Sharon Louise Sankey

May 25, 1950 - April 15, 2024

Sharon Louise Sankey, “Tina” 73, of Chicago’s Uptown neighborhood, passed away peacefully April 15, 2024.

Born in Chicago, raised in Bridgeport, Sharon attended Chicago Public Schools and worked outside of the home while raising five sons. Sharon cared about and gave to others in her family and community. She loved to laugh, read, watch movies, and write in her journal. She was an excellent listener who loved all kinds of music and all kinds of people. She loved God and her family. Sharon was generous with her time, attention, energy, and wisdom. She loved hearing about her grandchildren’s talents, passions, and struggles and gave excellent advice.

Devoted wife of the late Erskine Sankey; loving mother of John, Jason, Jay “Googie”, Benjamin, and Moses; grandmother of fourteen.

Preceded in death by granddaughter Nylah Yolich, beloved brothers Joseph and Anthony, and parents Evelyn and John Yolich.

Visitation 9:30am Monday, April 22, (11am prayers) at Midtown Funeral Home, 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Chicago, 60618. Burial to follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Evergreen Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Midtown Funeral Home & Cremation Options
3918 W Irving Park Rd
Chicago, IL 60618
(773) 654-3744

9:30am visitation 11:00am prayers 1:30 departure for cemetery

Burial

APR **22**. 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM (CT)

St Mary Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleums
87th Street &, S Hamlin Ave
Evergreen Park, IL 60805
https://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations/stmary_evergreenpark/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=google_my_business

Friends and family to meet inside cemetery gates for procession to grave

Tribute Wall

CM

On Behalf of the Manzano Family, I want to say how deeply sorry we are to hear of the news. Please accept and convey our sincere condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all... Christina Manzano and Manzano Family

Christina M - April 22, 2024 at 03:47 PM

MK

Sharon was a remarkable woman who absolutely made the world and everyone around her better. Her calm determination and beautiful smile were a constant source of positive energy for me and the people of the Uptown community. Her sincerity and honesty made all who came in contact with her trust and admire her. She will be always in our hearts and minds.Rest in power good friend..Much love and respect to her family.
Marc Kaplan

Marc Kaplan - April 21, 2024 at 08:36 PM

sharon was great a kind person and always treated me and my family with love we was blessed to have our friends moms and dads keeping an eye on us. One of my Favorite memories of Sharon and my mom used to pile us up in the car and we go to the lake and go swimming at night after a hot summer day . Rest in Peace and love to my brothers and their families
james Spurgeon chandel Spurgeon John Cole

James Coletrane - April 22, 2024 at 10:24 AM

DB

Damon Bradshaw purchased the Divine Peace B ouquet for the family of Sharon Louise Sankey.

Damon Bradshaw - April 20, 2024 at 10:10 AM

DB

Damon Bradshaw planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sharon Louise Sankey.

Damon Bradshaw - April 20, 2024 at 10:10 AM

MJ

Marc and Northside Action for Justice planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sharon Louise Sankey.

Marc and Northside Action for Justice - April 20, 2024 at 09:11 AM

Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sharon Louise Sankey.

April 20, 2024 at 09:11 AM

SF

Shawnte Alexander (Jenkins) & family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sharon Louise Sankey.

Shawnte Alexander (Jenkins) & family - April 19, 2024 at 05:58 PM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Louise Sankey.

April 19, 2024 at 05:58 PM

PS

I first really got to know Sharon during the community's struggle for Harold Washington in '83. The machine candidate for alderman had visited her and been his usual arrogant, bullying self but couldn't push her around. I came to know and admire her as one of those rock-solid anchors of stability, unity and just plain decency in the heart of Uptown. She cared deeply about others of all ages—she took the initiative to arrange for my disabled wife to get some help around the house without ever being asked. As refugees from racism elsewhere she, with her biracial family understood profoundly why we had to raise our families and defend/organize our community. It is no accident that her sons grew into pillars of leadership. Love you and will miss you Sharon.

Paul Siegel - April 19, 2024 at 05:00 PM

JM

Sharon was a truly decent and loving woman and I will forever miss her. Mostly I'll miss the moments we'd share having coffee together talking about our kids, grandkids, the neighborhood, the world. She made me want to to be a better person. Forever in my heart. Rest in power Sharon.

Jeri Miglietta - April 19, 2024 at 04:11 PM

CY

My condolences to John, Jason, Jay, Ben and Moses in losing your Mom. I pray Gods love and comfort over you during this difficult time. Love C Sankey

Cynthia - April 19, 2024 at 09:44 AM

EK

Ermione, Kani and KK planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sharon Louise Sankey.

