



## Sharon DeAnne Rector

May 28, 1952 - April 11, 2025

Sharon DeAnne Sims was born, May 28, 1952, in Terre Haute, Indiana, to Oney and Ruth Sims who have preceded her in death. Her siblings are Darla Sims Scott of Terre Haute, Indiana, and Denise Mullis of Bedford, Indiana. Her brother Oney Sims preceded her in death as well.

DeAnne grew up in West Terre Haute, IN where she attended grade school. While in middle school, she became known as DeAnne because there were so many girls named Sharon in her class.

She graduated from West Vigo High School in 1970. Following graduation, she attended Indiana State University, where she majored in Merchandising Management. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1974. DeAnne found employment as an assistant buyer for Meis Department Store.

While a student at ISU, she met Martin Rector in 1972 at Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. DeAnne, a devout believer, was saved in 1969 at a Baptist revival she attended at the invitation of a school friend.

Marty and DeAnne were married on June 28, 1974. Their union was blessed with two children: Kimberly, who is married to Emmanuel Sangar, and Kevin, who is married to April. They were also blessed with three grandchildren: Benjamin, Lily, and Isaac.

DeAnne loved the outdoors, following her passion for working in her flower and vegetable garden. She did not keep her gardening enthusiasm to herself, encouraging her family to join her in trying fried pumpkin blossoms.

Few non-professional arborists exceeded DeAnne's knowledge of flowers and trees, especially Midwest varieties. Our sister-in-law Michelle, however, once asked her about a flower in Florida and she was stumped. She was a true Hoosier through and through.

DeAnne was an avid hiker, enjoying the trails in state parks as well as long walks around the neighborhood. One of her favorite environments was walking along the shore line of the Siesta Key beach in Sarasota, FL.

DeAnne loved the camaraderie of playing games with friends and family. Her favorite game was Canasta.

After Marty and DeAnne moved to Avon they began attending Westside Church of the Nazarene and were involved in various ministries especially working with teens and single young adults. Marty and DeAnne were mentors and small group leaders to young families within the church.

DeAnne served in teen ministries for 25+ years at church and was the coordinator for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. DeAnne worked at Brownsburg High School overseeing study halls, but in typical DeAnne fashion, she turned many of her experiences into a ministry to teenagers.

One former church youth director said that DeAnne had a unique gift in reaching out to "the kid in the corner". She would build a relationship and become very encouraging, a close confidant, as well as a praying friend.

DeAnne was known by family and friends as a lady of prayer. Many of her friends said she taught them how to pray and she often prayed for others at the spur of the moment.

She was a faithful and loving wife for 50 years of marriage to Marty, and her family adored her. As a part of her legacy, her children and spouses are actively serving the Lord in their respective churches. Lily, as a 9th grader plays the keyboard in the praise team at the church she attends with her family.

She is at home with our Lord in that place called Paradise. While we live into the promise of a joyous, future reunion, for now, her laughter and love for Jesus will be missed by all.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm Friday, April 18, 2025, at Westside Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Dave Thornhill officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery in Plainfield.

DeAnne's funeral service will be live-streamed. You may view by Clicking Here (<https://boxcast.tv/view/celebration-service-for-deanne-rector-fcsowlusebdef6stsnon>).

Friends may call at the church from 4:00 – 7:00 pm Thursday and 10:00 am until noon Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered to the Westside Church of the Nazarene Teen Department by Clicking Here (<https://wsnaz.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/413/responses/new>).

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral

Home in New Castle. You may offer the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Sharon DeAnne Rector.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

709 Harding St.  
Plainfield, IN 46168

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Westside Church of the Nazarene  
8610 W 10th St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46234

## Visitation

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral

APR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Celebration of Life Webcast in memory of Sharon DeAnne Rector*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - April 13, 2025 at 09:20 AM

CB

“ *Curt Brown purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Sharon DeAnne Rector.*



**Curt Brown** - April 18, 2025 at 01:14 AM

PB

“ *Deanne was so energetic and pleasant. She was enthusiastic about rummage sales or shopping, playing games or conversations; from flowers to vegetable gardening, from cooking to canning. She was a good friend and will be sorely missed.*

**Pam Bradbury** - April 17, 2025 at 08:58 PM

SW

“ Steve, Kathy, Ashley and Andrea Watson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sharon DeAnne Rector.



Steve, Kathy, Ashley and Andrea Watson - April 15, 2025 at 03:49 PM

LT

“ Love, the CBA Serv Dev TEAM purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sharon DeAnne Rector.



Love, the CBA Serv Dev TEAM - April 15, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Whenever I was going through a hard time, DeAnne was always there for me. She was quick to listen and help. She was a wonderful sister, wife, and mother.

Denise Mullis - April 14, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Sharon DeAnne Rector.



April 14, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ Beautiful Aunt DeAnne, we loved you so very much. Thank you for being so loving and kind, showing us the love of Jesus. You were an amazing daughter, wife and mother. Your students adored you and you changed their lives in a positive way. We learned so much from you about strength through suffering and grace under pressure.

Marty, Kimberly, and Kevin, we grieve with you and will be praying for you during this time of loss. We know that the Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. May he hold you close at this time. We love you very much, Jib, and LeEtta Felter



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**LeEtta Felter** - April 14, 2025 at 10:17 AM

VF

“ Van Kley, Pilachowski, & Dexter families purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Sharon DeAnne Rector.



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**Van Kley, Pilachowski, & Dexter families** - April 13, 2025 at 11:14 PM

SK

“ SueEllyn, Tony & Hawkins Kunkel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sharon DeAnne Rector.



SueEllyn, Tony & Hawkins Kunkel - April 13, 2025 at 06:49 PM

FD

“ From Sandy and David purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sharon DeAnne Rector.



From Sandy and David - April 13, 2025 at 12:15 PM

JA

“ I first met DeAnne during my high school years after becoming friends with her son, Kevin. I will never forget her kindness, compassion, and her passion for the Lord. She truly touched everyone around her in a positive light. The world has lost a kind and gentle soul. She will be missed, but we will meet again in Paradise.



James Alban - April 13, 2025 at 11:49 AM

FL

“ We shared Bible study together and talks of our love for our children and grandkids. Spending time with my dear friend brought me such joy and happiness. I will miss DeAnne’s beautiful smile and worshipping sitting next to her at church as we lifted our voice in praise to our Lord.

Faye Lacey - April 13, 2025 at 08:11 AM