



Sharon M. Gripper

December 1, 1944 - July 27, 2024

Sharon M. Gripper

Sharon was born on December 1, 1944, in Annapolis, Maryland, as the first child of Gwendolyn Jeanette and George Ronald Gray. At the age of 5, the family moved to Flushing, Queens, N.Y., and shortly thereafter relocated to downtown Manhattan, where Sharon attended public school for her early education. Throughout her childhood, she enjoyed many adventurous summers with her sisters at their grandparents' farm in Maryland. At age 12, the family settled in Springfield Gardens, Queens, where Sharon attended and graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1962. During her time in Springfield Gardens, she was a member of the Springfield Gardens United Methodist Church, where she publicly affirmed her faith in Christ. She was the third oldest child among her siblings, having three sisters and a brother Norma Cully (deceased).

After high school, Sharon worked for several companies and eventually was employed by the AT&T Telephone Company. At the age of 18, she met her husband to be, Eddie Gripper. It was love at first sight and forever stayed that way. They were married in 1968 after waiting 4 years for Eddie to return from the war in Vietnam and leaving the Air Force.

During the early years of their marriage, they bought a new condo in

Concourse Village, in the Bronx, NY, and lived there for four years before moving to a house in Lakeview (West Hempstead), Long Island. In 1971, their first child, Monique Simone, was born, followed by the birth of their son, Eddie Jr., three years later. Sharon chose to stay at home, dedicating herself to providing their children with all the love, guidance, and care she could.

Sharon was deeply involved in her children's lives- from starting a Girl Scout troop to playing a key role in advocating for changes at their school. As time passed, she began driving Eddie Jr. to grade school in the neighboring village of Malverne. Her curiosity and interest in his education led her to befriend several teachers, who welcomed her into their classrooms. The principal and staff were so impressed with her dedication that she was hired as a teacher's aide. Additionally, Sharon co-chaired an advocacy group aimed at having the school district provide bus service from Lakeview to Malverne, a move that greatly benefited many parents in the neighborhood. After a year of navigating bureaucratic red tape, their efforts paid off - they won!!!

From there Sharon developed an interest in local politics and made valuable connections, which eventually led to her being hired as a Nassau County Legislative Assistant for Roger Corbin. She later advanced to become his Chief of Staff. She held that job for 10 years and then went to work in the office of Legislator Kevan Abrahams. During this time, Sharon excelled in the arena she loved the most, helping adults and children in the communities throughout Nassau County. In addition to servicing the myriad of calls from constituents for a large range of inquiries, she was also in charge of organizing and securing funds for many community programs like: Halloween trunk-or-treat celebrations, Thanksgiving turkey drives, toy drives for children at Christmas, back to school bookbags drives, National Night Out, job fairs for those seeking employment, and a host of other events.

Sharon found immense joy in being a grandmother. Her grandchildren, Dillon

and Justin, were the light of her life, and she cherished every moment spent with them. Whether it was attending their school events, sharing stories, or simply enjoying their company, Sharon's love for them was boundless. She took great pride in their accomplishments and delighted in watching them grow.

Sharon loved to travel, and over the years, she visited a remarkable array of destinations, including Thailand, Dubai, Mexico, Spain, Morocco, Alaska, and Canada, among many others. Her adventurous spirit led her to explore new places and immerse herself in the cultures of the world to see how the rest of the world existed.

Sharon was truly an "Angel" that God placed on this earth for us to share. She was loved by all. She visited the sick, was always willing to lend a helping hand, gave advice to those who needed it, avoided materialism and braggadocios characteristics, brought joy to those who knew her well. A little more than 50 days before her death, she hosted a "Meet and Greet" gathering at her house and walked the streets of Lakeview to promote the election of Siela Bynoe to the position of New York State legislator.

She leaves behind to mourn and cherish her memory: her beloved husband, Eddie; her children, Monique Mims and Eddie Jr.; her grandchildren, Dillon and Justin Mims; her sisters, Rosalind Collazo, Linda Gray, and Rhonda Pitts; her Goddaughter, Maya Pitts; her son-in-law, Cory Mims; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hungerford & Clark Funeral Home
110 Pine St.
Freeport, NY 11520

Please donate to cancer research- [Donate.cancer.org](https://www.donate.cancer.org)

Viewing

AUG 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hungerford & Clark Funeral Home
110 Pine St.
Freeport, NY 11520
(516) 379-3119
info@hungerfordclark.com
<https://www.hungerfordandclark.com/>

Please donate to cancer research- [Donate.cancer.org](https://www.donate.cancer.org)

Viewing

AUG 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
24 Clinton C. Boone St.
Hempstead , NY 11550

<http://www.youtube.com/@UnionBaptistChurchExperience>

Prayers & Reflections

AUG 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
24 Clinton C. Boone Place
Hempstead , NY 11550

Please donate to cancer research- [Donate.cancer.org](https://www.donate.cancer.org)

Burial

AUG 7 (ET)

Calverton National Cemetery
210 Princeton Blvd
Calverton , NY 11933

Tribute Wall

IF

“ Ian Jones and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Ian Jones and family - August 10, 2024 at 10:09 PM

SP

“ Shurrone & P purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Shurrone & P - August 07, 2024 at 09:31 AM

SP

“ Shurrone & P planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Shurrone & P - August 07, 2024 at 09:31 AM

WA

“ With Sympathy, Lenora and Allen purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



With Sympathy, Lenora and Allen - August 06, 2024 at 07:46 PM

WA

“ With Sympathy, Lenora and Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

With Sympathy, Lenora and Allen - August 06, 2024 at 07:46 PM

MC

“ Marc Collazo purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Marc Collazo - August 06, 2024 at 12:52 PM

MC

“ Marc Collazo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Marc Collazo - August 06, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



August 06, 2024 at 11:57 AM

WF

“ With Love, The Powell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

With Love, The Powell Family - August 06, 2024 at 11:57 AM

FW

“ From Tony & Ernestina Whitney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



From Tony & Ernestina Whitney - August 06, 2024 at 11:19 AM

SE

“ Selena purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Selena - August 06, 2024 at 09:23 AM

SE

“ Selena planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Selena - August 06, 2024 at 09:23 AM

SF

“ Steven Attias and family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Steven Attias and family. - August 06, 2024 at 07:31 AM

SF

“ Steven Attias and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Steven Attias and family. - August 06, 2024 at 07:31 AM

SM

“ Praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again. Deepest sympathy from the Monteverde/McMillan family.

suzette monteverde - August 05, 2024 at 09:34 PM

SM

“ Suzette M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Suzette M. - August 05, 2024 at 09:27 PM

TF

“ The Reed Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



The Reed Family - August 05, 2024 at 09:21 PM

LL

“ LezAnne and family with much love purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



LezAnne and family with much love - August 05, 2024 at 07:05 PM

LF

“ Lawrence Clayton & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Lawrence Clayton & Family - August 05, 2024 at 05:51 PM

LF

“ Lawrence Clayton & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Lawrence Clayton & Family - August 05, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



August 05, 2024 at 02:18 PM

LC

“ Love, the Coffields planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Love, the Coffields - August 05, 2024 at 02:18 PM

OY

“ Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of our beloved Sharon. Her kindness and service to the people of Nassau County will never be forgotten. From your friends at the Nassau County Legislature Democrat's. . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of our beloved Sharon. Her kindness and service to the people of Nassau County will never be forgotten. From you - August 05, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



August 05, 2024 at 01:46 PM

LF

“ Love, Tricia & the Ferrell family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Love, Tricia & the Ferrell family - August 05, 2024 at 01:46 PM

TF

“ The Ohio Mims Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



The Ohio Mims Family - August 05, 2024 at 01:44 PM

SS

“ Sheila, Lonnye, Sandra and Sharon purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Sheila, Lonnye, Sandra and Sharon - August 05, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



August 05, 2024 at 10:50 AM

GI

“ GLORY HOUSE RECOVERY, INC. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

GLORY HOUSE RECOVERY, INC. - August 05, 2024 at 10:50 AM

CF

“ Charles Matthews and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Charles Matthews and family - August 05, 2024 at 10:34 AM

MF

“ Marilyn Milliner& Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Marilyn Milliner& Family - August 05, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



August 04, 2024 at 11:17 PM

CF

“ Corbin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Corbin Family - August 04, 2024 at 11:17 PM

SE

“ We are so saddened by the news of the passing of Aunt Sharon. It is difficult to find the right words to say, but please know that we are praying and sending all of our love to the family. Aunt Sharon, may your laughter, love, kindness and strength live on forever. Love Sandra D (Studa) Kendall, Morgan and Evonne

Sandra, Kendall, Morgan and Evonne - August 04, 2024 at 08:19 PM

SD

“ Sandra D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Sandra D. - August 04, 2024 at 08:05 PM

LS

“ Love, Jae & Sylvester Buttrom & Brea Stanton purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Love, Jae & Sylvester Buttrom & Brea Stanton - August 04, 2024 at 06:41 PM

MM

“ Monique M. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Monique M. - August 04, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



