



Sharron Grau Doss

July 12, 1944 - July 12, 2021

Sharron Grau Doss, 77, of 51 Glade Court, Altavista died Monday, July 12, 2021 at her home.

She was born July 12, 1944 in St. Louis, MO, a daughter of the late Martin Fred Grau and Leona Gilliam Grau. Sharron graduated from Altavista High School and with honors from Radford University with a degree in Music Education. She started her teaching career at Hurt Elementary proceeding to Altavista Elementary and Lynchburg City Schools before going to the University of Tennessee earning a Masters in textile and clothing. To satisfy her wonderlust, she applied to DODD's teaching at Camp LeJune before going to teach in various bases in Germany. During her time there, she took every opportunity to experience the life, culture and history of Germany, England, The Netherlands, France, Austria, Switzerland, Greece and even Africa. Sharron had always wanted to see the area where "The Sound of Music" was filmed. Upon retiring, Sharron returned to Altavista. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Carol Grau Kenney and her husband, Harold Douglas "Doug" of Roanoke, one nephew, Douglas Martin Kenney and his wife, Marcy; great nieces and nephew, Samantha, Cameron, and Natalie, all of Cummin, GA.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 18, 2021 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Dr. Michael S. Lee.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

The family would like to express special thanks to Ruth Mast and Michelle Stone and her team for the loving care given to Sharron during her years in Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the American Cancer Society, PO Box 4110, Glen Allen ,VA 23058, First Baptist Church, 1001 Bedford Ave., Altavista, VA 24517, or the SPCA, 3355 Berkmar Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22901.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Memorial Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



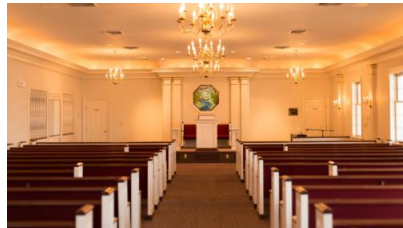
“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Sharron Grau Doss*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 18, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Sharron Grau Doss*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 18, 2021 at 03:02 PM

CW

“ *I only knew Sharron for a couple of years when we were neighbors in Birkenfeld, Germany. She was my rock and we shared some travels and a love of music and poodles. I regret that I was not able to visit with her but we did have some good telephone visits. I will miss her.*

Carol M. Weisker - August 14, 2021 at 06:06 PM

SH

“ Sharron was our best neighbor ever! Such a wonderful person. I'm sure to her I was the annoying little girl next door but she was always so nice to me.



Sandra Harris - July 18, 2021 at 09:21 AM

SO

“ I remember Sharron when I was chap growing up on Prospect Rd in Hurt. She married C.A. Doss and I believe they lived in his fathers house next to my parents. I was so young but I think I remember her as being very nice and friendly. Sorry to hear of her passing.

Shirley orrell - July 17, 2021 at 11:20 AM

KC

“ Keith, Sue, Kayla, Janna and Alyssa Ferguson, CO purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Sharron Grau Doss.



Keith, Sue, Kayla, Janna and Alyssa Ferguson, CO - July 16, 2021 at 11:28 PM

KD

“ Mrs Doss was my favorite teacher of all time, always saying positive things, smiling-always a joyous smile. Wow what a wonderful life she had! She was perfect influence on a small child, still remember her and I am now a senior myself! My sympathies to her family, know she will never be forgotten.

Kylette Duncan - July 16, 2021 at 10:08 AM

SF

“ Sharron was a special person to me. We didn't have a lot of contact growing up, but our families did manage to get together for holidays and a couple of summer vacations back in the 1960's. I really remember 1962 in Naggs Head Beach. Sharron was 18 and I was 10. Sharron was much more focused on her male friend (C.A.) than she was on us younger brats. We floated on the surf, got sunburned and played a lot of games at that beach house. Thanks Sharron (Little Bit #4), we miss you - Love Steve (Little Bit #10).

Stephen Ray Ferguson - July 15, 2021 at 08:35 PM

SF

“ My cousin Sharron's family lived a long way from us, so we did not get to spend a lot of time together growing up. Despite the distance, our families managed to get together over the holidays around St. Louis or sometimes, for a shared summer vacation. The summer vacations gave us some extended family time to catch up.

My best Sharron memory was of our family's (Fergusons and Graus) summer vacation to Nags Head Beach in about 1962. I was 10, Sharron (Little Bit #4) was almost 18 and her younger sister Jeanie was about 15. Sharron's boy friend C.A. was also there, and Sharron and C.A. used to spend lots of time floating out in the surf by themselves just a ways past where us young kids could go. I guess they were just out of the range where us kids could "bug" them. They seemed to be talking and kissing a lot out there in the deeper surf. Sharron would float on the raft, and C.A. would circle that raft bobbing up and down with each swell.

Once we got enough of the sun each day, we all would gather in the large living room of the beach house and play games. Sharron was really good at the various Rummy games we all played while we nursed our slightly sunburned bodies. But Sharron's mom, Aunt "O" was the real competitive one when it came to Rummy.

Each day on that vacation was a gift, and it was so great to get to spend time with my Virginia cousins (Sharron and Jeanie). Wonderful memories of that time for me, Sharron, you were a special person, and we all miss you.

Love - Little Bit #10 - Steve Ferguson and the rest of the Ferguson family.

Stephen Ray Ferguson - July 15, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ So sorry to see this Sharron helped me find my singing voice with Altavista Little Theatre oh so many years ago, and we remained friends after that. She will be missed by those who knew her.

David Hudson - July 15, 2021 at 01:00 PM

KW

“ Kathy K Walker lit a candle in memory of Sharron Grau Doss



Kathy K Walker - July 14, 2021 at 02:50 PM

LL

“ Sorry to hear of Sharron's passing. Will keep the family in prayers during this difficult time.



Lois Lawhorne - July 14, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sharron Grau Doss.



July 14, 2021 at 10:41 AM

PP

“ So sorry to hear this. I graduated with Sharon from Altavista Hand were good friends during school years. Had just spoken to her about 7 weeks ago and went through old times. My thought and prayers are with the family in this time of sorry.

Pat Puckette - July 13, 2021 at 09:15 PM

HM

“ I'll always treasure the memories of every Friday in the hair salon, it was never a dull moment while you was there! So blessed to have known you and to hear all about your fun filled life!

Love always, Heather Mitchell



Heather Mitchell - July 13, 2021 at 02:01 PM