



Sherry Lynn Kaufman

August 8, 1958 - November 11, 2023

Sherry Lynn Nelson Kaufman was born on August 8, 1958, in Galveston, Texas to C.S. and Johanna Holzworth Nelson. Sherry died on November 11, 2023 at home surrounded by family in St. Vincent, Arkansas. Sherry spent much of her childhood in Cleveland, graduated from Wonderview High School in 1976, and completed her degree in Agribusiness from Arkansas Tech University. Sherry married Gary Kaufman in 1980, after which they moved to the 3rd generation family farm where they raised four wonderful children. After her marriage, Sherry became a lifelong member of St. Mary Catholic Church. She worked alongside her husband to manage and expand Kaufman Farms which was selected as Conway County Farm Family in 1994 and was named an Arkansas Century Farm in 2018. She was also employed by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service in Conway County for 18 years, which was awarded the Extension Excellence County Team Award.

Sherry was known for her positive attitude, witty sense of humor, and her multiple creative talents; all of which she retained throughout life's challenges. Sherry invested her time in decorating her world with beautiful flowers, colors, and seasonal decorations. She used these gifts to thoughtfully support her family, friends, and community.

Sherry is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Jane Kaufman; daughter Amber Kaufman; daughters and sons-in-law: Brittany and Zachary Singleton, Emily and Richard Woodall. Sherry is survived by her grandchildren who she considered to be practically perfect in every way: Noah Kaufman, Bo

Kaufman, Adelaide Woodall, and Lee Woodall. Sherry loved creating memories with her grandchildren by hosting sleepovers, watching movies, and attending their sporting and school events.

Sherry is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Jo Ann and Keith Underwood, brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Gwen Nelson, brother Tom Nelson and her beloved friend and aunt, Betty Thines.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 43 years, Gary Kaufman, and sister-in-law, Peggy Nelson.

Rosary and visitation will be at 6 PM on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at Harris Funeral Home in Morrilton, AR. Funeral services will be at 10 AM on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at St. Mary Catholic Church in St. Vincent, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary Church Youth Group, 11 Kaufman Lane, Hattiesville, AR 72063 or to the Angel Tree Program sponsored by the Adelaide Club, Adelaide Club Angel Tree Project, P.O. Box 174, Morrilton, AR 72110.

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV **15.** 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Visitation

NOV **15.** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
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Funeral Mass

NOV **16.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
11 Kaufman Ln.
Hattiesville, AR 72063

Tribute Wall

DN

“ Emily, so sorry to you n your family for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.

Your rice stewardship friend in Texas - Dennis Neuman

Dennis James Neuman - November 16, 2023 at 10:01 AM

DA

“ My first memory of Sherry was when I moved to Cleveland, Arkansas, in the ninth grade. On my first day at Wonderview High School, I walked over to the Cleveland Grocery Store to catch the bus. As I approached the store, a girl burst out of the store and ran toward me. Her curly hair was bouncing everywhere, and she yelled, “You must be the new girl. I’m so happy you’re here.” I was scared and nervous that day, but Sherry’s friendly greeting put me at ease, and I knew that everything was going to be okay. After this day, we became the best of friends and spent hours walking down dusty roads, enjoying countless sleepovers, and driving around the countryside with her brother Tom. Sherry had the best personality of anyone I have ever met, and I will miss my friend who made this shy, awkward girl feel so welcome all those years ago.

Debbie Austin-Fauria - November 15, 2023 at 10:21 PM

DA

“ It’s hard to say goodbye, dear friend, and express in words how much your friendship has meant to me throughout the years. Your absence will be deeply felt, but you will always hold a special place in my heart. Your humor brought so much joy and laughter to me and so many others. I’m beyond fortunate and thankful to have had such a friend as you, Sherry. My prayers for strength and comfort are with your family that you loved so dearly.

Debbie Austin-Fauria - November 15, 2023 at 10:18 PM

RC

“ My most sincere condolences to the family, too soon we say "goodbye for now" to Sherry - a truly gifted and beautiful soul.

Rick Cartwright, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Richard D Cartwright - November 15, 2023 at 08:29 PM

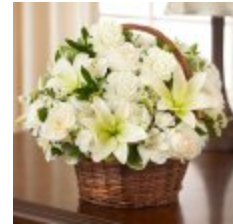
SJ

“ Sherry was a special co-worker with the Cooperative Extension Service. I enjoyed our time together in person at our Support Staff Council meetings and when we talked by phone. She always had a positive attitude, and she will be greatly missed.

Susan James - November 15, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.



November 15, 2023 at 12:32 PM

NF

“ When Sherry and I worked together at UACCM, she would walk through our office suite to get to her office. On the way, she would ask folks how they were doing, which isn't uncommon, but when Sherry asked--in that smiling voice of hers--she waited for a response. She REALLY wanted to know how folks were. That same level of caring and exuberance for life was evident when she answered her work phone. Often while we were engaged in serious conversations about those wonderful grandkids, her children, or the magic of M and M s, her phone would interrupt us, but the person calling never knew that he or she had disturbed our oh-so-enjoyable conversation: Sherry always answered the phone with patience and enthusiasm, making the caller feel valued. Our world lost a little bit of light when she passed. My prayers are that you all will feel the Creator's love and peace as you share this last earthly journey with your wonderful mother.