August 04, 2024 at 12:13 AM

LB

“ Lorraine Bailey-Khalil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Lorraine Bailey-Khalil - August 04, 2024 at 12:13 AM

BG

“ Brendan G. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Brendan G. - August 03, 2024 at 09:39 PM

BG

“ Brendan G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Brendan G. - August 03, 2024 at 09:39 PM

WJ

“ William Rolack, Sr. and William, Jr. purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



William Rolack, Sr. and William, Jr. - August 03, 2024 at 04:14 PM

LL

“ Love , Karen and Wallace Lee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Love , Karen and Wallace Lee - August 03, 2024 at 01:29 PM

LL

“ Love , Karen and Wallace Lee purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Love , Karen and Wallace Lee - August 03, 2024 at 01:29 PM

VF

“ Vernon Cooper and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Vernon Cooper and Family - August 03, 2024 at 01:21 PM

BM

“ Sharon's lovingkindness and friendship exceeds them all. " Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all...but a women that fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gates. Proverbs 31:30-31 (NIV).

Barbara McFadden - August 03, 2024 at 12:07 PM

FF

“ From cousin Tracie and Stacey Butts and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

From cousin Tracie and Stacey Butts and family - August 03, 2024 at 06:50 AM

FF

“ From cousin Tracie and Stacey Butts and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



From cousin Tracie and Stacey Butts and family - August 03, 2024 at 06:50 AM

BF

“ Bro. Sharif Rucker and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Bro. Sharif Rucker and Family - August 02, 2024 at 02:55 PM

BF

“ Bro. Sharif Rucker and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Bro. Sharif Rucker and Family - August 02, 2024 at 02:55 PM

DE

“ I will forever miss Sharon coming to my shop with her sister Lin to get her hair done. We would always laugh and have so much fun. May She rest in peace. My condolences to the family.

Debbie - August 02, 2024 at 02:09 PM

RJ

“ It is with my deepest condolence/sympathy that I write this message to frat Bro. Gripper/family on the passing of your Dear Sharon. "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal". Isaiah 35:10. May your faith sustain you in this your time of loss and in the days, months and years to come.
Deacon Bro. Robert DeBrew, Jr. & family.



Robert DeBrew, Jr - August 02, 2024 at 01:53 PM

RL

“ Robert Diaz and Harriet Latona planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Robert Diaz and Harriet Latona - August 02, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



August 02, 2024 at 01:45 PM

LD

“ Landings Fresh Creek Board of Directors purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



Landings Fresh Creek Board of Directors - August 02, 2024 at 12:24 PM

IG

“ *In Loving Memory from Beatrice Goodman purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.*



In Loving Memory from Beatrice Goodman - August 02, 2024
at 12:14 PM

IG

“ *In Loving Memory from Beatrice Goodman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.*

In Loving Memory from Beatrice Goodman - August 02, 2024 at 12:14 PM

DB

“ *My Auntie will be very very missed.*

deena burnett - August 02, 2024 at 11:57 AM

LG

“ *Love, Norman & Carmen St. George planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.*

Love, Norman & Carmen St. George - August 02, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.*



August 02, 2024 at 11:17 AM

MM

“ I join in the condolences to Sharon's family for their and our loss. Sharon always treated people like family with a warm smile and helping hand. Im blessed to have known her.

Meta J. Mereday - August 02, 2024 at 10:55 AM

CF

“ Carter family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Carter family - August 02, 2024 at 10:36 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



August 02, 2024 at 10:36 AM

DJ

“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of our beloved Sharon, always offered a kind and supporting spirit and loving heart. Much love, comfort and peace to everyone that she touched. Rest in Paradise my friend.
Oceans of Love, Dawn & Family



Dawn Wood Jones - August 02, 2024 at 09:35 AM

OM

“ May our God of all comfort, strength and peace hold you in the cradle of His arms. Sharon spread her love kindness and support to me and my family. Her gentle spirit will be with me always... Til we meet again...Love, Gay Harrell

Octavia Harrell/ Stephanie Abrahams Mom - August 02, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



August 02, 2024 at 09:18 AM

SA

“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of my former co worker and such a nice lady. Rest in peace Sharon.

Steven Attias - August 01, 2024 at 08:53 PM

DY

“ My heart is broken to learn about dearest Sharon. Her friendship, kindness, wisdom and warmth will live in my heart forever. I send my prayers and love. Hon. Diane Yatauro.



Diane Yatauro - July 31, 2024 at 11:10 PM

SY

“ Sent with my condolences Diane Yatauro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon M. Gripper.

Sent with my condolences Diane Yatauro - July 31, 2024 at 10:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Gripper.



July 31, 2024 at 10:57 PM