



## Regene "Reggie" Elaine Shand

September 11, 1937 - May 26, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Regene "Reggie" Elaine Shand

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Regene "Reggie" Elaine Shand, age 88, passed away at SIH Herrin Hospital under the care of Team Blue West Hospice, on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 in Herrin, Illinois, after an extended illness.

She was born on September 11, 1937 to Vincent and Regene Blazine in Herrin, Illinois. She attended the University of Illinois from 1955-1959, majoring in Personnel Management.

She lived in Chicago after college for seven years working for Standard Oil Company. She met her future husband, Howard W. Shand in Chicago. They were married on March 27, 1965 and settled in Carbondale, Illinois. Howard predeceased Reggie on September 6, 2020.

Reggie was Executive Director of Carbondale United Fund for three years before accepting a position at Southern Illinois University. She was employed by Southern Illinois University for 30+ years. She started in the Alumni office working for Bob Odaniell. She also worked as Chief as Chief Financial Officer for three Vice-Presidents, Richard Mager, George Mace, and Bruce Swinburne. In 1968, Reggie transferred to Siu Intercollegiate Athletics where she worked as Business Manager before retiring in 1998. In her 30+ year tenure, Siu's Athletic Department never incurred a deficit. Reggie was a member of PEO, Chapter JN and Beta Sigma Phi, Chapter Xi Beta Eta.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Maria Blazine of Austin, TX; and several nieces and nephews, and friends.

Besides her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Fred V. Blazine.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Inurnment will be held at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum with Pastor Richard Lynch officiating.

Memorial contributions are welcome and may be designated to Pate Chapel Baptist Church, 3416 W. Grange Hall Rd., Murphysboro, IL 62966.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

**Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum**

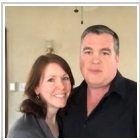
# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember my aunt when I was in the Navy going to school in Great Lakes. One weekend were out for a coffee and she and uncle Howie took me to a little coffee shop and the next thing I knew she blew the paper off the straw at me. I will miss them both. Dave Holden

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**David Holden** - June 02 at 03:40 PM



“ Aunt Reggie and Uncle Howie were always the life of the party whenever they came to visit in VT. I love how happy they were together, and how much joy they brought to those around them. She will be missed, and always a blessed memory.

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**Tracie Foster** - June 02 at 09:03 AM

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“ Reggie was our neighbor (and Howard) from the time I was four years old until I married and moved out of state. Knowing Reggie was knowing a beautiful, kind, creative, and accomplished woman. She would always smile and wave across the lawn and let us swim in the pond. She always bought Girl Scout cookies and any other school fundraising cause we brought to her door. Reggie was very gracious and will certainly be missed. May God grant her peaceful rest in His care.

*Bridget (Tarr)*

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**Bridget (Tarr)** - May 30 at 04:55 PM