

rural Holton, KS

Sharon J. McDonald, 72, of Holton, died Thursday, July 16, 2020 at her home in rural Holton.

She was born January 15, 1948 in Farmington, Missouri, the daughter of Charlie and Edythe Rolens Holliday. Sharon graduated from Farmington High School in 1965. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education at the University of Missouri in 1969 and her Master's Degree in Education at Kansas State University in 1973. She was a teacher with the Holton Special Education Coop for thirty five and a half years.

Sharon was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Holton, the Alpha Circle at the church, United Methodist Women, Delta Kappa Gamma National Honor Society, the National Education Association and a former member of the Pilot Club of Holton.

She married Gayle D. McDonald on February 14, 1969 in Farmington, Missouri. He survives, of the home.

Sharon was preceded in by her parents and a son, Les McDonald, who died in 2009.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mary Cannon and husband Carl, Ada, OK; two sisters, Sarah Heuman and husband Larry, Boonville, Mo. and her twin, Karen Wirtmiller, California, MO, and three grandchildren, Thomas Leslie Cannon, Charlie Walker Cannon and McKinley Jay Cannon.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 20th at the Holton Cemetery. Sharon will lie in state from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church Memorial Garden, and may be sent in care of the funeral home, PO Box 1034, Holton 66436. On-line condolences may be made at [chapeloxsfuneralhome.com](http://chapeloxsfuneralhome.com)