



Sheri Lyn Kawamoto

June 3, 1956 - November 17, 2019

Sheri Kawamoto was born June 3, 1956 in Omaha, Nebraska to John and Pauline (Graham) Kawamoto. Sheri grew up in Omaha, where she attended Belvedere Elementary School, McMillan Junior High School, and graduated from Omaha North High School in 1974. Following high school, Sheri went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1978. Growing up, Sheri loved to ride her bike, played the violin, was a life guard at High Point Pool, and enjoyed watching Star Trek on TV.

Sheri made her home in Omaha, and worked for 25 years as a Public Safety Officer for Creighton University. When she was diagnosed with neuromyelitis optica (NMO), a neurological disease that she fought for over 30 years, Sheri retired from Creighton and received an award in recognition of her many years of service.

Sheri will be remembered as a loving, courageous, opinionated, caring, and giving woman. Despite her struggles, she never had a "woe is me" attitude. She was a movie buff, who loved Star Wars and The Lord of the Rings, and she had planned to continue a family tradition of seeing a blockbuster movie over the holidays. She was a music fan, especially of the Moody Blues. She enjoyed dinner out at the Olive Garden, or spaghetti anytime, and appreciated a good root beer float. In her younger years, Sheri would attend the motorcycle rally at Sturgis, South Dakota with friends. Her biggest pet peeve was taking other people's advice. Her favorite flowers were roses and carnations, and she loved caring for her cats.

Sheri's presence was intertwined with everyone in her family. She had a knack for giving unique and personal gifts to everyone, especially at Christmas. Sheri had knowledge about a significant number of things, and she was always willing to share it! And there was the continuing saga of "the cute one" and "the smart one" between Sheri and her mom. Sheri will be missed for her kindness, for always putting others first, for her love of family, especially of her niece, nephews, and grandnieces, and for always making sure she told you, "I love you."

Sheri passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 63 years, 5 months, and 14 days. She was preceded in death by her father John Kawamoto and sister Kimi Kawamoto. Sheri is survived by her mother Pauline of Omaha, sisters: Kathy (Brian) Cowles of Omaha and Judy Kawamoto of West Chester, PA, brother Jim (Susan) Kawamoto of Omaha, niece and nephews: Andrew Cowles; David (Lindsey) Cowles, Ginger Cowles; and Timothy, Jacob, Elizabeth and Michael Kawamoto; great nieces: Nola and Scarlett Cowles; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Memorial service 11 AM Saturday, First Presbyterian Church, 216 S. 34th St. Omaha. Visitation Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn. Private interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Memorial donations to Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation (a foundation for NMO research) or First Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park-Omaha

7909 Mormon Bridge Rd.
Omaha, NE 68152

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Omaha
216 South 34th Street
Omaha, NE 68131

Tribute Wall



“ *Sheri Lyn Kawamoto*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

SH

“ *Sending my condolences to Judy and the entire Kawamoto family. I wish you all peace and comfort during this difficult time. Hugs, Sara Hinkle*

Sara Hinkle - November 27, 2019 at 09:16 AM

LM

“ *My condolences to the Kawamoto family, Kathy, Brian.... Thinking of you during this very sad time. Lori Mendicino and family.*

Lori Mendicino - November 23, 2019 at 10:55 PM

DC

“ *Sheri was one of my first friends when I lived on Kansas Ave. She was friendly, protective and made me laugh. Sorry to hear about her passing. Diane (Whitney) Carner*

Diane Whitney Carner - November 23, 2019 at 08:23 AM

DW

“ *I worked with Sheri for many years at Creighton Public Safety. When she became ill she never complained which I found amazing. She just kept on going like she always had. She loved her family above all else and enjoyed talking about her siblings, but most of all, she loved her nieces and nephews and enjoyed telling stories about them. Sheri is now free from illness and pain. May God be with you during this difficult time.*

Deb Ward

Debra I Ward - November 21, 2019 at 09:24 AM

SB

“ Mrs. Kawamoto, Judy, Jim and Family;

May you find peace during the sad time knowing where Sheri is. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Steve Blum & Family

Steve Blum - November 21, 2019 at 09:05 AM

DV

“ Judy Kawamoto and Family,

My sincerest condolences to you and your family. My thoughts are with you and those that surround you. <3 Denice Velez

Denice Velez - November 20, 2019 at 08:27 PM

AG

“ To Judy Kawamoto and Family.

Judy I just want to take this moment and send my condolences to you and your family. Truly sorry for your loss. Take care. Angela Garrett

Angela Garrett - November 20, 2019 at 12:14 PM

GK

“ I worked with Sheri back when we were both at Creighton Univ. Public Safety. I always enjoyed talking and working with her. I am so sorry to hear this news and my condolences to her family and friends.

Gary Kula - November 20, 2019 at 11:59 AM

AW

“ My deepest sympathies.

*Sincerely,
Anne Wattles (former member of First)*

Anne Wattles - November 20, 2019 at 11:46 AM

AT

“ Judy,
Thinking of you and your family as you celebrate the life and legacy of your sister,
Sheri. Big hugs,
Amanda and Dan Thomas

Amanda Thomas - November 20, 2019 at 08:26 AM

DT

“ Judy, my thoughts are with you and your family. May you find peace in the
memories you made.

Dave Timmann

Dave Timmann - November 20, 2019 at 07:54 AM

LM

“ My sincerest condolences go out to the Kawamoto family at this difficult time. I
will keep you in my thoughts Judy & family. Lisa Montgomery

Lisa Montgomery - November 20, 2019 at 07:46 AM