



## Sharon Kay Ward

June 11, 1952 - August 31, 2021

Sharon K. Ward, 69, of Ashland passed away Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021, at Memorial Hospital in Springfield. She was born, June 11, 1952, in Jacksonville, the daughter of Ivan and Goldia Buchannan VanBebber. She married, Edward L. Ward, Nov. 29, 1970.

Surviving is husband, Edward of Ashland; daughters, Jennifer (Wes) Lawson of Jacksonville and Mindy (Ken) Ellis of Ozark, MO; grandchildren, Samantha Lawson, Nic Lawson, Christian Ellis, Ryan Ellis and Addison Ellis; siblings, Bob (Sharon) VanBebber, Ruth (David) Meyer and Richard (Alice) VanBebber and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by siblings, Wanda (surviving husband, Don) Grinkey and Ed (surviving wife, Carolyn) VanBebber.

Sharon attended the First Christian Church in Jacksonville. Her grandchildren and her church were her whole life.

A funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Jacksonville with interment at Diamond Grove Cemetery. A visitation will be held 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church Building Fund or St. Jude's.



# Cemetery Details

## Diamond Grove Cemetery

Jacksonville, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Jacksonville  
508 W. Vandalia  
Jacksonville, IL 62650  
(217) 243-0444  
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

## Service

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sharon Kay Ward*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Sending my condolences to Ed and family during this difficult time.*

**Dale Hadden** - September 03, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Sharon. I will always remember her as Bob's baby sister.  
My prayers go out to her family.*

*Carol VanBebber*

**Carol VanBebber** - September 03, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *The first time we met was so special. We bonded, became friends and remained forever Friends. I will never forget this woman who was a vessel used for the glory of God.*

**Pat Robbins** - September 02, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *I remember when Mindy was in high school, dating a guy Sharon didn't like. Ed Wainscott counseled with her and eventually she accepted Christ. The beginning of a wonderful life of serving God. We all know now she is dancing on the streets of gold and having a reunion with her friends and relatives.*

**barb wainscott** - September 02, 2021 at 05:07 PM

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*Sharon was my first best friend when we moved to Jacksonville, Illinois. We became friends then were always doing something. She excepted my special needs younguns with no problems, Ed did too. My Tracy loved them, but especially Ed lol. When I was so sick, with COPD, Asthma, and Chronic bronchitis. In and out of the hospital all the time, I'm so much medicine, she ask me," Karen have you ever tryed essential oil's? I was no what is that? She told me all about them, I was like ouuuu. She kept after me I was finally like what do I have to loose? Sharon saved my life. Really. I started her doTERRA and got off all my prescription meds, my oxygen, my treatments, and haven't been in the hospital in 2 years. Any questions I had she was always there to help me. I will miss her terribly. I wish I could be there tomorrow, but doctors won't let me travel because of blood clots in my right lung. I'm sending hugs and kisses, and prayers to all of you. And do is the rest of the family JD, Tracy and Miss Laura. I love ❤️ you all*

**karen Sander** - September 04, 2021 at 12:03 AM

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“ *Ed, Mindy, Jennifer and family, We extend our prayers during this difficult time. Sharon was a joy to know. We are not able to attend the visitation or funeral but wanted you to know the family is in our thoughts. May God bring you peace in the days ahead. Gary and Linda Crowder*

**Gary and Linda Crowder** - September 02, 2021 at 04:54 PM

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“ *Ed,  
Sending prayers and sympathy to your family.*



**Terry & JoAnne Beard** - September 02, 2021 at 12:31 PM

DH

“ Ed and family, we were terribly saddened to learn of Sharon's passing; and we are very sorry that we cannot be with you on Friday and Saturday. We are out of state and will not be home till later next week. We hold you in our prayers. ---Dick and Jean H.

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**Dick and Jean Hembrough** - September 02, 2021 at 10:25 AM

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“ Peace of Christ to your family during this challenging time.  
Todd Burrus

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**Todd Burrus** - September 01, 2021 at 10:54 PM

TM

“ My deepest sympathies to you all. I remember meeting Sharon over 20 years ago at Assembly of GOD church in Jacksonville. She was such a sweet, kind lady that gave the Best hugs!!! So sorry for your loss....  
Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers  
Tracy Mayberry

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**Tracy Mayberry** - September 01, 2021 at 04:58 PM