



## Sharon Sadler

February 8, 1945 - April 19, 2026

Sharon Mansur Sadler, 81, most recently of Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 19, 2026.

Born on February 8, 1945, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts, as the eldest of four children, Sharon grew up to become a woman of remarkable warmth, curiosity, and love — someone who had a gift for making people feel at home wherever she went.

It was at Classical High School in Springfield that Sharon met the great love of her life, Robert (Bob) Sadler Jr. What began as a high school romance became one of those rare, enduring love stories — the two were devoted partners for 62 years, traveling the world, building a life together, and rarely straying far from each other's side.

Sharon earned her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Massachusetts in 1966, and she married Bob soon after. They began their life together in the Hartford, Connecticut area, where Sharon taught fourth grade. She and Bob were anti-racism activists during the civil rights era, with a particular focus on fair housing practices in Hartford, where their children were born. After moving to Middletown, Connecticut, Sharon earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture from the University of Connecticut and founded Sharon

Sadler Interiorscapes, a thriving business that brought large-scale plant installations into commercial spaces. Her abiding love for plants and flowers was a thread woven through her entire life. Before moving from Middletown, Sharon also worked in the Alumni Office at Wesleyan University.

In the years that followed, Sharon and Bob embarked on one of the great adventures of their marriage — three years living in London, where Sharon took French lessons, volunteered at Kew Gardens, and the two explored Europe widely, from Paris to the far corners of the continent. It was a chapter that deepened her love of the world and her sense of adventure.

They next enjoyed life in sunny San Carlos, California, where Sharon taught adult ESL classes in nearby Palo Alto. The couple eventually settled in Pacific Grove, where they spent many years taking long walks and never tiring of the ocean views. Sharon volunteered generously at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula. A watercolor enthusiast and tireless explorer, she and Bob continued to travel — back to Europe, to Australia, Hawaii, and beyond.

In her final year of life, Sharon made her home in Chicago with her daughter's family, where she found her way into yet another community and made it her own. She joined the Unitarian Church of Evanston and became involved there. Wherever she landed, Sharon had a way of drawing people in — strangers became friends, and friends became family. She was quick to laugh, and her humor was part of what made her presence so easy to love.

Beloved wife to the late Bob Sadler Jr., loving mother of Jordan Sadler (Robert Margolis) and Joshua Sadler (Erica Johnson). Cherished grandmother of Ava Sadler-Gordon and Lyle Gordon, and step-grandmother of Samuel and Joseph Margolis. Devoted eldest sister of Joyce Duxbury (Edward Bright), Jon Mansur (Patricia Hanrihan), and Roy Mansur Jr. (Robin

Demetrius). Preceded in death by her parents, Doris and Roy Mansur.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Unitarian Universalist Association or the Trevor Project, two causes that reflected Sharon's lifelong values.

Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, October 17 at 1pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201.

Livestream link here <https://youtube.com/live/CZqoKPXa8j4?>

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or [www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com](http://www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com).

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Evanston  
1330 Ridge Ave  
Evanston, IL 60201  
<http://ucevanston.org>

# Tribute Wall

NM

“ *Nan M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Sharon Sadler.*



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**Nan M.** - May 12 at 03:16 PM

FF

“ *From the Luna Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sharon Sadler.*



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**From the Luna Family** - April 23 at 11:11 PM

SB

“ *The Sadler family were much beloved in Middletown, Ct and at the family camp known as Winni in NH. Sharon was dearly loved and deeply respected by those fortunate enough to worship and work with her. Her kindness and generous spirit always led the way. She and Bob will be greatly missed. The Baumer family sends much love to Josh & Jordan and their families.*

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**Sally Baumer** - April 23 at 02:16 PM

JO

*Thank you for this, Sally. What wonderful years those were at First Church and Winni. We send love back to the Baumers with gratitude for longtime friends.*

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**Jordan** - April 25 at 05:18 PM

JA

“ I met Sharon in a work capacity but, soon we became fast friends. We shared daily adventures, many laughs and sang our favorite songs together while exploring Chicago. I will cherish those precious moments and will miss my dear friend. My deepest condolences to the Sadler family and friends.

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**Joel Allen** - April 22 at 11:23 AM

JO

Thank you, Joel. You changed all our lives for the better. We are grateful to call you family.

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**Jordan** - April 22 at 11:29 AM

JA

Thank you Jordan ❤️

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**joel Allen** - April 22 at 01:13 PM

BB

Bob and Sharon were dear, dear friends. We met first soon after they become members of UUCMP in Carmel. When Bob learned that I was a daughter of photographer Wynn Bullock, a deep and immediate bond was formed. That bond continued to grow and include Sharon. The three of us were mutually supportive of each other in so many ways with love and joy at the core of our relationships. My love for each of them remains undimmed, and the gifts of the friendship we shared will continue to light my life. With profound gratitude and tender sympathies, Barbara Bullock-Wilson

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**Barbara Bullock-Wilson** - April 27 at 08:01 PM