



## Dr. Sharon Lee Smith

July 28, 1949 - March 12, 2026

Dr. Sharon Lee Smith, 76, passed on March 12, 2026. She was born July 28, 1949 in Toledo, Ohio to the late Burl and Mildred (Jacobs) Smith.

Dr. Smith began her career as a school teacher and later served as a public school administrator and also an adjunct professor at several universities, teaching educational administration to teachers who wanted to advance their careers and become administrators.

She loved shopping, a good sale, garages sales and thrift stores. She was also very gifted in decorating their home.

She also loved various kinds of art, as well as taking classes and always learning. She loved reading; her favorite authors were Lee Child and James Patterson and various other current popular writers including John, Sanford and Michael Connolly.

She also loved the Lord and studying scripture. She was always a prayer warrior. She loved travel and particularly enjoyed museums.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Dr. Joel Kestenbaum; her 3 younger brothers Steven and his wife Linda; Jeffrey and his wife Dianne; and Philip and his wife Nancy; as well as nephews; grand nieces; and grand

nephews.

There will be a visitation on Sunday, March 15, 2026 from 2 to 3 pm at Maloney Funeral Home, 2401 Cattlemen Road Sarasota, Florida 34232. Service will begin at 3:00 pm. Graveside service will be Monday morning at 10:00 am at Palms Memorial Park.   
 Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Eitz Chaim Sarasota Messianic Congregation or to the Pancreatic cancer action network (PCAN)

# Cemetery Details

## Palms Memorial Park

170 Honore Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34232

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

MAR 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *A bientôt, note chere amie, Dr. Sharon Kestenbaum. Eternal love in HA'MASCIACH YESHUA's. HOLY NAME, Amen. Jeff & Debbie Kraus*



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**Jeffrey Kraus** - March 14 at 08:14 PM