



## Sharon Van Hoven

April 20, 1945 - August 4, 2012

In Loving Memory of Sharon Van Hoven...

Describing Mom's life in a single word would simply be: vibrant – full of life, laughter, color, and love for everyone she encountered. She always looked her very best no matter what she was doing or where she went, and her brightest attributes were her infectious laugh and brilliant smile! But, there certainly was much more to her than what we could see.

An incredibly gifted musician, she was drawn to the piano at the age of seven; she played it beautifully and masterfully for more than sixty years. For those of us who knew her and were close knew that she could play absolutely anything, play it very well, and likely by ear. She shared her gift with so many others as she played regularly at Bethel Baptist Church for many of the church's early years.

She was very accustomed to making friends – quickly and often. Whether it was at her place of work, church or elsewhere, she had this amazing ability to make everyone she knew feel important and loved. When Sharon Van Hoven became your friend, you knew you had a friend for life!

Sharon Kaye was born to Cleo C. and Edna Mae Couch on April 20, 1945 in Wenatchee, Washington. She went to be with her Lord on Saturday, August 4,

2012.

She is survived by her sons: Jason (Angie) Monroe of Poulsbo, WA; Jeff Monroe of Wenatchee, WA; granddaughters: Emily and Ainsley Monroe of Poulsbo, WA; brother: Ben (Judy) Couch of Rock Island, WA; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is loved so very much and will be missed immensely! We love you, Mom; welcome Home!

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, August 10th, 11:00 AM, at Bethel Baptist Church, 1354 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee. Private family interment will be at Evergreen Memorial Park. In honor of who Mom was, we encourage those who attend to wear any color other than black – that is how she would want it.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sharon Van Hoven



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**Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home** - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To Sharon's family,  
It took me awhile to figure out why her face was familiar in the obituary photo, and I was shocked and sad to realize I won't see her smiling face in Lowe's any more. I used to enjoy going to the hardware section because she was there, always helpful, knowledgeable, and funny. I missed her yesterday, but will always remember how she brightened the day of so many strangers. RIP Marianne, Chelan

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**Marianne Patton** - August 27, 2012 at 01:48 PM

SP

“ Dear Family,

*I know Sharon would have loved the wonderful memorial in her honor. Jeff and Jason, she would have been so proud of you and enjoyed the song. I know she is at peace with the Lord. I'd like to think she is looking over you and your family. We graduated from Wenatchee High the same year. She was well liked and that continued her entire life because she was such a positive, helpful person. Her memory will live forever in our hearts.*

*Sharon Paine (Class of 1963)*

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**Sharon Paine** - August 11, 2012 at 06:21 PM

MA

“ Dear Family,

*Sharon and I were classmates at Wenatchee High. What a beautiful tribute. Sharon was such a special person and beautiful both inside and out. She did always have a smile even as we met on the 4th floor of Wenatchee Valley Clinic for mutual dr. appointments. Sharon touched everyone in such a special way with her positive and loving attitude. She left us way too early. With her smile, one didn't realize that she was sick. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*In loving memory of our special friend. Marcia Barnhart Avey*

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**Marcia Avey** - August 10, 2012 at 12:52 AM

MA

“ Dear Family,  
What a beautiful tribute to Sharon. She was such a special person and beautiful on the inside as well as the outside. You are right, I never saw Sharon without a smile, even as we met each other on the 4th floor of the clinic last month. She touched so many people and each one of us will always remember her. Sharon and I were classmates at Wenatchee High. She left us way too soon. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

*In loving memory, Marcia Barnhart Avey*

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**Marcia Avey** - August 10, 2012 at 12:38 AM

PH

“ Dear Family,  
I only knew Sharon from Lowes. I had a little white Maltese dog that she fell in love with and would always want to hold her and sweet talk her. My dog's name is Lucy so Sharon would say "Did Lucy come to see Aunt Sharon or Lucy come see Aunt Sharon".  
I always appreciated her kindness, interest, and of course help in what I was trying to shop for. I am so sorry she is gone but we will always have fond memories of our visits to Lowes because of Sharon.

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**Patti Jackson Hindman** - August 08, 2012 at 12:57 PM