



Sharon (Sprouse) Downie

February 26, 1948 - March 29, 2025

Sharon (Sprouse) Downie, wife of Andrew (Chuck) Downie of Plantsville passed away at home on March 28, 2025 after a long struggle with multiple health issues. Sharon was born in New Britain on February 26, 1948 to the late Auburn T. and Veronica E. Sprouse. She was raised in New Britain, attended New Britain Schools, graduating in 1966. She also attended CCSU to further her education. At Slade Junior High School she met the love of her life Chuck who became her life partner. They were married in 1970, settling in Plantsville to raise their family.

Sharon was employed for 27 years at the former Bradley Memorial Hospital in Southington as the Correspondence Secretary in the Medical Records Unit. She earned multiple awards for outstanding service, retiring in 2015. Sharon was an avid gardener and took pride in the flower gardens that she designed. She was also instrumental in the development of the Nature Center at the former Plantsville Elementary School and served as the Treasurer of the Southington Lacrosse Association when it was established.

Besides her husband Chuck, she leaves a son, Thomas Downie and his wife Rebecca of Southington; his granddaughter, Kathryn Downie; and a sister, Janice Paradis and her husband Robert of Southington; a niece, Liane Ringo and her partner Garrett Weinberg of Berlin; and a nephew Alex Paradis and wife Rachel of Plantsville. She was predeceased by a son, Timothy Downie and a sister Joan Sprouse.

Funeral services will be held Friday (April 4, 2025) 10 AM at St. James

Episcopal Church, 3 Mountain Rd., Farmington. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery, Southington. Calling hours are Thursday 6 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to a charity of the donor's choice. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

95 Flanders Rd
Southington, CT 06489

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
45 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
(860) 225-6361
carlsonfh@aol.com
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
3 Mountain Rd.
Farmington, CT 06032

Tribute Wall

GP

“ Sharon and I were good friends in Junior High, at Slade. I always was amazed at how smart she was and what a wonderful friend she was to me. Rest in peace, Sharon. 🙏🙏🙏

Gerry (Carlson) Piccola - August 25, 2025 at 10:13 AM

BH

“ I was only lucky enough to meet Sharon towards the end of her journey, but she was one of the most inspiring persons I've ever met despite all her health problems. She always welcomed me with a smile and a hello, and always did her best to better herself, I was lucky to get to know Sharon, even though it was for only a short time

Beth Huard - April 04, 2025 at 08:56 AM

IT

“ It has been my honor and privilege to care for Sharon on her dialysis journey. I'm grateful to have met such a lovely person and truly enjoyed our conversations. Chuck thank you for all you've done and glad Sharon made it home. I will miss you so much. Now RIP .



Ingrid K Triplett - April 03, 2025 at 08:32 PM

KD

“ My heart is broken learning that Sharon has died. Brian and I think back at our wonderful friendship spanning the years. From Plantsville School Nature Center, to Molly and Polly the Springers, to Timmy and Meg and Tom and Liz's friendships, we shared so much. We remember Sharon's warmth and love as she embraced us into your family like we had known you forever. We remember those days with great fondness. We are so saddened for your deep loss, Chuck, Tom, Becca and Kathryn - Sharon 's love for all of you and her family and friends will never be forgotten. Wishing you cherished memories. With love, Kathy and Brian Donohue

Katherine Festa Donohue - April 03, 2025 at 03:27 PM

GS

“ Sharon and I were classmates and Tri-Hi-Y sisters.. we enjoyed so many great times together. My condolences to her family.

Gay Puppel Smith - April 01, 2025 at 03:14 PM