



Sharon Gilgenbach

September 13, 1944 - May 24, 2026

Sharon (Reilly) Gilgenbach, age 81, of Berlin, WI, passed away peacefully and surrounded by her loved ones on May 24th, 2026 at her home.

Sharon was born September 13, 1944, in Milwaukee, she was the daughter of Selma Reilly (Gatzow).

She met her husband and soulmate John Gilgenbach at a toy factory they both worked at. He knew from the moment he met her that she was "the one". They were married on February 8th, 1964 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They celebrated 61 years of marriage in February of 2025.

Sharon was a wonderful homemaker she was also a hard-working woman; she really put her heart and soul in whatever she did. She was a candy striper. She worked at different places before and after marriage. She worked at a nursing home in Milwaukee and was a secretary for a funeral home in Fox Lake.

She loved their hobby farm. But the best job she had was being a strong faithful wife who loved and cherished her husband, she grieved his loss until the day she passed. She was an excellent mother to her children. She was actively involved in her children's lives when they were younger, becoming a brownie leader among other things involving her children.

She had many interests and hobbies. She was a part of a couple's bowling league in Fox Lake where she bowled alongside her husband, John.

She was a kind and charitable woman.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Sharon is survived by her children, sons, Dan (Lori) Gilgenbach and Andy Gilgenbach; daughter, Pam Feucht; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and her sister-in-law, Pat; other relatives and many friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, John Gilgenbach; maternal mother, (Selma); brother, Richard; brother-in-law and sister, Dick and Joanne Syvertson; and an infant great grandson, Ayden.

Per Sharon's wishes, there will be no formal memorial service held at this time.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My cousin Sharon was a big part of my life growing up. I was an only child, and when we were young, she was like a big sister to me. She was such a lovely person, and I will miss her dearly, My heart goes out to her family.*

Pat Bock

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“ *Patricia J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Gilgenbach.*

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