



Sharon Lee Brown Nilsson

April 11, 1947 - March 29, 2026

Sharon Lee Brown Nilsson passed peacefully into eternity on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Her passing followed a brief battle with an extremely aggressive form of cancer, having been diagnosed only five days earlier.

Sharon was a rare combination of both physical and spiritual beauty. Her appearance was always immaculate, with never a single red hair out of place. Her inner beauty shone even more brightly through her deep love for and devotion to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she touched countless lives through years of teaching Sunday School and Relief Society, and through quiet acts of Christian service. Her most powerful lessons were taught, however, through her life of unwavering discipleship to The Savior.

Sharing her remarkable musical talent in the Church brought Sharon great joy, especially in her opportunity to invite the Spirit of the Lord to be present for temple worshippers. Her reverent organ music in the chapels of the Los Angeles and Jordan River Temples helped create the peaceful, sacred atmosphere sought by those who attended. She served in this capacity for decades. She also served as Ward and Stake Organist for over 40 years in Bellflower and Cerritos, California, before moving to Utah.

Sharon was born on April 11, 1947, in Artesia, California, to goodly parents, Myron Eugene and Evelyn Rosabelle Brown. She spent most of her life in Bellflower, California, where she lovingly raised her cherished children: Todd (deceased in 2012), Shawnah, Jeff, and Danny. There, she also developed a life-long love for the Los Angeles Dodgers. During the season, she was constantly checking her phone for the score and was thrilled with the result of the last two World Series which resulted in a championship for her beloved boys in blue.

Professionally, Sharon worked for many years as an executive assistant before becoming a gifted esthetician in Long Beach, California. Even after moving to Utah, former clients continued to seek her out—a testament to both her skill and the genuine care she gave to everyone she served.

Despite adversity throughout her life, Sharon chose to live with gratitude and joy. Her faith, family, love of music, patriotism, and treasured friendships brought her the greatest fulfillment and defined the way she lived.

Sharon was preceded in death by her husband, David Nilsson; her son, Todd Waltz; her parents; and her sister, Shelley Miller. She is survived by her children: Shawnah Lozano (Erwin) of Riverton, Utah; Jeff Benintendi (Stacy) of Gilbert, Arizona; and Danny Benintendi of Fort Worth, Texas; her brothers, Larry Brown, Ray (Jeanene) Brown, and Lorin (Joyce) Brown; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and her daughter in-law, Francene Waltz Gonzales, all of whom will miss her dearly.

A memorial service will be held on Good Friday, April 3, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel located at 8171 S. Jackson Street, Midvale, Utah 84047. Friends and family may gather to offer condolences beginning 2 hours prior to the service. Following the service, interment will take place at the Herriman, Utah city cemetery.

The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to Intermountain Health Hospice for their compassionate care during Sharon's final days.

Zoom Link for remote participants:

<https://zoom.us/j/2291911235?pwd=Qq5dLqtXp5wblhalcHsy9Y1fCG0NBC.1&0mn=91319953592>

Meeting ID: 229 191 1235

Passcode: 792779

Zoom meeting title: 11th ward funeral

Cemetery Details

Herriman City Cemetery

12465 Pioneer St.
Herriman, UT 84096

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 3. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Midvale 11th Ward
8171 South Jackson Street
Midvale, UT 84047

Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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8171 South Jackson Street
Midvale, UT 84047

Graveside Service

APR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



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Serenity Funeral Home - April 08 at 02:29 PM



“ We send our love and condolences to the Family.

Derek and LaNeece Arnson - April 03 at 04:50 PM



“ Sharon is my angel sister in law! She was married to my brother Dave. When Dave was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and then lung cancer, Sharon was his loyal and constant companion and caregiver. She took care of him in their home until she could no longer manage him on her own. She's visited him almost daily at the care facility that he was in, taking him his favorite snacks. I will be forever grateful for her love and kindness to my brother, even though I know it was very difficult and truly a sacrifice for her! She was kind, selfless and gracious to all! I will miss her. ❤️ Leslie Dyches

Leslie Dyches - April 03 at 12:08 PM