sharon had married you Delmer, an Ohio State Trooper who was also stationed in Cadiz, Oh. at that time.

Sharon wasted no time in seeing that we had a lovely meal on our table. I was so very thankful! As a young mother of a 4 year old and a 1 year old and just having moved in I was exhausted and had not unpacked much at the time. But, this was characteristic of Sharon's kind and thoughtful ways. Unfortunately, we were only in Cadiz, 9 months when Wayne was once again transferred. I did not have the opportunity to see much of Sharon in those short months.. My brother would give me updates on your whereabouts when he would see his friends at gatherings and reunions. Unfortunately, I did not know Sharon had been so sick or I would of reached out to her. But, Frank did call to let me know of her death.

I hope you will take comfort in your many memories of your loved one. Sharon was a wonderful lady and friend to many.

With Sincere Sympathy,

Kathryn Vessels-Liming

PS, My 1 year old son that I mentioned is Captain Patrick B. Vessels of the OSHP. His father, Wayne, would be so proud of his success.

Kathryn Liming - January 20, 2019 at 04:09 PM

PH

“ *We am so very sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Paul & Amy Hudson

Paul Hudson - January 20, 2019 at 03:46 PM



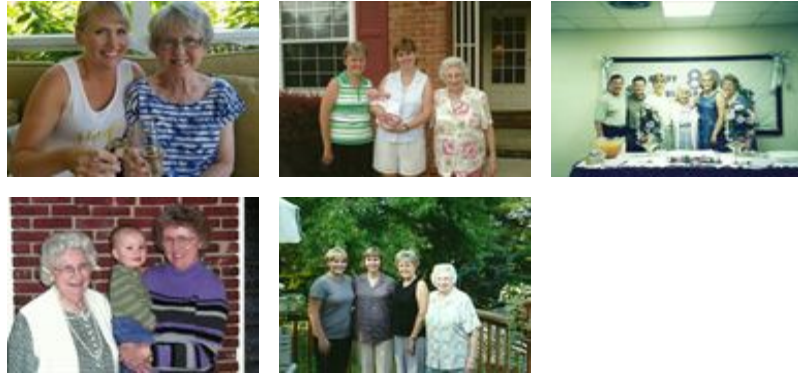
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sharon Dunlap.*



January 20, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ 146 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - January 20, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of *Sharon Dunlap*.



January 19, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Sharon Dunlap*.



January 19, 2019 at 04:07 PM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of Sharon’s death, Del. We have fond memories of all of you from your time in Findlay. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Dick and Marilyn Hemker

Marilyn Hemker - January 19, 2019 at 02:01 PM

AE

“ Delmar & Family, So sorry to hear this. She was an angel of mercy to so many patients. Her kind & gentle spirit guided many through their illness. RIP Sharon knowing your life made a difference. Ann Eppley



Ann Eppley - January 19, 2019 at 03:43 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sharon Dunlap.



January 18, 2019 at 01:42 PM

SU

“ Delmar and family,

Sorry to hear about Sharon. You are all in our thoughts and prayers!!

Virgil and Sandy Untied

Sandra Untied - January 18, 2019 at 12:45 PM

DE

“ Dear Delmer, Susan, Lynda, Debbie. I am so sorry to hear the passing of Susan. High School Band mom's are the best.
Love and prayers,
Denise Laughlin Hamric

Denise - January 18, 2019 at 11:18 AM

JG

“ Sharon was one of my angel nurses during my journey through chemo (1997-98). Her care and concern gave me much comfort. I'll never forget her.

Jane Gibson, Cambridge, Ohio

Jane Duffey Gibson - January 18, 2019 at 10:40 AM

DH

“ so very sorry to hear this news. Sharon was so sweet, I enjoyed working with her and then seeing her while also working at Genesis as a nurse. Hugs and Prayers. Debbie and Bill Howard



Deb Howard - January 18, 2019 at 10:22 AM

CD

“ Mr. Dunlap and Susan,

So sorry to hear this news. She was always so nice when we were growing up and asked about mom when we would meet in recent years. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers!!

Christi (Untied) Desender



Christi Desender - January 18, 2019 at 09:43 AM

EI

“ *I never remember seeing Sharon without a smile on her lovely face.*

Eileen - January 18, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sharon Dunlap.*



January 18, 2019 at 08:37 AM

ST

“ *I knew Mrs. Dunlap when I was just a girl. She was always fun, and kind, and funny, and she was always willing to drive a station wagon full of loud, boisterous kids to swim meets, or girl scout events, or kings island...*

Susan, and Linda, and Debbie, and Mr. D, I am so very sorry to hear of this loss. My heart breaks for you all. Mrs. Dunlap was a really nice lady.

shari rhoades taylor - January 17, 2019 at 11:10 PM

MA

“ *I never had a chance to meet Sharon, but I've met two of her daughters, and if her legacy rests at least with these three funny, clever, strong women, Sharon has reason to be very proud.*

Much love,

Maureen and Hal



Maureen - January 17, 2019 at 08:56 PM

SS

“ *Debbie and Family,
I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing.
I have many fond memories of her while we
were growing up. May peace be with you
during this difficult time.*



