

# Sharon Hayden Harvey | 1947-2014

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Sharon Hayden Harvey, 67, of Decatur, died Monday, Aug. 18, 2014, in Decatur.

Funeral was Aug. 22 at the Decatur Church of Christ with burial at Emerald Hills Memorial Park in Kennedale, under the direction of Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home.

Sharon was born Aug. 2, 1947, in Highland Park, Mich., to Guy and Julia (Semchena) Cunningham. After the death of her mother in 1957, she moved to California, then returned to Michigan for a short time before moving to Paducah, Ky., after the death of her father in 1963.

She married Joe Terry Hayden there, and their daughter, Ginger, was born in 1966. Sharon completed cosmetology school and worked as a hairstylist for many years.

In 1981, she moved to Texas and shortly afterward was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. In 1984, her daughter was murdered in Fort Worth – the killer was finally caught and convicted in 2012.

Sharon married Victor Harvey Nov. 9, 1985, in North Richland Hills. They adopted a son, David Harvey, in 1989. Sharon moved back to Michigan in 1997, to Peoria, Ill., in 2008 and to Decatur in 2010.

Sharon was a faithful Christian and attended the Decatur Church of Christ. She fought a brave battle against MS and never let it define her. Her motto was to allow 10 minutes a day to feel sorry for yourself and then move on.

She touched and inspired many lives with her spirit and determination and will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Victor Harvey of Decatur; son David Harvey and wife, Bonnie, of Decatur; and brother Tom Cunningham, of Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Ginger Hayden.