



## Sharon Lee Rice

October 3, 1950 - December 2, 2021

RICE, Sharon. December 2, 2021. Age 71. Loving wife of the late George, mom of Sarah (Mark Milby), and Susan (Victor) Hitzelburger, grandma of Jenna, Victor and Michael. Survived by her cousin Donna Shubin and family, as well as her brother Bill Glazebrook and family. Visitation Saturday 4-9pm and Sunday 1-9pm with a 6pm Sharing of Memories service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons. 36900 Schoenherr Rd. Instate 9am at St. Michaels Catholic Church, 40501 Hayes Rd, Sterling Heights, until time of 9:30am Mass. Donations are welcomed to The VDPS Foundation of Excellence and Operation Gratitude. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Visitation

DEC 12. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Sharing of Memories

DEC 12. 6:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Instate / Funeral Mass

DEC 13. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church  
40501 Hayes Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Sharon Lee Rice*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - December 10, 2021 at 04:07 PM

SC

*This was a true testament of a life well lived! Much love always!  
We are blessed to be family!*

Sheila Cesaro - December 18, 2021 at 06:10 PM

SV

“ *I am so saddened to see this heart breaking news. I attended Lincoln elementary and her and Mrs snider were my elementary kindergarten teachers. I'm 38 now and still the only teachers I really remember that should tell you something.*

stacy vest - January 20, 2022 at 03:41 PM

KG

“ *My favorite teacher at Harding. Had her for 4th, and 5th grade! I remember being in 6th grade, you were able to go to other classes to help a teacher on Fridays. I always wanted to go to her class, and she asked why I wanted to because many students didn't like her. Well, I can tell you she was for the kids! My most fun memories are in her class, making leprechaun baskets, then she (I mean the leprechaun) filled them up with gummy candies, and chocolate coins. She always had an artsy side to her, always providing us with cute crafts to make. She always told me I was creative, and enjoyed my stories/illustrations. I still remember her telling me to use my creative eye, when I'm making art. I'll never forget her teaching me how to spell maybe, cause I always spelled it maybe. She always was so kind, and I've seen it be taken for granted. She was special, this hurts I never got to see her after growing up! Rest easy 💔*

Krystal Gonyea - January 20, 2022 at 02:51 PM

SC

*Oh my this is such a tribute to her as a caring teacher!*

Sheila Cesaro - February 10, 2022 at 07:03 AM

VC

“ Sue,  
Our sympathy and condolences in the death of your Mom. She was a very sweet person and I enjoyed talking with her at the VFW. Vonnie and Frank Ciaravino

Vonnie Ciaravino - December 13, 2021 at 08:25 PM

  
Danielle  
Nihranz

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of our wonderful neighbor Sharon. I feel truly blessed that she was part of my life and my family's lives. Sharon was not just my neighbor for over 40 years, but an inspiration and mentor to me in my career as a teacher, as well as, an "aunt" to my children. She was a wonderful example of a beautiful, loving, giving human who truly gave of herself to enrich the lives of those she loved. We are thankful for her love and friendship over the years.

We send our love and condolences to her family and prayers for healing.

With much love, Danielle Nihranz and family

Danielle Nihranz - December 12, 2021 at 08:46 PM

SC

Sharon was a big sister to myself and sister Josetta (Josie) Monette. She was married to our brother George Rice. As Josie and I had seven older brothers... we clicked with Sharon as she was such a loving example to us growing up!

With sadness but joy that Our brother and Sharon are together again!  
Much love 💕💕 and thanks for times spent together!

Sheila Cesaro - December 15, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ [https://guestbook.wujekcalcaterra.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="\\_blank">Memorial Trees</a> was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Rice.](https://guestbook.wujekcalcaterra.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)

December 12, 2021 at 03:29 PM

MS

“ Sharron will always be remembered as a sweet, loving, caring and wonderful lady. She raised a beautiful family and the love shared by them is so obvious. The awesome video tribute tells the story and I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to experience to view it.

Mike Sand - December 12, 2021 at 10:59 AM

MR

“ Sarah & Susan,  
Deepest Sympathy in this time of loss. When I remember your mother and father it was how much they loved each other, attending their wedding when I was a youngster (think Wedding Singer). The way her smile lit up a room, As you know now, she will be missed but still looking down on you both with your dad.

