



Kristi M. Shonts

October 29, 1976 - October 24, 2025

Kristi Marie Shonts, age 48, passed away on October 24, 2025. She was born on October 29, 1976, in Royal Oak, Michigan, to Lloyd Steven Shonts and the late Kathleen (Samuels) Shonts.

Kristi was a 1994 graduate of Madison High School in Madison Heights, Michigan, and went on to earn her degree in Music Education from Eastern Michigan University. A gifted and lifelong musician, Kristi shared her love of music through her performances with the Royal Oak Concert Band and the Woodward Avenue Jazz Orchestra, where she formed many lasting friendships within Michigan's music community. She played several instruments with passion, dedication, and joy, and music was a constant thread throughout her life.

Kristi is survived by her father, Lloyd Steven Shonts; her grandmother, Dorothy Shonts; sister-in-law, Meggan (McClatchey) Shonts; niece, Kelley Shonts, and nephew, Iain Shonts, along with several cousins and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Nina and Russell Lapworth and Lloyd Shonts; her mother, Kathy Shonts; her brother, Scott Shonts; and sister-in-law, Julia (Van Tiem) Shonts.

Kristi will also be lovingly remembered for the deep bond she shared with her cat, Mozart, her loyal companion who brought her comfort and joy.

Those who knew Kristi will remember her as a gentle, generous spirit - a kind soul and a faithful friend who cared deeply for the people around her. Her quiet strength, compassion, and love of music touched many lives, and her memory will continue to resonate like the melodies she so beautifully shared.

A funeral Mass and celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 11:00 am at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 28353 Herbert Street, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church
28353 Herbert Street
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Tribute Wall

FB

“ From the Royal Oak Concert Band planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristi M. Shonts.

From the Royal Oak Concert Band - November 26, 2025 at 06:12 PM

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“ From the Royal Oak Concert Band purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Kristi M. Shonts.



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KS

“ One of my favorite memories is the times my aunt took me to Red Robin. She was always so funny, making jokes before we even sat down. She stole one of my fries, blamed the waiter, and I couldn't stop laughing. That day, her laugh, the silly jokes, and the smell of fries made everything feel lighter. It's a small memory, but it's mine, and I'll always hold onto it.

Kelley Maureen Shonts

Kelley Maureen Shonts - November 17, 2025 at 01:48 PM

PM

“*Kristi will be well remembered for her warm heart and friendly smile. A very kind and wonderful person. I enjoyed knowing her for five seasons playing along side Kristi in the Royal Oak Community Band. Praying for comfort for the family.*

Peggy W. McConnell

Peggy W. McConnell - November 11, 2025 at 01:50 PM

BK

“*Kristi was a kind lovely person, a member of our SAI chapter . I have missed seeing her for the last few years. I prayed for her at Mass last Sunday. & will continue to do so. May she rest in peace today on her “heavenly birthday “. Beth Kamish.*

Beth Kamish - October 29, 2025 at 10:24 PM

PR

“*Kristi was a patroness and loyal member of Sigma Alpha Iota and served as the Detroit Alumnae Chapter President. She will be memorialized at Alpha Province Day in March.*

Phyllis Relyea - October 29, 2025 at 06:39 PM

SG

“*Kristi was a delightful woman who dated our son Matthew many years ago. A kind caring woman, she helped him to overcome many of his health issues and lifted his spirits. Although he passed nearly 5 years ago, she occasionally still reached out to us... We are very sorry to hear of her passing, may she dance with the angels and provide them with her musical talent... Rest in peace my dear*

Sandra and Jim Godbout - October 29, 2025 at 04:10 PM

AB

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Aunt Barbara - October 28, 2025 at 09:09 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Aunt Barbara - October 28, 2025 at 09:05 PM

UJ

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Uncle Jim - October 28, 2025 at 08:52 PM

JS

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Joseph Smith - October 28, 2025 at 07:13 PM

AU

“ *Kristi, it still doesn't seem real that you are gone. You were always the goofy one, the first to crack a joke, and never without a quick, witty comeback.*

I keep thinking about Easters when we would end up at the kids' table as full-grown adults, cracking up the whole time and scheming little pranks. That's how I'll always remember you. Sarcastic and goofy with a contagious laugh.

*You loved your family fiercely and the peace I'm finding is that you are reunited with your mom and brother. Rest in peace, Cousin.
Xoxo*

Autumn - October 28, 2025 at 11:34 AM