



Sharon Anne McClanahan

January 26, 1946 - March 26, 2025

Sharon Anne McClanahan (nee Maxwell), a cherished wife, mother, and sister, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2025, in Bend, Oregon, at the age of 79. Born on January 26, 1946, in Bend, Oregon, Sharon was the younger daughter of the late Arthur and Hazel Maxwell. Her early years were spent on a ranch in Antelope, Oregon, where she developed a deep appreciation for nature and a resilient spirit. Sharon attended Madras Union High School in Madras, Oregon, where she formed lifelong friendships and cultivated a love for learning before graduating in 1964. In 1970, she married Earl McClanahan. In 1981, Sharon and her family moved to Alaska, where they spent 25 years immersed in the beauty and challenges of the Alaskan wilderness. During her 13 years in the rural community of Kenny Lake, Sharon owned and operated a small Christian bookstore from her home, providing a place of warmth and inspiration for her neighbors. Her faith and dedication to her community were evident in the care she put into her work. Later, in

Anchorage, she served as an office manager for a local publisher, contributing her organizational skills and friendly demeanor to the workplace.

In 2006, Sharon returned to her roots in Central Oregon, settling in Prineville. She continued to serve her community as a receptionist at the Crook County District Attorney's Office.

Sharon's family was the center of her life. She is survived by her husband, Earl McClanahan; her son, Mark McClanahan; her daughter, Mary Belew; her grandchildren, Richard Belew and Brianna Belew; and her sister Nancy Roos. Her memory will forever be cherished by those who knew her.

Arrangements handled by Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home, 105 NW Irving Ave., Bend OR 97703