West Coast Rice's,

Claudia, Charles, Pat, Dan, AnnMarie, Andy, Jim, and Sue

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Michael Patrick Rice - December 11, 2021 at 02:18 PM

JA

“ To Sharon's family: Sending many prayers to you all at this difficult time. She was an absolute Angel that graced us here with her presence on earth. She touched soo many lives here, that I am sure Heaven is definitely going to be even brighter with her in it! God bless you Guys! Jayme Anderson ❤️

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Jayme Anderson - December 11, 2021 at 11:49 AM

MT

“ My sweet, precious friend, Sharon. I am so sad to know that you are no longer in this world - that I will never receive a card or a text from you filled with your positive inspiration for me to grab life and have a wonderful celebration of whatever occasion was coming up on the calendar. [LIVE] [SEP] [SEP] But - I am so blessed to have known you and to say that I was your friend - and to say also that now you are exactly where you always wanted to be - with God and with your sweet love, George. I will miss you, my friend - but I will be so happy knowing that you are in heaven and sending your love to all of us - all of us who miss you so. Love, your friend, Marilyn Van Tiem

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Marilyn Van Tiem - December 11, 2021 at 11:38 AM

SJ

“ Susan J. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sharon Lee Rice.



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Susan J. - December 11, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ Aunt Sharon, you are a beacon of hope and an example of unconditional love. You’ve always had a positive attitude that shined outward with your reassuring smile. Despite difficult circumstances you always maintain a heart full of gratitude. I’ll never forget the beautiful memories you made possible for us all at family parties and Christmas dinners. Julia and I were blessed with the greatest Godparents in you and Uncle George, respectfully. Although we’re incredibly saddened that your time here on Earth has come to a close, we take comfort that you’re reunited with your George in Heaven and will enjoy eternal life together in our Lord’s Glorious Kingdom. We all love you so much and can’t wait to give you a big hug when it’s our time to meet the Lord too.

Tom Monette - December 10, 2021 at 11:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Rice.



December 10, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ We will miss you so very much. Sharon was such an inspiration to everyone who ever knew her. We will miss the monthly greeting card that she would send. It was a ray of sunshine when it would arrive. They were the most wonderful neighbors anyone could ever have. Neighbors, who became family and loved as such. Having Sharon and George next door for over 40 years was a blessing we will never forget. We take solace in knowing that they are together in their heavenly home. God Bless. With our love, Don & Flo Richer

Florence Richer - December 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Rice.



December 10, 2021 at 10:42 AM

MM

“ I have never met a more thoughtful or generous person as Sharon. I will miss receiving her cards and the “just because” gifts she would send to our son. She had a way of really making you feel special. No matter how big or small her thoughtful gesture was, it always made you feel loved. She was so good at that, and I can only hope I’m a better person because of her example. We love and miss you!

Maggie Milby - December 10, 2021 at 12:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Rice.



December 09, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Rice.



December 09, 2021 at 09:52 AM

JS

“ A most caring and loving woman of God whose personal impact upon the lives of others may very pointedly be summed up in the words of a most trusted companion, “my best friend” - Michael Edward Milby

Jerry M. Milby, Sr. - December 09, 2021 at 05:12 AM

AW

“ I am so heartbroken to hear of the passing of Sharon. What a sweet, genuine human being, and always a champion for students and educators. Her leadership in the Professional Personnel of Van Dyke was second to none, and led with grace and kindness. She and George are total “couple goals” and I adored them both so much. The world is a little less bright without you Sharon - rest easy.

Amy (Williams) Way

Amy (Williams) Way - December 08, 2021 at 11:21 AM

SC

*So true!  
They set the best example of unconditional love and respect!*

Sheila Cesaro - December 18, 2021 at 06:17 PM

SC

*My mother-in-law Nancy Cesaro struggling with something heartfelt to share and with emotions said, " God needed another Angel ... and Sharon was that here on earth too!*

sheila Cesaro - December 18, 2021 at 08:22 PM

JM

*I just saw this announcement over a month late. Sharon was a happy and joyful colleague... it was a great pleasure to know both her and George. I am happy that God brought them together and has now allowed them to rejoin one another. My condolences to all of Sharon's family.*

John Maggetti - February 05, 2022 at 11:47 PM



“ To my Godmother in heaven —

*Thank you for always being there for me, no matter how big or small. My life is enriched because of you. I'm so glad you are with your soulmate again — I can just picture you both talking and sipping on a drink (McDonald's coke for you, coffee for Uncle George) picking up where you had left off 8 years ago. I love you, your family and the memories we share together. Please know I will think about you every day and the lasting impact you've made on my life and many others.*

*Love, Julia*



Julia Habel - December 07, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Rice.



December 07, 2021 at 07:37 PM