

Sharon Wilks shortly after graduation married John Austin. They settled on John's family dairy farm, therefore she inherited a lifestyle of hard work, long hours, tough times and I'm sure a little loneliness. Together they had three children, Ken, Brian, and Becky. Eventually three grandchildren, Megan Lee and her husband Justin, Chad Austin and Taylor Love; two great grandchildren, Gunner and Beau Lee. All of which currently reside in Prairie Grove.

Though Mom never pursued a glamorous career or took the path of professionalism, let me tell you of a far greater accomplishment through my eyes. She was a great wife, standing beside dad through years of farming. Mom was a city girl (or as close as you can get, calling Prairie Grove a city), so in this transformation she jumped in and did eventually end up in the milk barn and calf barn doing chores I'm sure she never dreamed would be her destiny. All the while she was an excellent housekeeper, keeping a spotless home and things always in order and a great cook - food was always on the table when we came in from chores.

Those may seem normal day to day activities to most, but when you watch it through a child's eyes-you see your hero. Three kids, three years apart for 45 years and counting. I remember the hours we kept her awake in high school. You could bet every time we came in at midnight she was in her rocking chair until the door was locked and the lights were out - then she was off to bed. She never missed a ball game. Drove and hauled us around from here to there and I can't ever recall one complaint or even a "no". I look back in time now and knowing what I go through day to day in my own life, how we absolutely must have exhausted her. How do mothers do it? A question I really don't care to ever find the answer.

We had perfect Christmas', birthday's, and every other holiday. It's one thing to change wet bed sheets every morning but another to never say a word about it. It's one thing to threaten us to tell dad about what we had done wrong during the day, but it was another when she never did.

In December of 2008 we almost lost our mom. During those months of hospitalization we endured the most trying times in our lives thus far. When you sit in ICU and watch your mother take every breath via a ventilator, nothing else in the world matters at that moment. Scared to death all you will have is your memories and scared to death of feeling lost, empty and helpless. God blessed us, mom worked hard and pulled through to remain with us a few more years.

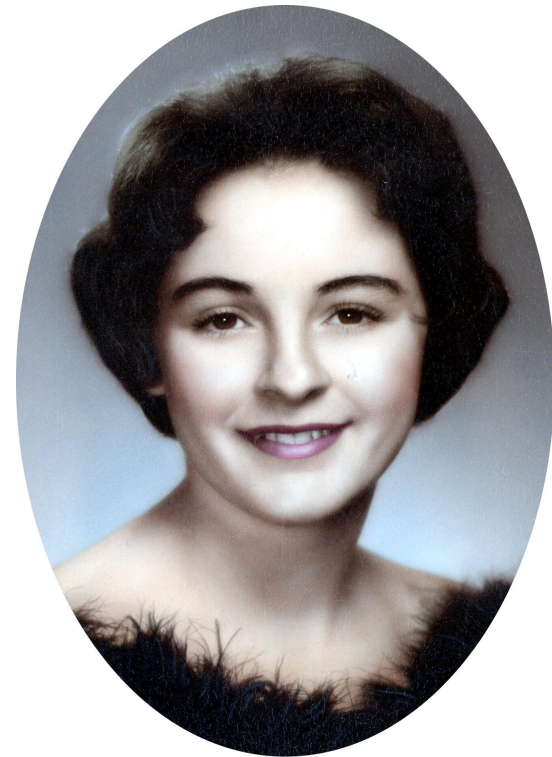
Yeah, maybe we were a bit spoiled and a little too protected from the world at times. But we knew we were loved - loved unconditionally and completely. And that's probably why we all still live within a mile of home today.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Austin family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

**Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas**

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Sharon Austin

September 13, 1942 - February 7, 2012

TWENTY THIRD PSALM

The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures: He leadeth me beside
the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy
rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies: thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life: and
I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF Sharon Austin

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE
Friday, February 10, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music

Opening Remarks

Paul Payne

Prayer

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Words of Comfort

Prayer

Family Memories Video"

"Changes"

"If I Had Only Known"

"I'll See You Again"

Postlude Music

**GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY.
THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN AFTER THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.**

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Prairie Grove Cemetery
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

PALLBEARERS

Chad Austin - Justin Lee - Taylor Love
Robbie Lewis - Barry Dobbs - Lane Dobbs