



Trena Lee Sherman

July 10, 1956 - August 19, 2025

On August 19, 2025, the world lost a sparkling, shiny one. Beloved Sister, Auntie, Great Auntie and Step-Great Auntie, as well as cherished counselor, confidante and friend to many, and Sunshine everywhere she went, Trena Lee Sherman passed from this world in the same disarming manner in which she moved through it, leaving a trail of changed hearts in her wake.

Trena was born July 10th, 1956 in Kansas City, MO, shortly afterward joining her parents, brother Jim, and grandparents at Lone Oak Point Resort in Sunrise Beach, MO, where she would spend her childhood years. She attended Hurricane Deck Elementary, and graduated from Camdenton High School in 1973. Afterward, Trena began working at Quality Industries in Versailles, MO, and spent her entire work career there, forging many dear friendships and influencing deep community bonds along the way. Trena spent decades participating in Special Olympics as a swimmer, until forced Covid quarantines in 2020. She loved her yearly summer vacations to Camp Wonderland in Rocky Mount, MO.

She was a Dancing Queen, a lover of all kitties, a Zoo Maven, and a wonderful counselor for those in need of advice and encouragement, and a chocolate connoisseur. She loved to get out and see the world and was adventurous in the way only true ladies are - with an entourage. She adored and doted on and wrote letters to all her loved ones, and remembered us all.

She was an amazing repository for the names and lives of those she befriended and met. She was friend to maintenance workers and doctors alike. She held us all accountable for our attitudes, words and actions, speaking aloud without hesitation the truths that others were often afraid to say. Simultaneously, there never was a greater vessel of God's Grace and forgiveness. She loved the color purple, and wore it regally. Her pockets were never empty, and she rocked-out hoop earrings and Mardi Gras necklaces, of which she had been given hundreds. The profound manner in which her beautiful presence influenced all those she touched cannot be expressed in words.

A special acknowledgement goes out to Trena's dearest Friend, Jackie, whose letters of love and care package items are still overflowing from boxes and drawers of Trena's belongings. To Teri Humphrey, for countless hours of precious conversations on the Office porch. To Ciara and the Therapy crew at John Knox Village Meyer Care Center, and to Kenneth ("Dennis") and his big, gorgeous black cowboy hat. In Trena's recent words, "He's a good man."

Trena was preceded in death by her Father and Mother, Lee R. And Betty Jo Sherman. She leaves behind her brother James E. Sherman and wife Stephanie, loving cousins, uncle and aunt, nephews and nieces, and countless friends.

Trena's family will be having a private Celebration of Life. However, if any should wish to honor Trena's life and accomplishments, contributions in her name may be made to local Special Olympics programs, Quality Industries of Versailles, MO, and/or to Camp Wonderland in Rocky Mount, MO.

Arrangements are under the care of Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *My thoughts and prayers to your family. So sorry for your loss. I met Trena when she was staying at the Knolls in Laurie. Sincerely Mickey Parker.* ”



Michaela Parker - August 24, 2025 at 12:36 AM

TS

Thank you.

Tristan Sherman - September 06, 2025 at 07:11 PM

NJ

“ *She worked with my kids, Nic and Jil at the work shop. She always had a smile on her face and sweet words to greet us. My kids swam with her in Laurie. We called her princess. Her favorite expression was "don't rush me". She might not of been fast but she always finished with a smile on her face. We always cheered for her and all the others. We could all learn something from that. Heaven has received a great soul that will be missed..* ”

Nic and Jil - August 23, 2025 at 10:05 AM

TS

That is classic Trena! We have laughed so many times over the situations where she would say that. Thank you so much for sharing this. Thank you for loving on her. She WAS a princess, really.

Tristan Sherman - September 06, 2025 at 07:02 PM

TS

Also, I recognize their names, and wanted to tell you that she remembered them and talked about them, I am sure my Dad would recognize, too.

Tristan Sherman - September 06, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ I work at the 911 center in Higginsville. Miss Trena used to accidentally call 911 on a regular basis. You'd listen to her dialing numbers and whenever you'd tell her she'd reached 911 she'd say "I'm sorry" and hang up on you. We'd have to call her back to make sure she didn't need anything and she was so sweet. After a while we all recognized her phone number and we fought to be the person that got to talk to her. I'll miss her accidental 911 calls. Prayers for her family and friends.

Candy Wise Wing - August 23, 2025 at 09:50 AM

TS

Oh WOW, that really got me. I knew that she would do that, but my heart is nursing to know your response to that. I love you all just knowing that!!

Tristan Sherman - September 06, 2025 at 07:04 PM

TS

Bursting! (Phone)

Tristan Sherman - September 06, 2025 at 07:12 PM

MS

A little light has left our world and that is what she was--for her family and friends. My family wondered if all was well with her as previously she had called all of us frequently and we are sad and shocked to read of her death. Her obituary was beautiful and captured her beautiful spirit and love of her life and all the people she met along the way. She met her physical problems with bravery--seeming to not to be bothered by them and put all the people she loved, so many, at ease with her fun personality. We shared many visits at the lake and her love for my children--Mike, Janis and Ross was strong--as well as for all her aunts, uncles--family members. I loved her and miss her.

Marva Shelton - September 09, 2025 at 11:56 AM

MS

Tristan. I would love to have a visit with you. My numbe 9

Marva Shelton - September 09, 2025 at 12:00 PM



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Candy Wise Wing - August 23, 2025 at 09:43 AM