Nita Fowler - November 15, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ Serene Green™ Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.



November 15, 2023 at 11:15 AM

SF

“ So sorry for the family's loss. I first met Sherry when I worked at the Lighthouse Christian bookstore. She was a very sweet person. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time !

Shirley Frye - November 14, 2023 at 09:54 PM

ET

“ I remember when you were attending Arkansas Tech and would come over to visit me. I miss those days, and I will miss you, dear Friend. You were truly a sister from another mother to our whole family.



Elaine Tise - November 14, 2023 at 09:15 PM

DS

“ Deb Fauria, Kay Tise (Austin Sisters) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.

Deb Fauria, Kay Tise (Austin Sisters) - November 14, 2023 at 09:11 PM

DS

“ Deb Fauria, Kay Tise (Austin Sisters) purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.



Deb Fauria, Kay Tise (Austin Sisters) - November 14, 2023 at 09:11 PM

BB

“ Bill & Angela Bailey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.

Bill & Angela Bailey - November 14, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.*



November 14, 2023 at 08:53 PM



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November 14, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Sherry was a joy to know and will be missed by all of us who were blessed to spend time with her. She will always be part of our Extension Service family. Wishing comfort to her family.*

Stacey McCullough - November 13, 2023 at 05:25 PM

PM

“ Sherry always had a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor. She was funny, sensitive, and an all around awesome person. I treasure the memories of times we had together with Cherie & Bev Ann. Our outings to the Casa Bonita in Little Rock and marshmallows & hot dogs over a fall fire are some of my fondest memories. They, along with Cindy, & Tana were our first girls at Cleveland Baptist Church & remain firmly planted in the roots of our ministry, often springing forth with unexpected blossoms to remind us of those precious moments. I look forward to a warm hug from her when I get to heaven!

Pastor Doyle & Linda Moore - November 13, 2023 at 01:31 PM

DA

I enjoyed our get togethers and treasure those memories we teenagers made with you and Doyle. You and Doyle were so important to us at a very critical age. I'll miss Sherry's presence but I still talk to her and I know she is with God.

Debbie Austin-Fauria - November 13, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.



November 13, 2023 at 12:51 PM

RR

“ My deepest sympathies to you all and to the Conway County extension staff as well. Sherry will always be remembered as beautiful inside as she was outside and will be sadly missed. Memories of her always make me smile! Robbie Rye

Robbie Rye - November 13, 2023 at 10:57 AM

LW

“ I know how brave and positive Sherry was during her illness. We are sending blessings and prayers to Brittany and all the family. We will miss her greatly.



Lynda Wilson - November 13, 2023 at 10:56 AM

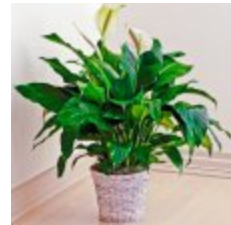
FU

“ From Arkansas Tech University planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.

From Arkansas Tech University - November 13, 2023 at 10:53 AM

FU

“ From Arkansas Tech University purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.



From Arkansas Tech University - November 13, 2023 at 10:53 AM

SF

“ Prayers for the family. I know that Sherry was a brave hero to many and I am so grateful that I could call her my hero. Our conversations were always so positive and never ended without her saying "I hope you have a good rest of the day". She was a great co-worker at the Extension office but an even better friend to all.

Sherry Funderburg - November 13, 2023 at 10:27 AM

RD

“ Prayers for the family. I worked with Sherry at UofA Division of Agriculture and attended conferences and workshops with her throughout the years. She was a very sweet person and will be greatly missed.

Rose Dearin - November 13, 2023 at 10:07 AM

KH

“ Sherry was a wonderful person. Her and Gary were always friendly, kind, caring.

Kathy Heistand - November 13, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.



November 13, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.



November 13, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.*



November 13, 2023 at 09:24 AM

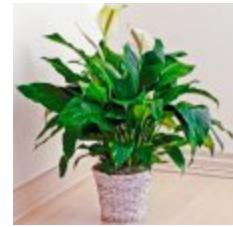


“ *Rhonda W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.*

Rhonda W. - November 13, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.*



November 13, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Rest In Peace Our Dear Friend and Co-Worker. You fought a Good Fight and are now Healed and Watching over us from Heaven. I remember how well you did in our Extension Office, but also remember how good the Breakfast were, when Gary and I had been Duck Hunting on your farm. Sending our Prayers to Your Family.
Tommy & Diane Thompson*

Tommy & Diane Thompson - November 13, 2023 at 08:08 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.*



November 13, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Kaufman.*



November 12, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ *I will never forget when Sherry was diagnosed with cancer, and she was still bringing desserts to us while mom was in her last days. And I hugged her and said, Sherry, I am praying for you. We are all praying for you. She said, My favorite thing about St Vincent is that no one ever prays alone. I find great strength in thinking about that. I will never forget her selfless love and time and her hand written cards. We love her and cherish the time we had with her and Gary both.*

jill zimmerman - November 12, 2023 at 07:07 PM