



Sharon Elizabeth Ayers McBride

June 6, 1947 - April 21, 2026

Sharon Elizabeth Ayers McBride, 78, of Salisbury, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at her residence.

Born June 6, 1947, in Bridgeton, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Rex Vance Ayers and Earlene Georgia Main Ayers. A chemist, she had worked with Cheerwine, S&D Coffee and Fiber Industries.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Herman McBride and brothers, David Rex Ayers and Paul Nash Ayers.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Gregory Scott McBride (Crystal) of Salisbury; daughter, Denise Michelle McBride Neigel (Jeffrey) of Mooresville and grandchildren, Karlie Neigel and Lyndsy Neigel.

The family will receive friends from 10:00am-11:00am on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. A Celebration of Life Service will follow at 11:00am with Rev. Mark Ryman officiating. Inurnment will follow in the church columbarium.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 205 St. Paul's Church Road, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the McBride family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
205 St. Pauls Church Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28146

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ I fondly remember Sharon since we grew up together in Shiloh, NJ. She was a few years younger but her parents, brothers Dave and Paul were all friends of our family as the small community was well known for being a very friendly village as we all went to elementary school and the local Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church. I did enjoy speaking with her over the past year as she had purchased my books about the Shiloh community and Shiloh Elementary School. I'm sure she will be missed by her family and friends.

Dave Hitchner - April 28 at 11:53 AM

KJ

For 22 years Sharon was my sister-in-law, while I was married to her twin brother, Paul. She was a bridesmaid at our wedding in 1969. She and Paul were not very close, so I did not know much about her life. I was glad to read that she had children and grandchildren. That must have enriched her life greatly.

Karen Johnese - June 06 at 02:57 PM

TE

“ Our Full Moon gatherings brought Bob and Sharon to our home many times. Both of them always friendly and kind. Remembered fondly.

Teri - April 28 at 08:47 AM

TD

“ Teri D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Elizabeth Ayers McBride.

Teri D. - April 28 at 08:41 AM

MF

“ I met Sharon in NJ, where she and I were high school teachers in our twenties. We became instant friends. As a teacher, Sharon was knowledgeable and diligent; she held her students to high standards. As a friend, she was kind and thoughtful; she was always there when I needed her.

Sharon and I shared a lot of experiences in those teaching years. Some were challenging, but most were really fun. Right now, I'm thinking back to all those times when Sharon and I laughed together. We did that a lot! I think Sharon's easy laugh is one of the things I loved most about her.

Sharon's friendship meant a great deal to both my husband and me, so naturally, we all stayed connected after Sharon moved to NC. No too long after the move, Sharon met Bob, who was the nicest guy ever. My husband and I travelled down for the wedding, and I was thrilled to be Sharon's maid of honor. Soon enough, the McBride children got to know the Fischer children, and they all created some happy memories together.

As time passed, Sharon and I saw less of each other. Nevertheless, the strong bond of friendship continued, and I feel it even now. I feel so fortunate to have had Sharon, Bob, and their children in our lives. I wish everlasting peace to my friend, and comfort to her children and grandchildren.

Malory Fischer - April 27, 2026

Malory Fischer - April 27 at 08:23 PM

JM

“ Janet M. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Sharon Elizabeth Ayers McBride.



Janet M. - April 26 at 07:30 PM

JM

“ Janet M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Elizabeth Ayers McBride.

Janet M. - April 26 at 07:30 PM

CW

“ I met Sharon at Fiber Industries back in the 70's when I was working in the Chem Lab. She was one of those that I instantly "clicked" with. My husband, Marion Hamilton and I went on several trips with Sharon and Bob at the Outer Banks etc. I remember when their house burned while they were on vacation. I went out with Sharon to the site. Of all the things that were lost, she was most worried about finding her mother's wedding ring which was so precious to her. When she worked at S&D she would always bring me coffee because she was a "tea drinker"! We would meet for lunch when she worked at Cheerwine. She came to get me one day in that cute little Miata convertible! We took a LONG lunch that day when she let ME drive it! Even when I moved to Oak Island, we continued to call each other. Sometimes it would be a year in between calls but we would just pickup where we left off like it was yesterday! We reconnected in person as soon as I moved back to Salisbury in early 2025. We enjoyed going to lunch, concerts and just sitting and talking face to face. Even as Sharon's health declined, she always had a smile on her face. The last time I took her to a doctor's appointment in late March, I could tell she was very tired. She just wanted to get home.

Sharon was one of those friends that you knew you could count on. She was always there when I needed a friend to talk to. A "keeper" as we call it. I will truly miss her. May she now rest with no more pain and suffering. I pray that Scott, Denise and the rest of the family find peace and comfort that only God can provide.

Carol Williams - April 23 at 09:51 PM