Sheila Reid Brendel

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Sheila Reid Brendel, 85 of Lovettsville, Virginia passed on Monday, October 20, 2014.

Sheila was born January 9, 1929 in Washington, DC, and lived there until she left to join the Navy at the age of 21. She was a daughter of the late Robert and Jean Anderson.

Sheila served her country in the United States Navy for seven years, attaining the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class. At that time, women were not allowed to serve in the Navy if they were married, so after falling in love with a charming Air Force Sergeant she left the Navy in 1955 to marry her husband, Arthur E Brendel. While married to Art, they enjoyed several overseas tours including Germany and Japan. After her husband retired from the Air Force they settled in Arlington,Virginia living there for 13 years before eventually moving to Lovettsville, Virginia in 1976, where she remained until her death.

Throughout her life, Sheila gave back to the community. In her earlier years she joined a service organization for Scottish descendants, and eventually was elected to the highest position in the organization and became the Grand Chief of the Daughters of Scotia in 1982. For over sixty years she served in the organization, often traveling all over the country to conduct business on behalf of the Daughters of Scotia.

At the age of 50, Sheila found a new way to give back to the community and developed a passion for Fire and Rescue work. She began as an Emergency Medical Technician and later became a Shock Trauma Technician, taught EMT classes, and was Chief of Lovettsville Fire Rescue for many years. In what spare time she had, she also served as a day crew member of Sterling Rescue for several years. In recognition of her outstanding service to EMS within the county, in 1991 Sheila Brendel was awarded the Clark J. Deener Award, the highest recognition of a provider by the Loudoun County EMS Council and the EMS community. In 2013, recognizing her decades of service and her many contributions and achievements to furthering the advancement of the Fire

and EMS System in Loudoun County, Sheila was inducted into the Loudoun County Fire and EMS Hall of Fame.

She leaves her sons Robert Arthur Brendel (Nancy) of Bluemont, VA, and Kerry James Brendel of Bluemont, VA; 3 grandchildren, James Brendel of Eglin AF Base, FL, Joshua Brendel of Lovettsville, VA, and Caitlin Martin (Oliver) of Hamilton, VA.

She was predeceased by her brother James Anderson in 1965, and her beloved husband of 55 years, Arthur Emil Brendel in 2010.

The family received friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, October 24, 2014, at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Circle, SE, Leesburg, Virginia.

Memorial services began at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the funeral home.

Graveside services and interment were held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 2 pm at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Lovettsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue P.O. Box 123 Lovettsville, VA 20180.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com

Events

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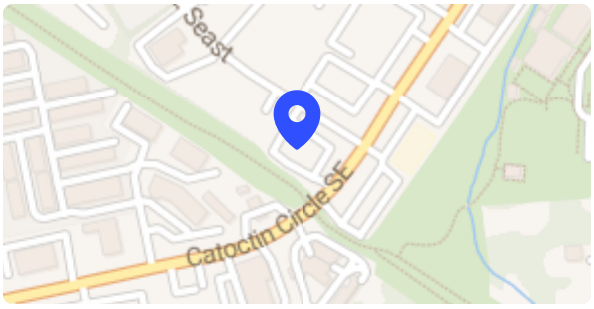
Visitation

Friday, October 24, 2014

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Loudoun Funeral Chapel
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA

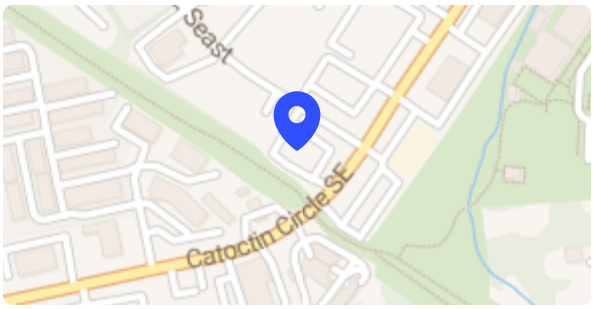


Service

Saturday, October 25, 2014

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Loloudoun Funeral Chapel
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA

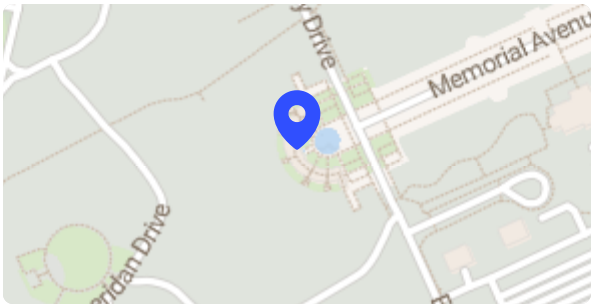


Service

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

Arlington National Cemetery
1 Memorial Ave. , Arlington VA 22211



Tribute Wall

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Loudoun Funeral Chapels shared a **Tribute Video**.