Ermione, Kani and KK - April 19, 2024 at 12:30 AM

Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sharon Louise Sankey.

April 19, 2024 at 12:30 AM

Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Sharon Louise Sankey.

April 18, 2024 at 10:41 PM

BS

Sharon embodied what it means to be a woman and a mother. She is unmatched in her grace, compassion, selflessness, and devotion to her family. Every heartfelt conversation I had with her will remain a treasure for me. Her loss will be felt every day. It was an honor to know her. She was remarkable human being.

Bonnie Sankey - April 18, 2024 at 09:34 PM

Dear Jelani and family,

You have my condolences in the passing of your grandma Sharon. I know she was a wonderful and committed wife, mom, sister, friend and so much more to many people.

I will always remember Sharon for her calm, sweet, sincere, loving, kind and authentic spirit.

May the God of All Comfort be with you today and the days ahead!

Grandma Karen Smith and family

Karen Cottrell Smith - April 22, 2024 at 01:16 AM

Jesus said unto her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.” John 11:25

Karen Cottrell Smith - April 22, 2024 at 01:23 AM

TM

The Misner’s planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sharon Louise Sankey.

The Misner’s - April 18, 2024 at 09:16 PM

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharon Louise Sankey.

April 18, 2024 at 09:16 PM

LS

Loyola Park Staff purchased the Pink Potpourri B ouquet for the family of Sharon Louise Sankey.

Loyola Park Staff - April 18, 2024 at 08:37 PM

CN

The Yolich house was always a second home to me. I spent so much of my childhood hanging out, playing nerf basketball, marbles in the back, and enjoying simpler times. The one constant was Sharon watching and smiling as we enjoyed our childhood. I will always remember the kindness and generosity that she showed. She was truly an amazing person.

Chor B Ng - April 18, 2024 at 06:45 PM

JY

My mom arranged with The Lord that her departure date would be April 15, 2024. As this once in a lifetime event transpired we rejoiced in the overstanding that for people like my mom there is no death only new beginnings. The most revealing indication that this interpretation may be spot on is the following- her mother's birth date is 4/15; one of her granddaughter's birth date is also 4/15; and wait for it, wait for it, her oldest brother's birth date(back to the other side(death date), is… you got it 4/15! MY ENTIRE FAMILY is like anyone's entire family.. SIMPLY AMAZING(YALL BETTER RECOGNIZE). In all things GIVING THANKS! Love all y'all out there!!

Jay (Googie) Jerome Yolich - April 18, 2024 at 05:12 PM

LG

Simply beautiful ❤️💔😥

Lynnae Goodwin - April 21, 2024 at 10:23 PM

GS

Gertha & Alex Schumm purchased the Country B asket Blooms for the family of Sharon Louise Sankey.

Gertha & Alex Schumm - April 18, 2024 at 05:10 PM

MS

In loving memory of Sharon, whose warmth, kindness, and laughter brightened the lives of all who knew her. She will be deeply missed but remembered in our hearts. Rest peacefully.

Marcy McKenney(Advanced Spine) - April 18, 2024 at 03:56 PM

AS

Sharon was always kind to us accepting and loving I'm so grateful to have known her and to have spent time with her she will be missed tremendously.

Angelique Sankey - April 18, 2024 at 02:52 PM

KF

Kathy May and Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sharon Louise Sankey.

Kathy May and Family - April 18, 2024 at 01:36 PM

KF

Kathy May and Family purchased the Arrive in St yle for the family of Sharon Louise Sankey.

Kathy May and Family - April 18, 2024 at 01:36 PM

PA

Hello Family and Friends.

First -my brothers and I are so grateful for the outpouring of love and support. We are thankful that so many wonderful people have been touched by our mother's love and heavenly spirit. Words can not describe the feeling of love and affection that we have shared with our mother. No doubt the pain is real and suffocating at times. We pray for peace and comfort from our Heavenly Father but we do know that she is in her rightful place. With the angels, because that's what she was to us. We love you mom, we miss you right now, and this will never stop. Never. Ever. Please show us signs that we can use as oxygen during our days because we are drowning in sorrow. We know we will be filled up again.

Love forever
Benjamin Elijah Sankey

passorun8@yahoo.com - April 17, 2024 at 10:49 PM

LG

😥💔😭🌹 *beautiful*

Lynnae Goodwin - April 21, 2024 at 10:25 PM

LC

LINDA, CARA, CHRISTOPHER purchased the Si mply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharon Louise Sankey.

LINDA, CARA, CHRISTOPHER - April 17, 2024 at 04:03 PM