



Sharon Ann Gagnon

February 21, 1951 - May 25, 2026

Sharon Ann Gagnon (Knappen), age 75, passed away surrounded by family at the MyMichigan Medical Center in Midland on Memorial Day, May 25, 2026. Sharon was born the daughter of Leonard “Toby” Jr. and Bernice (Sersaw) Knappen on February 21, 1951 in Midland. She is survived by her sister Kathy Pinkstaff of Farwell; her sons John (Autumn) Mester of Clare and David Mester of Farwell; 4 grandchildren Tyler Mester, Faith Mester, Katelynn Mester and Austin Walker; great grandchild Emma Mester and niece and nephew Eric and Michelle Peacock.

Sharon was a graduate of the class of 69 at Clare High School. Sharon worked her whole life in the food service industry starting in her teens at Point Clare Restaurant where she met her lifelong friend Anna Ellison (Leis), the two remained friends for over 50 years and shared many good times together. She then went to work for Charlie Melnick in Farwell at Charlie’s Restaurant where she eventually purchased the business and made it her own Sharon’s Family Restaurant for over 20+ years. Sharon was united in marriage to her soulmate Arthur Gagnon on February 25, 1990 who helped with the restaurant while working at the Sheriff’s Department in Harrison and playing music on the weekends. In their free time they loved taking airplane rides as Art loved to fly. They eventually bought a large motor home and traveled all over until they found their forever home in Yuma, AZ making tons of friends and enjoying the happy hours and Art continued to play music and she was his biggest fan. Unfortunately, losing Art to cancer on December 7, 2022 she had to move

back to Clare to be closer to her Immediate family. She is predeceased by her soulmate Art her parents and grandson Jacob Mester

Cremation has taken place with no public services planned. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

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“ Sharon was a hard working smart lady! I grew up buying her and worked a bit with her at the Point Clare. We communicated over the years on facebook. She sure was a people person and made all feel welcomed. Praying for her family. Just know that she having fun in Paradise!

Rebecca Szul - June 10 at 08:44 PM

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I lived the the street from her on John R and we used to make food that our parents never knew. We were in the same class and she always had a smile for all. We both knew some of the smiles were fake and what she was really thinking. I bet she is hugging Art and making new friends right now. Prayers for her family.

Nancy Robert Robbins - June 11 at 08:47 PM