



## Shareet Ilene Pennino

March 31, 1964 - November 17, 2021

Shareet Ilene Pennino, 57, passed away on November 17, 2021. She was born March 31, 1964, in Brooklyn, New York to Sheila (Gluck) Wahnnon and the late Benjamin Wahnnon.

Shareet came to Sarasota 30 years ago from Staten Island, New York, and dedicated her life to helping others. She was a member of Suncoast Community Church, Showfolks and was a board member for the Big Cat Habitat. She was the Executive Director for Lutheran Services of Florida and a lobbyist for children's and family's welfare. She loved the circus community, the performing arts, and spending time at the beach and with her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her long time companion, Gary Brooks; daughters, Amanda, Samantha, and Gabrielle Pennino; son, Joseph Pennino; brothers, Matt Wahnnon and his wife Mari; and David Wahnnon; niece, Aleksandra; nephews, Daniel and Lucas; and great-nephew, Zane.

There will be a visitation on Sunday, November 21, 2021, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Maloney Funeral Home, 2401 Cattlemen Road, Sarasota, Florida 34232. A Celebration of Shareet's life will follow on December 5th, 2021, at 2:00 pm at the Big Cat Habitat, 7101 Palmer Blvd, Sarasota, Florida 34240.

Memorial contributions may be made in Shareet's honor to the Big Cat Habitat. Memories and condolences may be made for the family online at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Maloney Funeral Home  
2401 Cattlemen Rd  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
(941) 371-9711

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *Thao Phillips and family purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.mfhcares.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*

Thao Phillips and family - December 04, 2021 at 07:23 AM

AG

“ *Shareet and I only crossed paths one time. And I'm sure I'm not the only one who will say this, but she left a memorable impression I will not forget. Several years ago, we had a position open at the university I was working at and I was the chair of the search committee. This position did not report to me and I did not have any say in who got the position. So I volunteered to pick up the candidates and show them around Tampa and take them to dinner.*

*Amanda happened to be one of the candidates we decided to bring onto campus. I have never met Amanda before and only briefly talked to her before picking her up from the airport. While waiting outside the terminal I was studying people as they got off the tram so I wouldn't miss Amanda. Finally, I spot her so I made my approach to introduce myself. As we both stuck our hands out to shake, in the blink of an eye Amanda was engulfed in the biggest hug I have ever seen someone give. I truly thought Amanda was being mobbed by a crazed fan. Which, I soon found out, I was not too far off. Shareet decided to surprise Amanda at the airport and came in with a swooping hug which surprised both she and I! It was so funny because Shareet didn't realize Amanda was being picked up by someone from the job she is interviewing with and we had no idea Shareet was going to be there. So you can imagine the confusion we all had. Amanda was embarrassed at first but it was very easy to spot that this was by no means the first time something like this happened to her and her mom, so we all had a laugh. We ended talking for a bit and right away she became a friend. She had the energizing and welcoming persona that would melt the coldest of hearts. And if you know her daughter, the apple did not fall far from the tree. I'm very thankful for having that one interaction and it will always bring me a smile.*

AI Gentilini - November 22, 2021 at 09:25 PM



*So eloquently put.. peace*

Theresa Letkiewicz - November 23, 2021 at 09:51 AM

BR

“ *Our hearts are with you during this difficult time! Bless you and your family.*  
*Bill & Gail Brewster*

Brewster - November 22, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to Shareets family.*

Theresa Letkiewicz - November 21, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



November 20, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *[Memorial Trees](https://www.mfhcares.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*

November 20, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



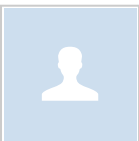
November 20, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



November 20, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



November 20, 2021 at 11:52 AM

JL

“ I couldn't begin to count the talks we had about each of our kids. I do remember clearly several conversations about you kids after your dad died. She loved nothing in this world more than her children and her family. She was always so real, so substantial, so loving and so intelligent. I don't think I will ever think of the loss of her and not shed tears. My heart simply aches to think of it. My grandmother told me that life was like a good book, that it should make you laugh and it should make you cry and it should never bore you. Your mother laughed with us so often, cried with us, and never, ever bored us! Much love to you as you navigate this loss of such an extraordinary woman.