October 21 at 7:51 AM

LC

Lina Cahan posted:

Bob and Caitlin,I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God be your comfort in those tough moments, and may this dear lady have eternal joy with our Lord.Lina

November 10 at 2:01 AM

KP

Karen Pasztor lit a candle in honor of Sheila.

May God comfort each of you. I am sorry to hear of your loss.

October 24 at 6:43 PM

KY

Kathy Young lit a candle in honor of Sheila.

Kerry, Bob and family,My condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother. It is never easy to lose a parent, no matter your age. I pray for your peace and comfort as you continue your life journey without your mother's earthly presence.Kathy Young

October 24 at 6:11 AM

BB

Bob Brendel shared a photo to the **Photos Of Our Mom** album.

October 23 at 12:54 PM

PC **Pam Cline** October 25 at 10:48 PM
She was very pretty. I love her smile. She hasn't smiled like that for some time now.

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LB

L Brendel posted:

Bob, Kerry, the rest of the Brendel family and close friends,Your mother was always very gracious to me whenever I was fortunate to be in the area and could stop by for a visit. I have fond memories of cruising down the Potomac with her and your Dad when they lived in Arlington, VA many years ago and visiting them in Lovettsville. I can really appreciate your mother's community service of coordinating fire, rescue, and EMT services as I was once a volunteer firefighter many years ago, and during my Air Force career served as the base Fire Marshal and On-Scene Commander. She was a very special person. May the happy memories of her life bring you a measure of comfort and peace. I am honored to make a donation in your mother's name to the Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue.Lance BrendelSan Diego, CA

October 23 at 12:47 PM

BB

Barbara & Tommy Bramhall lit a candle in honor of Sheila.

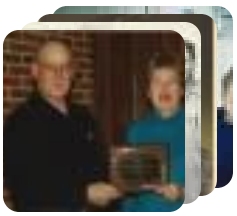
October 22 at 2:54 PM

BA

Barbara October 22 at 2:59 PM
Many memories of you will be remembered forever! All the talks and bingo nights were wonderful. You are loved - by us and many more!

BB

Bob Brendel shared an album called **Photos Of Our Mom**.



October 21 at 5:33 AM

DG

Dianna Gillard posted:

The last time our DOS convention was in NJ i was asked to drop off a few things for her on my way home as they knew i drove up there from Midlothian. We had a nice afternoon going down memory lane and had a nice lunch together. She will be miss. To her family.... grief is not a weakness nor a lack of faith, but the price of love. PCD Dianna Gillard.

October 22 at 5:31 AM

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SP

Stevan Porter posted:

I remember Chief Brendel as a dedicated and insightful contributor to the Fire and Rescue System. Although our paths crossed late in her service to the system, she made an impression on me and on the work I have done. She will be missed and all her friends, colleagues, and family are in my prayers.Paramedic Stevan PorterLCVRS (613)

October 22 at 4:38 AM

EH

Earl Harris posted:

Dear Brendel Family. My name is Earl Harris and I had the pleasure of meeting and working with your mother at Lovettsvile Volunteer Fire and Rescue station 12. We were on Bingo crew 2 together. Your mom was always so nice to me and my son when we joined. She would always ask about my two boys and jokingly tell me I was to hard on my 16 year old. She was a great person to listen to and gain advice from about all sorts of things. I will greatly miss her on Bingo Crew 2.With great sadnessEarl HarrisRescue Lieutenant Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

October 21 at 2:11 PM

CB

Cathy O'brien posted:

Rest In Peace Sheila-you will be missed. Sending comforting thoughts and prayers from our family to yours. Paul and Cathy O'Brien

October 21 at 11:19 AM

Anonymous sent a Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket to the Brendel family.

October 21 at 11:18 AM

SD

Sue Depoy lit a candle in honor of Sheila.

Thoughts and prayers for the Brendel family.Tim & Sue Depoy

October 21 at 8:10 AM

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LK

Lisa Klebart posted:

Remembering Past Grand Chief Daughter Sheila, and wishing you comfort. Sending healing prayers and hugs. Find comfort in your memories of her and in the knowledge that others are missing her, too. Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. - Lisa Klebart, GCD Daughters of Scotia

