



# Shelia Walker

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**S**helia Ruth Walker, age 61 of Phoenix, AZ, entered into heaven on December 12th, 2013 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Shelia was born on December 26th, 1951 in Centerville, IA to Henry and Ruth Benz. As a young girl, Shelia loved spending time with her brothers Terry, Mark and David. She was amazingly talented at playing the piano, and playing basketball.

She met her childhood love, Darl, and was married in 1970. They were devoted to one another for over 43 years in marriage and were blessed with three sons; Randy, Ryan and Dirk. As their love continued, so did their family. Shelia gained five more boys; Josh, Garrett, Jaxon, Dallas and Hayden, all grandsons to love her. She also gained a daughter-in-law with her son Ryan's marriage to Eileen.

She was admired and respected as a business owner of over twenty years in Scottsdale, AZ.

She is preceded by her parents, Henry and Ruth Benz and leaves behind her three brothers, three sons, five grandsons, a daughter-in-law and so many more who will miss her grace and smile.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 AM Friday, December 20, 2014 at Fairview Church of the Brethren, Unionville, Iowa with Pastor Sharon Heien and Marilyn Caylor officiating. Friends may call Thursday with the family present from 6-8PM at the Lange Funeral Home & Crematory, Centerville, Iowa. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery. A memorial has been established to either the Sherman Home Hospice of the Valley, the American Cancer Society or the Fairview Church of the Brethren and may be left or mailed to the Lange Funeral Home & Crematory, 1900 South 18th St., Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be left at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

Funeral Service

December 20, 2013 10:30 AM



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Fairview Church of the Brethren Unionville, IA



# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 12:52 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:54 PM



**Agent Smith** posted:

I am Agent Smith, a personal agent at; MIAMI HEAT BASKETBALL TEAM. We are looking for young basketball players. I have been charged with the task of searching for talents to make super stars. Do you want to be a basketballer, do you want to be rich and famous? Do you want to be a super and mega star with influence and with respect, then this is your opportunity to be one. We are searching for young and potential talents to make world class stars to take the team to the next and higher level. Contact us now on; Agentofmiamiheat@gmail.com

March 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May you feel the love of God as you go through this time of sadness. Shelia was so talented and a beautiful person. Love, Tom and Dana Posted by Tom and Dana McCoy - Bloomfield, IA - Friends December 22, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Sheila. I have many fond memories of time spent with her at church (especially youth group) and school. Sheila was always so sweet, pleasant and fun to be with. Darl, children and grandchildren, Terry, Mark and David and your families all have our deep sympathy. Bill and Jeanie (Mason) Schmitter. Posted by Jeanie Schmitter - Queen City, MO - Friend December 20, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Sadness is a wall between two gardens. by Kahil Gibron Posted by Linda Wakefield Holmes - Corydon, IA - cousin December 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Darl and family - We are praying for all of you. We have neat memories of teaching together in Albia. May God be with you. Chuck and Margaret Mordan. Posted by Margaret Mordan - Albia, IA - teacher friend December 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. We have thoroughly enjoyed knowing the entire Walker family over the years and will miss Shelia's warm presence. Please enjoy the celebration of her life on Friday and know that we will do the same. See you soon! Nolan, Nicole, Madeline, Nile and Harper Stribe Posted by Nolan Stribe - Ankeny, IA - Friend December 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Coach and family, I just wanted to let you know that I am truly sorry for the loss of Shelia. A lot of memories have come up lately about what you and your family did for the great town of Holstein! Praying for your strength and peace. Michele Posted by Michele Else - Holstein, IA - Friend December 17, 2013

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**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I, too, was so saddened to hear of Sheila's passing. We met while Darl was the girls basketball coach at Galva-Holstein. My husband also coached, so we had a lot in common.. Sheila also worked at VTI and so did I. I remember dressing up for a company Christmas Party (the theme was 50's and 60's). We had so much fun finding the clothes we were going to wear. We were also walking partners in the evenings. Our chats got pretty serious at times! We stayed in touch, but not like we should have, but reconnected when she was diagnosed with cancer. We shared a lot of e-mails comparing our treatments. This has been difficult for me - why Sheila and not me I know you are at peace now, dear friend, but I will truly miss you. Posted by Joyce Ohde - Lake Ozark, MO - Friend December 16, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are sorry to hear about Sheila...one of the sweetest girls to attend Moulton- Udell. We were all friends during our years at school, and friends for a lifetime. Growing up together was a time none of us will forget. Our thoughts are with you. Posted by Rich and Deanna Duley - Moberly, MO - Friend December 16, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have struggled with Sheila's passing since I heard about it. It makes us all look at our mortality. Her husband was a classmate of mine, and we all went to a small school and everyone knew everyone. Sheila was a fantastic person and will be greatly missed. it is so sad when someone so young passes. My condolences go out to her family and friends. RIP Sheila Posted by Connie Davis Mincy - Des Moines, IA December 16, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I was so saddened to hear of Shelia's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of Shelia as we played basketball, softball and were in chorus. We shared a lot of dreams and I remember Shelia wanting to go out with you Darl. I remember the night when you and Sheila finally got together at a square dance at school. After that we double dated and went to see Bobby Goldsboro in Des Moines. Things took off from there and the two of you were inseparable and the next thing I knew I was Maid of Honor in your wedding. I feel so blessed to have shared those times with Shelia. She was a wonderful, beautiful person. I pray that your faith and memories will help you through. Posted by Elaine (Muffi Cox) Harmon - Fruit land, IA - Friend December 15, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Upon hearing of Sheila passing, I felt compelled to send my heart felt condolences to the family. I'm sure most of the family will not remember me but before leaving Moulton in 1967 I spent quite a bit of time with both Sheila and her husband on the basketball court and baseball diamond. I will always fondly remember Sheila as the young, vibrant, athletic, and beautiful person she was. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this, their time of grief. May God be with you always. Posted by Jack A. Davis - St. Joseph, MO - Childhood friend of family. December 15, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I went back and looked at the Iowa Girls Athletic Union stats. Sheila set a record in 1969 for interceptions. Here is what I found out in the records Sheila Benz, Moulton-Udell 153 total interceptions for 8.1 average per game. That was really cool that she was able to do this. Again, prayers. Posted by Diane (Davis) Fine - Johnston, IA - Classmate December 15, 2013

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**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. I have many memories of Sheila. We shared many things. We were both the only girls in families of boys. She only lived about two miles from me. We rode the bus together our whole school years. As you know, that is where we received our real education. Sheila was the point guard on our basketball team. She set many records for all of her steals. She was so fast! I was the post guard so we had to work very closely together. We were both in high school chorus and had many good times while there. Sorry to hear of her passing. She was a great person and classmate in the Class of 1970! Posted by Diane (Davis) Fine - Johnston, IA - Classmate December 15, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My condolences to the bereaved family. May our loving heavenly Father provide you with whatever is needed so you can cope with your great loss. Also you can look forward to the removal of all causes of death, pains and sorrows. - - J.E Posted by J. Edwards December 14, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rest in Peace my friend! Posted by Kelli Sheppard - Phoenix, AZ - Employee, Friend December 13, 2013

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## Media

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