



Sharon Ann Holgan

June 20, 1945 - February 18, 2025

Sharon “Sherrie” Ann Holgan (79), a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and devout Catholic, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2025 in Tallahassee, Florida after valiantly battling Alzheimer’s disease. She was born on June 20, 1945 to parents Joseph and Frances Eppinger Klepal in Cleveland, Ohio. Sherrie’s family later moved to Miami, Florida where she graduated from Hialeah High School. While in college, she met the love of her life, John E Holgan, Sr., and their marriage lasted 55 years until his passing in 2020. While in college, Sherrie attended “beauty school” where she fell in love with cosmetology and never looked back.

Sherrie moved with her family to Tallahassee in 1974 where she and her husband, John, reared three children. Shortly after arriving in Tallahassee, she opened her first beauty salon, Sherrie’s Beauty Salon, which stayed open until selling the business some 15 years after opening. After a short break, she returned to the career she loved, cosmetology, eventually hanging up her shears and retired from Anthony’s at Betton in 2020.

Sherrie was a teacher at heart. In the 1980’s, she was a Redken representative traveling and conducting hair shows to show off new techniques in styles, beauty and skin care of the day. She taught many aspiring cosmetologists through the cosmetology program at Lively Technical School and assisted in writing the test questions for the Florida Department of

Business and Professional Regulation's cosmetology licensing examinations. She was a past president of the Florida Association of Cosmetology & Technical Schools and enjoyed her stint as a certified Redken representative.

When Sherrie wasn't pursuing her passion for cosmetology, she loved to paint and could be found at her easel for hours working to get just the right stroke of the brush or the color of her paint on the canvas. She was an avid hockey supporter supporting The Tiger Sharks in Tallahassee and the Pittsburgh Penguins. Sherrie enjoyed the outdoors, a ride on a Harley with her husband, trips to the beach, water skiing, sail boating whenever possible, and an occasional glass of red wine with friends.

Sherrie is survived by her loving children John E. Holgan, Jr. (Allison), Eddie Holgan (Frances) and Wendy Holgan; grandchildren John Ervin, Hannah Holgan (Jay), Kelly Ervin, AJ Holgan (Allie), Kaleb Beane (Amanda), Kyleighann Beane, Jack Holgan and Charlie Holgan; great-grandchildren Ryder Jennings, Nova Jennings, Benjamin Holgan, Shiloh Jennings, Eva Holgan and Berkley Jennings (a new arrival she did not get to meet); and numerous nieces and nephews who will all miss her dearly.

Sherrie is reunited in heaven with her beloved husband, John E. "Hogie" Holgan, Sr., her parents, Joseph and Frances, and her siblings Virginia "Ginny" Moore, Joseph Klepal, Kay Rose Kelly, and Frances Albertus.

A memorial service will be held at Bevis Funeral Home on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 10:00am. She will be reunited with her late husband at Tallahassee National Cemetery at 12:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to North American Butterfly Association (naba.org).

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Committal Service

MAR 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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