



Sharon L. Gourley

August 25, 1936 - October 4, 2025

Sharon L. Gourley, 89, passed away on Saturday, October 4, 2025 in Vernon Hills, IL. She was born on August 25, 1936 in Atlantic, Iowa and lived in Des Moines for many years. Sharon earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Drake University where she met her husband, Richard Gourley. They lived in many places including San Francisco, CA and Buffalo Grove, IL but spent most of their married life in Winnetka, IL where they raised their children. She has spent 22 of the last 24 years living in Angel Fire, NM and Scottsdale, AZ before returning to Illinois. She was a proud member of the Delta Gamma Sorority and remained active for 70 years, both enjoying the company of her original sorority sisters and welcoming the new. Sharon worked in a variety of fields including closet and kitchen design and also served as an office manager. She enjoyed traveling, hiking, skiing, and was an avid reader.

Sharon is survived by 2 sons, Brett (Michelle) & Sean (Sara) Gourley; 11 grandchildren, Colin (Brooke), Kara (fiance Rafael Jimenez), Kyle (Emily), Jillian, Samantha (Lonnie Schutte), Danielle, Amanda, Abigail, Alexander, Veronica, & Jason and by 4 great grandchildren, Jax, Ava, Grey & Ella.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Gourley, in 2002, and by her son, Erik, in 2023.

A celebration of life is planned for Saturday, November 8 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Avenue in Winnetka, IL. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: please

call 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Winnetka Community House
620 Lincoln Avenue
Winnetka, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ Sharon and I met via Delta Gamma. She was a wonderful friend, as was Dick. She was an integral member of DG, and admired for her sophisticated and artistic style! Sharon was one of the most authentic people I knew and a delight. I can still hear her "Lisa, Baby", ringing in my ears! She was deeply missed when she moved to New Mexico. Imagine my delight when I moved to AZ, and reconnected with Sharon a few years ago. Although our in-person relationship was only about 2 years before she moved back to IL, I will be forever blessed by having known Sharon; she has always inspired me to live life to its fullest! Sending God's peace to the family.

- Lisa Montgomery

Lisa Montgomery - November 21, 2025 at 04:21 PM

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“ I meet Sharon in Junior high and we became close friends from that day on. Close friends thru Jr High Callanan Jr then on to Roosevelt High School. We were proud members of Delta Gamma sorority at Drake University. I was bridesmaid in Sharon and Dicks wedding. We Stayed close over the years and I will miss her very much. It is hard for me to think of a time without Sharon . Sean and Brett you are always in my thoughts . The Gourley's have been a big part of my life.

Mary Huff Tanner - October 23, 2025 at 12:14 PM

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“ I met Sharon on the bus when I was going to Callanan jr. High and she was going to Roosevelt High School. She was so nice to me then as a youngster to her. She was just so nice and friendly I never forgot her. Then later at Drake University....later as married people in Des Moines, Ia. When she was here visiting her dear friend Lynne Wright. I will always cherish Memories of Sharon for her great sense of humor and how fun she was. We traveled into Utah when I had a home in Sedona, Az and she was living in Phx. AZ. And some other fun trips with Dee Staples and Lynne. Sharon was a great friend and someone I've always been so proud and happy to know. I know she will be at peace and back with her dear husband, Dick!! Sincerely and with love, Nancy Street Goreham

Nancy Street Goreham. - October 22, 2025 at 10:31 PM