October 21 at 5:33 AM

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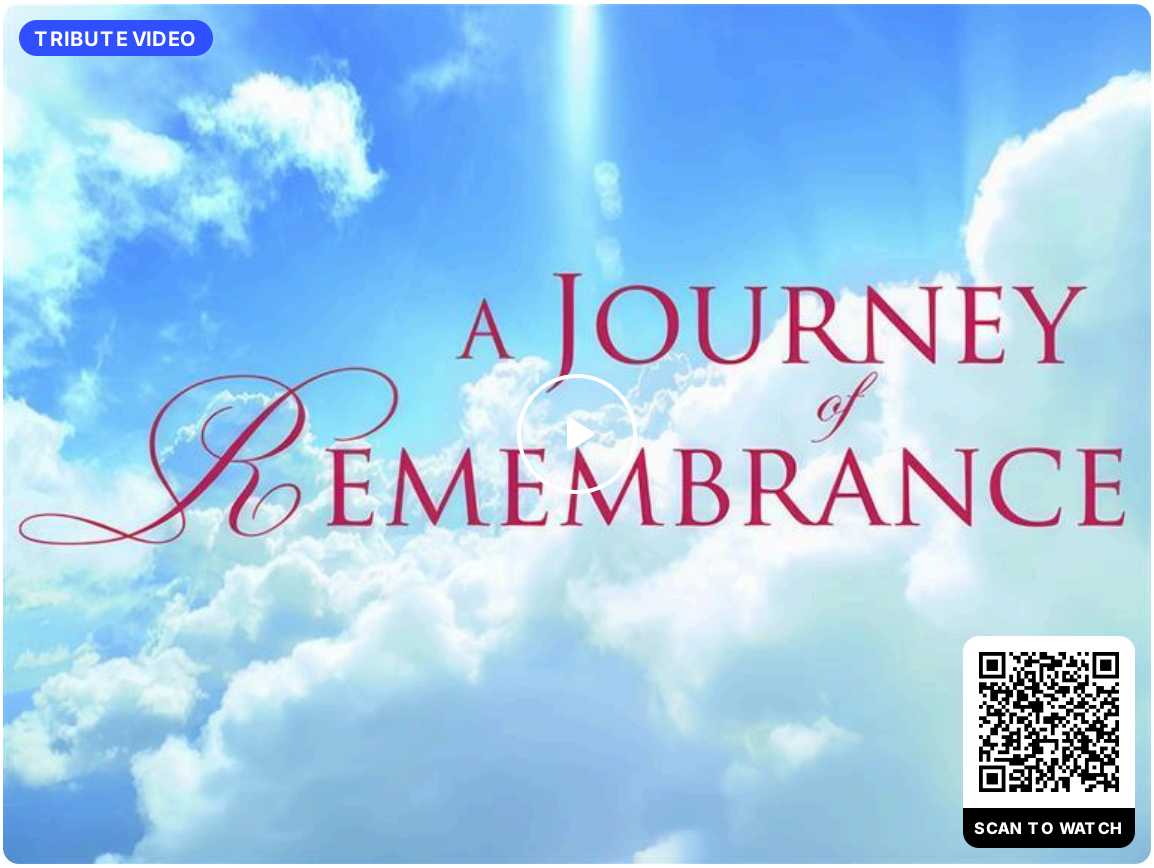

BB

Bob Brendel shared a photo to the **Photos Of Our Mom** album. October 23 at 12:54 PM

Mom In the Navy

PC **Pam Cline** October 25 at 10:48 PM
She was very pretty. I love her smile. She hasn't smiled like that for some time now.

BB

Bob Brendel shared 16 photos to the **Photos Of Our Mom** album. October 22 at 11:28 AM

Wedding Day

PC **Pam Cline** October 25 at 10:52 PM
Now you're making me cry, which I have done since I got the phone call Wednesday saying she had past. This is such a good picture of her. Her wedding dress is beautiful.

BB

PC **Pam Cline** October 25 at 11:06 PM
Another very pretty picture of Sheila. You know she never bragged about herself so I had no idea until I read a print out Rob gave me at bingo tonight exactly all of the accomplishments she did in her life. She really was a good mother to look up to.

BB

June 1957

Bowling

1956

BB

1957

BB

PC **Pam Cline** October 25 at 11:01 PM
This is a wonderful family picture. Sheila talked about her sons to me all the time. I knew her oldest son just got married and her grand daughter. As a matter of fact the day her grand daughter got married I talked to your mom and I knew she was short of breath. I begged her to call the ambulance but she said she couldn't because she couldn't take either one of you away from the wedding. I made her promise me she would call the ambulance if she got worse. She said and don't you call them either. I started laughing and told her I would call but I didn't know her address. I found out tonight at bingo that one of her sons did take her to the Hospital after the wedding and I'm so glad you did. She got mad at me one night at bingo because she told me she wasn't feeling good so I told Rob and they ended up taking her to the Hospital that night. She was so mad at me but she called me a few weeks later and thanked me.

KP **Karen Pasztor** October 24 at 6:34 PM
Remember the good times- my thoughts and prayers are with your family. Hugs, Karen Pasztor

BB

20 Years old

Vacation 1968

Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sheila by contributing to a collection of shared memories.

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