



## Sharon Lee Finley

July 5, 1940 - December 20, 2023

Sharon Lee Finley, 83, passed away peacefully at Tacoma General Hospital in Tacoma, WA, on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. She was born July 5, 1940, to Enard and Mildred (Hammerstrom) Rosen in Sioux City, IA.

Sharon moved with her family to the Scandinavian-friendly Seattle suburb of Ballard. Following her 1958 graduation from Ballard High School (and an extended European vacation, including time with relatives in Sweden), Sharon began a five-year run in various administrative roles, later with General Motors Acceptance Corp., where she met GMAC colleague, Jim Finley. They were married January 5, 1963, in Seattle, honeymooning in Wenatchee, WA, where they painted the interior of their home.

Jim and Sharon were transferred several times: Seattle, Yakima, then back to Seattle, where the family remained, until moving to Manson, WA, in 1975, to become full-time apple growers. Sharon quickly became involved in the Lake Chelan community, deploying her artistic and organizational skills in working with Manson's Apple Blossom Festival (float creation, event management, etc.), along with oil painting, and singing in the North Shore Bible Church choir.

Sharon's faith in Jesus was essential to her, worshipping at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Seattle, Lake Chelan Lutheran Church in Chelan, and North Shore in Manson, where she loved her women's bible study.

Sharon is survived by daughter, Erin (Terry) Jenks of University Place, WA, and grandchildren: Spencer (Erin) and Trevor; son, Paul (Julie) Finley of

Yakima, WA, and grandchildren: Megan, Carter, and London; and son, Andy (Katie) Finley also of Yakima, WA, and grandchildren Dawson, Bailey, and Jackson; several nieces, nephews, other relatives; and many friends. She was preceded in death by husband, Jim; her parents; and brother, Leroy Rosen.

# Previous Events

## Interment

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Chelan Riverview Cemetery  
401 Riverview Road  
Chelan, WA

## Celebration of Life

JAN 20. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

North Shore Bible Church  
123 Wapato Point Parkway  
Manson, WA 98831  
(509) 687-3636

# Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Sharon Lee Finley*



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**Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel** - January 11, 2024 at 04:12 PM

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“ *Our condolences to Sharon's family. Sharon has over the years been writing interesting and amusing letters and emails to us about her daily life and family events and with Christmas greetings. This has meant a lot to the Rosen family in Sweden and we are so grateful for this loving family connection.*

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**Annette Rosen Persson** - January 23, 2024 at 11:36 AM

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“ I let the opportunity to say a few words about Auntie Sharon at the Celebration of her life slip away. I felt like I wouldn't get through it and truly, I would need hours to share all that I wanted to say.

Auntie Sharon and my dad (her brother Lee, who she adored), both had the gift of drawing people in that was mentioned yesterday. Genuine, honest, giving and always welcoming. I think this comes from their parents, our grandparents “Nana and Da” Rosen. The Finley and Rosen cousins (Erin, Paul, Andy, Keith, Teresa, Chris,) share great memories and maintain a close relationship because of our parents and time spent together in Seattle and Manson.

We loved going to Sharon and Jim's. As has been noted by others, as a child, gaining access to all the fun foods; Lucky Charms, Captain Crunch and Cocoa Puffs made us all smile big! Sharon always wanted to make sure everyone loved their experience at her home. Hours went into cleaning, while not necessary, it was her thing. Auntie Sharon always knew the best way to clean everything, even how to remove the dead azalea flowers off the plant. She made sure to have fun pool floaties and comfy furniture to sit for hours watching the kids and socializing at the pool.

Strolling through the orchard was fun and educational to ‘city slickers’ like me. Memories of time shared in the orchard are front and center in my mind every time I walk through the produce department of any store.

At age 13-14, Auntie Sharon introduced me to my first “club sandwich” at the Apple Cup Café, the final stop of a 7-hour summer drive, just the two of us, from Seattle to Manson via Stevens Pass. Funny, the little things that imprint on our memories.

I can go on, but what I cherish and will miss the most were the hours of conversation when we did see each other. Nowadays, it's easy to be distracted by the “to do list,” or social media, but Auntie Sharon was ALWAYS 100% engaged. Whether in person or on the

*phone, time stood still while we chatted. There was always more to talk about. Each conversation ended with "Wow, where did the time go?"*

*Today, I ask the same question and find comfort in knowing that she is chatting at a bigger roundtable with those who have gone before us. Until we meet again, I will be missing them all and forever grateful for the deep, loving family connections and the memories I cherish.*

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**Teresa Rosen** - January 21, 2024 at 03:58 PM

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*“ My condolences to Sharon's family. I helped Sharon with insurance and got to know her pretty well. She was always pleasant and positive even when I had to give her bad news. I will always remember how she loved her family and her dog. May God be with her family and bring Peace.*

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**Caroline DeWolf** - January 07, 2024 at 11:04 AM