



## Sharon Widner

February 9, 1953 - April 17, 2022

Sharon Lynne (Luker) Widner, age 69, passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2022. Sharon was born February 9, 1953 in Holtville, California. She was the 3rd of 4 children born to Bill & Rita Luker. She was raised in Holtville and graduated in 1971. She married David Widner on June 18, 1971. Together they raised 3 children, Melody, Cara, and Jonathan (JD). In 1985, the family moved to Oklahoma to be closer to her mom & dad. In 1991, they moved to Purcell and lived there until recently moving to the Dale area.

Sharon began taking piano lessons at the age of 5, and it didn't take long to realize she was musically gifted. She took classical lessons throughout high school, accompanying the choir for many musicals and plays. She began playing for church at age 9, and became the full-time pianist during her teenage years. She led many church choirs and directed numerous Christmas and Easter cantatas at the churches she attended. She took great joy in teaching her kids and grandkids how to play. She spent countless hours rearranging and composing music for herself, along with many other people who played different instruments at the church.

After high school, she began working as a secretary. She took some college-level bookkeeping classes and did bookkeeping for several businesses and worked at OU for many years. In late 2003, she quit her job at OU to take care of her grandchildren and did that until they started school in 2006. She went back to OU and was an accounting clerk for the Department of Physics and Astronomy. While working there, she worked part time helping her

daughter open a bakery in Purcell, Cara's Sweet Cafe. She eventually left OU and became the full-time baker for the restaurant until she retired to take care of her dad. Most recently, she spent her days transporting her younger grandkids between school and daycare and showing her love through the baked goods she made for her family and friends.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Bill & Rita Luker, her daughter-in-law, Kristin Widner, nieces, Dawn Luker & Andrea Luker, and her grandchild, Christian King.

She is survived by her husband, David, of the home; her children: Melody Mahaffey & husband Rich of Purcell, Cara King & husband Jerry of OKC, and JD Widner & wife Megan of Dale; her grandchildren: Casady Cawfield, Benjamin Cawfield, Faith King, Hope King, Lucas Mahaffey, Jonathan King, Steven King, Donnie King, Cooper Widner, and Callyn Widner; and her great grandchildren: Jaxon Cawfield and Tatum Cawfield; brothers: Gene & Marianne Luker; Gary & Sandy Luker; sister: Joyce Luker; sisters-in-law: Connie & Dan Moffit; Linda & John Cook; and a host of nieces, nephew, cousins, and friends.

Celebration of Sharon's life will be held at Little's Chapel, Wilson-Little Purcell, on Friday, April 22nd, at 10:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you give See's Candy to person that musically impacted your life. Send online condolences at [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com)

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Dear David & family,  
I am so sorry to hear of her passing. You guys always were a highlight of my day. Hearing of your family and adventures. Giving great advice to this first time mom as well. Her joy for the lovely family you have and our shared love of music I will always remember. Thank you for being a part of my life. I hope that peace and love surround you all in this time. Knowing how many lives she touched in such a positive way is such a blessing.  
Condolences,  
Shanda and the Henderson family



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**Shanda Henderson** - April 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Many wonderful and precious memories of the Widners. Sharon, what a tremendous anointed singer and musician! And as well a very caring person and great friend. Along with David, they were a powerful blessing to any Pastor, Evangelist and Church.  
I pray God's comfort will be gracious to all the family. There is no doubt she is and will continue to be greatly missed.  
Christians don't die, they move. Thank God we know the forwarding address and look forward to a "Meeting in the air".

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**Eddie Holden** - April 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Dear David & Family,  
I was so sorry to hear of Sharon's passing. My prayers are with you.  
  
Patty Johnson

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**Patty Johnson** - April 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Our condolences to all the family. Always enjoyed hearing her sing and play the piano!

Ernie & Teresa Higgins - April 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ David, Cara, Jerry, and family,  
I love Sharon and she will be so very missed. You all will always be a part of our family. I once told Sharon that if she had a recording I would listen to it all day because every time she played the piano there was such an anointing, no matter what the song was. She so blessed my life and definitely left precious memories. You all are in my thoughts and prayers as I pray for God to heal your broken hearts and for you to feel His presence, peace, and comfort as only He can give as He wraps His loving arms around each of you. My sympathy and condolences to you all.

Debbie Jordan - April 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Sharon passing! I just saw David the other day and he was talking about how happy they were. May God Bless you all. In my prayers and thoughts!

Kerri Riley - April 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ My condolences to all of the family. Sharon was a very special and talented woman.



Donna Ginnis - April 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ David and family my heart breaks that you have lost part of your heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Know that I love you and I know you already know that the Lords Love and Grace are with you always.  
Sherry and Aunt Margaret

Sherry Janssen Davis - April 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ What does this amazing lady mean to me?  
That's a long list because she was never anything but loving to me ❤️ Her piano talents were absolutely off the charts great. The Luker family goes way back in my life. Special memories. RIP dear lady 🙏🌹



Jerry & Karen Butler - April 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My condolences out to the family. She will be greatly missed.

With love,

Lori & family



Lori Luker Gehman - April 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KR

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Kerri Riley - April 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ When our family went to Pastor Holtville A/G my Sophomore year of HS, Sharon was the very first person I met of my age, and the rest is history. She was such a fun and caring friend as we spend much time together. Sharon, Pam Davidson Barber and myself sang in a trio together for 3 years. What a great time we had at rehearsals, other churches, youth rallies, etc. We talked "boys", laughed about teachers, laughed at one another until we were crying and peeing our pants. Planned our weddings together and were in each other's weddings. It is so hard to believe that she is celebrating with Jesus and all those who went before her. Sharon, thank you for all the great memories together. Look forward to seeing you in Heaven, my friend!

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**Dave & Kandy Vincent** - April 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM