



## Sheila A. Carlson

October 15, 2025

Sheila A. Carlson, 77 of Lincoln, RI passed away on Wednesday October 15, 2025 at home after a long illness.

She was the beloved wife of Mark B. Keene.

Born in Providence, RI she was the daughter of the late Ethel (England) Carlson and the late Arthur Carlson.

Sheila was a graduate of Pawtucket West (Shea) High School (1966) and attended Clark University on a full scholarship. She subsequently moved to California and earned a B.A. degree in English from the University of California, San Diego (1971). Sheila lived and worked in San Francisco and returned to Rhode Island in 1976. She eventually earned an M.L.S. from the University of Rhode Island in 1979 and worked for the Rhode Island Department of State Library Services and the Office of Information and Technology until her retirement.

Sheila had many interests. She loved gardening, wildlife, kayaking, her home in Lincoln and her many pets. She and her husband travelled extensively and enjoyed snorkeling at Weekapaug Point. During her retirement she became a talented water color artist and created many fine paintings. She was a volunteer at the Woonsocket Cat Sanctuary and other charities until her

illness. Besides her husband she is survived by two nephews Chris Chase of Assonet, MA and John Chase of Los Angeles, CA. She was the sister of the late Beverly Chase.

Calling hours are respectfully omitted and burial will be private

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so deeply saddened by the passing of my beautiful friend. We met in high school 60 years ago, and from that moment on, she became a treasured part of my life.  
I will truly miss her—her kindness, her warmth, her gentle spirit. She was a beautiful soul, and I will carry the memories of our friendship in my heart always.  
My heartfelt condolences to Mark and the entire family.  
Lovingly,  
Norma, Al & Family ❤️

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**Norma** - November 13, 2025 at 08:34 PM

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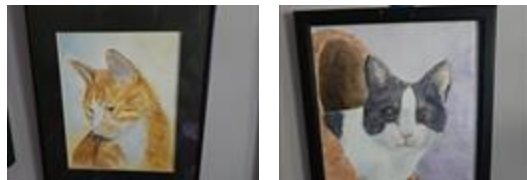
“ I worked with Sheila at the Office of Library and Information Services. I was her supervisor, but it was her from whom I learned how the department worked, how to serve the library community, and why the simple act of listening was so important. I last saw her in May of 2024 when we gathered to celebrate the life of another coworker who had passed away.  
She loved Mark so powerfully - that is a legacy she leaves you.

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**Donna L DiMichele** - November 06, 2025 at 07:34 PM

MK

“ 2 files added to the album Sheila's Paintings



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**Mark Keene** - October 30, 2025 at 12:33 PM

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*Sheila and I often shared pet stories when we should have been working!*

Donna L DiMichele - November 06, 2025 at 07:25 PM

JS

“*Sheila and I were college room mates and later long distance gardening pals. She taught me that carrots could be a whole dinner and how to germinate tomato seeds with bottom heat from the top of a water heater. On my last visit, we gathered wind fall apples in the cemetery to take home for her deer. Her love of animals inspired me to be kinder. I will miss her laugh and smile.*”



jeanne schraub - October 26, 2025 at 12:08 PM

JO

“*Joanmarie ONeill-Almond lit a candle in memory of Sheila A. Carlson*”



Joanmarie ONeill-Almond - October 25, 2025 at 09:41 AM

MK

“ 1 file added to the album Sheila - Travel



Mark Keene - October 22, 2025 at 06:47 AM

MK

*Sheila at the Horseshoe Falls in Niagra Falls, Canada. We stayed a few days and had a great time viewing the sights. I even won a jackpot at the casino there. It was the end of a trip through the Catskills Mountains in NY State. We had never been to Niagra Falls before or since.*

Mark Keene - October 22, 2025 at 10:58 AM

Jl

“ So sorry for your loss Mark. Sheila was a very special woman! She was so beautiful and totally unaware of it. An intelligent kind person. May she rest in peace! 🙏❤️

Jo-Ann Iasiello - October 21, 2025 at 01:19 PM

LC

“ Mark, Gail and I were so thankful that we had an opportunity to say farewell to Sheila, And thank you for letting me share the other days with you. Tony and I send our deepest condolences. Linda

Linda A. Cipriano - October 21, 2025 at 09:25 AM

SF

“ *Mark, my sincere condolences. Such an amazing story - being born 2 days apart, living within a 1/4 mile, so many years of marriage, and so many memories traveling the globe together. I'm sure it meant the world to her to have you by her side until it was her time to move on. May she rest in peace. - Stu*

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**Stu Flanagan** - October 20, 2025 at 02:20 PM

GT

“ *One of our many “meet for coffee” dates. We miss you. Gail and Linda.*



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**gail Tortolani** - October 20, 2025 at 01:25 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album Sheila - Travel*



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**Mark Keene** - October 20, 2025 at 10:57 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Sheila - Youth



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**Mark Keene** - October 18, 2025 at 03:29 PM

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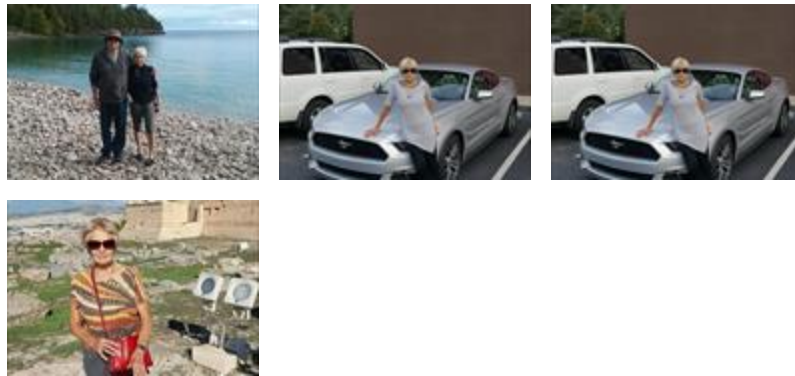
*Sheila and I were born two days apart at the same Hospital in Providence, RI. We met in the sixth grade at a new Lincoln elementary school in 1959. We eventually got together and married in our early 30's.*

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**Mark Keene** - October 18, 2025 at 07:56 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Sheila - Travel



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**Mark Keene** - October 18, 2025 at 06:55 AM



*this is such a devastating loss, my aunt Sheila has passed, and she was such an AMAZING person*

*yet another strong, insightful, intelligent, loving woman, gone from our lives*

*this is so hard to write, every time I try to write more, i break down in tears, till i can't even see see the screen, and have to stop for a while.*

*Sheila was like a second mother to me, all the way back to during the 1960s,*

*kind, thoughtful, insightful, SUPER intelligent, always showed you a different way to look at things, a more insightful, and loving, view*

*Sheila, your insights, the perceptive way you viewed the world, shaped my world view, and my outlook on life*

*data shows us that usually men die before women, but those of us men, who are left without the REAL women in our lives, are destroyed.*

*i have no words, there are no words.*

*God bless you Sheila Carlson, look at you, you get to look back on your life, and know that you made a major, POSITIVE, difference, in those lives that you affected, and you were one of the good ones ✨❤*

*can't wait till we meet again, on those Golden Shores ✨❤*

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**John Chase** - October 28, 2025 at 11:27 AM



*“ I am so sorry she is gone. I have wonderful memories of middle school adventures with her!*

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**Nancy Mullen** - October 18, 2025 at 04:40 AM

JW

*Hi Mark,  
Nancy let me know about Sheila's passing. I am so sorry to hear this news and that she had difficult health issues. May you be comforted knowing that her suffering is over.  
We all shared so many good memories.  
Jan Hunt Williams*

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**Janet Williams** - October 18, 2025 at 07:12 PM

BF

“ *Sincere condolences on Sheila's passing.*

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**Bob Oster and family** - October 18, 2025 at 03:40 AM