

**Sharon J. (Zerth) Hansen**, 82, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2024, in the arms of her loving Savior. She was born to Otto and Verna Zerth on February 28, 1941, in Chicago, IL. She married Dale Hansen, her high school sweetheart, on August 26, 1961. The first time Dale saw Sharon, he said, *“I’m going to marry that girl.”* And he did! They enjoyed over 62 years together and had four children.

She is survived by Dale, and their four children: Pamela Hansen, Bob (Marlene) Hansen, Jen (Matt) Parsons, and Matt (Kira) Hansen. They also share 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Sharon had a ready smile and laugh for anyone she met. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved her family with all her heart, and they loved her dearly.

She held a variety of jobs, including administrative work, working at the seed company, and being a stay-at-home mom. Before retiring in 2003, she worked at Lowell High School for 20 years as an aide and the administrative assistant for the guidance department. She was an active member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Beecher, IL.