



## Sharon Gail Smelser

January 18, 1943 - April 27, 2025

Sharon Gail Smelser, 82, of Huntington, passed away at 9:05 am Sunday, April 27, 2025, at The Waters of Huntington.

Sharon was born on January 18, 1943, in Ishpeming, MI, the daughter of Irving Larson and Olive (Andrews) Larson. She graduated from Ishpeming High School with the class of 1961. Sharon married the love of her life, Gerald Smelser, on May 19, 1962, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She retired from The Salvation Army after 42 years of service. Sharon loved spending time with her grandchildren and reading.

Survivors include her Husband, Gerald Jerome Smelser of Huntington, IN; Two Daughters, Janice (James Cole Jr.) Cole of Huntington, IN, Susan (Larry) Carr of Huntington, IN; Two Sons, Paul (Ronda) Smelser of Huntington, IN, Daniel Smelser of Oklahoma City, OK (Janel Smelser of Huntington, IN); Ten Grandchildren, Justin, Brittney, Amber, Bradley, Kayleigh, Tiler, Aaron, Taedan, Stella, and Hannah, all of Huntington, IN; Thirteen Great Grandchildren; Four Great Great Grandchildren; Two Brothers, Richard Larson of Titusville, FL, Larry (Sandy) Larson of Manistee, MI. She is preceded in death by her Father, Irving Larson, Mother, Olive Larson, Sister, Barbara Holmgren.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Thursday, May 1, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Friday, May 2, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Corps Officer Normalene Daniels and Major David Biggs officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Preferred memorials to The Salvation Army, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Sharon Gail Smelser.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
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## Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Sharon Smelser.*



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - May 01, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ *Dear George Smelser, I just read Joyce's obituary, and wanted to send you this condolence. You and she were an important key in my life. You both visited my house in Saginaw in 1962 at the request of Major Ray Cameron before you left for SFOT. You explained to me about the SA, and lit a real fire in my heart! Here I am, many years later, grateful I decided for Christ! I attend the Ann Arbor SA today, play music on piano and horn in our brass band. I thought you would want to know. John Comfort*

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**John Comfort** - July 06, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ *From Dennis & Antonia Marak purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Sharon Gail Smelser.*



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**From Dennis & Antonia Marak** - April 29, 2025 at 11:57 PM

BS

“ Brad and Chantel Smelser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Gail Smelser.

Brad and Chantel Smelser - April 29, 2025 at 07:21 PM

BS

“ Brad and Chantel Smelser purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Sharon Gail Smelser.



Brad and Chantel Smelser - April 29, 2025 at 07:21 PM

LH

“ Susan,  
Condolences to you and your family. Lifting you all up in prayer as you navigate the loss of your beautiful mother.  
Sincerely,  
Lisa (Zinsmeister) Hedges

Lisa Hedges - April 29, 2025 at 02:06 PM

MH

“ Michael, Steve, Brandon, Joanna Holmgren purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sharon Gail Smelser.



Michael, Steve, Brandon, Joanna Holmgren - April 28, 2025 at 09:41 PM

KH

“ Keith, Sherri, Kyra and Luke Holmgren purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sharon Gail Smelser.



Keith, Sherri, Kyra and Luke Holmgren - April 28, 2025 at 08:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sharon Gail Smelser.



April 28, 2025 at 04:15 PM

TF

“ The Larry and Sandy Larson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sharon Gail Smelser.



The Larry and Sandy Larson Family - April 28, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LS

“ Jerry and family. Was so sorry to hear of Sharon passing. She was always joy when you and Sharon came to visit us in Florida and Michigan. Remember our meet up in Gatlinburg TN when 911 happened. She will be greatly missed and loved. My heart goes out to you all with comfort and many memories. 💔. Love Laurie Smelser

Laurie Smelser - April 28, 2025 at 11:58 AM



*To our good friend Jerry , know that Patricia and Ray send our sadness to you after hearing of Sharon Promotion to Glory. She now knows the reality of faithfulness to God's word. We will look forward to seeing her in Glory. Blessings on you until we see each other in the eternal promise God has prepared.*

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**Raymond C. Briggs, Major (R)** - April 28, 2025 at 04:22 PM