Sarah Smock-McVicker - January 17, 2019 at 08:28 PM

CP

“ *Prayers to the Family of Sharon. Connie
Peterson*



Connie Peterson - January 17, 2019 at 07:29 PM

SS

“ *Delmer, Sally and I send our heartfelt sympathy to you and your
family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Stephen Stevenson - January 17, 2019 at 07:28 PM

AL

“ *So sorry Delmer I will be thinking of you and the girls. Sharon
always ask when she seen me how we were all doing. Anita Lane*

Anita Lane - January 17, 2019 at 07:10 PM

KB

“ *So sorry for your loss, Delmer. I remember you and her, when I
worked at Good Sam. Also, she was one of the nurses that gave me
Chemo, several years ago. She was a very sweet lady.*

Keith Bell - January 17, 2019 at 06:44 PM

MG

“ Wishing Delmar and family peace during this hard loss and in the days to come. Sharon will be missed by so many. Our sincere sympathy, Jack & Marge Greene

Marge Greene - January 17, 2019 at 04:37 PM

VM

“ Delmer so sorry for your loss. Sharon was always so sweet to me. Prayers for your family ❤️

vickie Mahaffey - January 17, 2019 at 04:12 PM

BM

“ Too many memories to share, but many good times and happy memories of a special friendship. You're in a better place, Sharon...see you on the other side.

Love ya,
Barbara

Barbara Meyers - January 17, 2019 at 04:09 PM

TR

Delmer, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers r with you and your family.

Trudie - January 17, 2019 at 06:03 PM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss and may God watch over you during your time of need.
Gary & Karen Graham

Gary & Karen Graham - January 17, 2019 at 04:01 PM

RH

“ Dear Delmer, please accept our most sincere condolences 😞.
Sharon was such a sweet lady & will definitely be missed.
Kelly and Rhea Mills Hartman

Rhea Mills Hartman - January 17, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Sharon Dunlap.



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DK

“ Delmer I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my
prayers. May God comfort you.
Debbie King

Debbie King - January 17, 2019 at 03:51 PM

EB

“ Dear Delmar and Family, our deepest
condolences for your loss. Earl and Carlene
Barnes



Earl & Carlene Barnes - January 17, 2019 at 03:43 PM

AF

“ *Andrea Finan lit a candle in memory of Sharon Dunlap*



Andrea Finan - January 17, 2019 at 03:36 PM

TP

“ *Thank you to the family for allowing all of us at Genesis Hospice to help care for Sharon. I hope that we were able to bring her some measure of comfort and peace. I pray for God's presence and comfort in the days ahead and for the gift that Sharon will always be in each of your lives.*

*Blessings,
Tim Patton, Chaplain*

Tim Patton - January 17, 2019 at 03:34 PM

PW

“ *So sorry for the loss of our sweet friend Sharon. All the fun we used to have in silver sneakers gym class and playing cards together. She will be missed.*

Pat Walters - January 17, 2019 at 03:20 PM

MF

“ *So sorry to hear about your mom Lynda. Tommy and I send our condolences to you and your family. Keeping you all in our prayers.*

Marie Fox - January 17, 2019 at 03:02 PM

DB

Sharon and I met at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay Ohio in July of 1966. it was our first day of work. We have been good friends since. So many wonderful memories of our family visits. I will always cherish our times together, even though we have lived so many miles apart. You are in our thoughts and prayers always. Marty and Diane Brown

Diane Brown - January 17, 2019 at 04:25 PM



*Mr. Delmar & Family,
So sorry for your loss. I never met your wife, but talked to you on the phone many times, I felt that I personally knew you. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Marylou Agin*

Marylou Agin - January 17, 2019 at 04:43 PM

RT

Delmar n Family, so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers n hugs to all.

Randi n Rich Tyo - January 17, 2019 at 05:17 PM

DQ

Delmar so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family

Diane Quinn - January 18, 2019 at 12:24 PM

CT

So sorry that Sharon has left us, but she is with her Heavenly Father and is free of her cancer! She was a lovely lady and always spoke nice things about my husband that worked with her at Bethesda many years ago. I will miss seeing her at church, my sister in Christ. Prayers for you Del and the girls. 🙏🏻✝️❤️❤️

Carol Tolson - January 18, 2019 at 01:17 PM

JH

Delmar & Family Heaven has certainly gained a smiling beautiful angel with Sharon's passing to her heavenly reward. Enjoyed working with her and Her smile that was always there even in the grimmest of situations. She was a really good nurse, Mom, Grandma, and Oh yes Wife as well. Cherish your memories they are yours to keep & enjoy. Remember the good times
Sincerely,
Judy Hatfield

Judith Hatfield - January 18, 2019 at 11:00 PM

DP

Del, Sorry to hear of the passing Sharon. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. We were going to come to the viewing this afternoon after Church and dinner, but due to the snow we are unable to make it to Church or the viewing.

May God bless and comfort you and yours,

Dave and Fran Peters.

Dave Peters - January 20, 2019 at 03:13 PM