



Sharon Kay Matthews

April 2, 1941 - November 8, 2025

Sharon Kay Matthews, 84, of Carthage, Missouri, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Solace House of the Ozarks in Joplin, surrounded by her loving family. Sharon was born in Wheaton, Missouri on April 2, 1941, to George and Marie McMillen. She has been a longtime resident of Carthage and a member of Bethany Baptist Church. She managed the Coastal- Mart in Carthage for several years before retiring.

Sharon was united in marriage to Frank Gilbreath on September 7, 2019, at Bethany Baptist Church in Carthage; he survives.

Beside her husband Frank, Sharon is survived by two sons, Kendall Matthews of Carthage, and Keith Matthews (Felecia) of Joplin; one stepson, Scott Gilbreath (Tammy) of Carthage; one stepdaughter, Lori Terry (Joel) of Carthage; two grandchildren, Bryson Matthews and Brecklyn Matthews; three step grandchildren, Lindsay Terry, Megan Clay, and Lauren Gilbreath; two step great-grandchildren; and a host of friends.

Sharon was preceded in death by her first husband, Kenneth Matthews on September 3, 2006.

There will be a funeral service held for Sharon at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage. The visitation will be held the night before on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Ulmer Funeral Home. The burial will take place at Ozark Prairie Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Any contributions can be made out to Solace House of the Ozarks in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Ozark Prairie Cemetery

Mt. Vernon , MO 65712

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 6:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
1208 S. Garrison
Carthage, MO 64836
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ulmerfh@gmail.com
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Funeral Service

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sincere sympathy Frank and family. Sharon was a sweet lady and will be missed. God bless you all.



Mary Steele Hensley - November 16, 2025 at 09:00 AM

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“ Sharon was a very nice lady. Always a bc smile when I saw her. My prayers are with her family.

Judy Maggard - November 13, 2025 at 10:33 PM