Judi Lee - November 19, 2021 at 11:21 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



November 19, 2021 at 11:19 PM

AJ

“ Work life without Shareet will never feel the same. She lit up the office with her positivity, and always had a smile on her face. She cared for all of us, and it showed in the way she interacted individually with each staff member. Her love for our clients was contagious. Her passion, mission, and values will remain in the work that we continue to do at LSF.

With Love,  
Ashle & The SNAP Team

Ashle Jennings - November 19, 2021 at 09:16 PM

RR

“ I am in shock how fast the loss of Shareet happened. I extend my heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.  
RIP Shareet



Rachel Watkins Rogers - November 19, 2021 at 09:14 PM

TT

“ *The SNAP Team purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



**The SNAP Team** - November 19, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



November 19, 2021 at 05:43 PM

CT

“ *C3Research Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



**C3Research Team** - November 19, 2021 at 05:16 PM

OY

“ *Oasis Staff & Youth purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



**Oasis Staff & Youth** - November 19, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



November 19, 2021 at 02:42 PM

AW

“ I adored Shareet. She had been my supervisor for the past 5 years. She and I could talk about anything and everything. She was very relatable as a person and not just a supervisor. She really cared about people and wanted all children she had met to have a good life. She and I often discussed our Christian values and how those values led both of us to do this work.

*I will miss her greatly!*  
*Audrey*

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**Audrey Williams** - November 19, 2021 at 02:31 PM

YF

“ Your Heidt Design Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



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**Your Heidt Design Family** - November 19, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



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November 19, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



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November 19, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



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November 19, 2021 at 11:29 AM

CS

“ Children's Network of SWFL purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



Children's Network of SWFL - November 19, 2021 at 10:29 AM

ES

“ Shareet, you gave me opportunity at Oasis youth shelter to advance in the company when no one else would. Words cant described the pain I feel right now. Thank you for everything you done for me and my family. When my brother passed you called me everyday to see how I was doing. The love you had for children was the best thing about you. You was such a caring person that spoke so highly about your kids. Continue to look down on us at Oasis like the angel you truly are. Until we meet again, Love Mr. E and your Oasis Youth Shelter Family.

Erick Scott Sr. - November 19, 2021 at 07:24 AM

ES

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Erick Scott Sr. - November 19, 2021 at 07:09 AM

TT

“ The UCF Women's Rugby Team purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



The UCF Women's Rugby Team - November 18, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



November 18, 2021 at 10:12 PM

TT

“ The UCF Women's Rugby Team purchased the Hickory Farms Savory and Sweet Snacker Gift Basket for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



The UCF Women's Rugby Team - November 18, 2021 at 10:10 PM

MO

“ I worked as an AA for LSF, I had just started there when unexpectedly we lost our son Patrick. Shareet and my direct supervisor Noery Diaz were able to secure paid time off for me during my time of grief. My heart goes out to Shareet's family and the entire LSF family. She was a true leader who cared deeply of not only the children in our care, but the employees and the families of LSF staff. She will be missed. RIP Shareet.

MaryBeth O'Lear - November 18, 2021 at 07:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



November 18, 2021 at 07:18 PM

ST

“ I worked for Shareet as her AA when she was the Program Director for FPS. She was a wonderful boss and person. Shareet loved to talk about her wonderful children who she cherished. She will be missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to know her. My sympathy to the family. I know she will live on in your hearts always.

Sheila Torres - November 18, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



November 18, 2021 at 05:39 PM

HC

“ Her Family at the Southwest CMO purchased the Garden Bench - "I thought of you with love" for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



Her Family at the Southwest CMO - November 18, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



November 18, 2021 at 03:33 PM



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November 18, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



November 18, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.



November 18, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



November 18, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



November 18, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



November 18, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Shareet Ilene Pennino.*



November 18, 2021 at 12:45 PM

KG

“ *Staten Island will never be the same.*



**Karen Glotzer** - November 18, 2021 at 11:46 AM