



*Lorie Shannon Burleson*

**Sept. 26, 1975 - Dec. 10, 2025**

Lorie Shannon Burleson of Morganton, aged 50, passed away December 10 as a result of a pedestrian traffic accident while walking home from work.

Shannon was born in Hickory in 1975 to Kenneth W Burleson and Stephanie Larke Burleson. She was a graduate of Hickory High School and attended UNC Greensboro where she received dual degrees in English and psychology.

Shannon's life was focused on serving others, having worked in both the hospitality and healthcare professions. She was most recently employed at Broughton Hospital. Her caring and compassionate nature shown through, especially when working with patients in her care. She was studying to become a Substance Abuse Counselor.

Shannon carried with her a sense of adventure and travel. In her younger years, she joined a cycling group which spent several weeks traveling the Outer Banks. She enjoyed the sport of ice hockey and was on a women's hockey team in Greensboro that was featured in the 2006 movie "Pucked," which was filmed in Greensboro. She was an avid reader and writer who loved the outdoors and hiking. She loved animals, especially dogs, and fostered and cared for several over the years.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Larke. She is survived by her brothers Grey, Ryan, and Elliott (Amy) and their daughter Faye, whom she loved.

Ryan, and Elliott (Amy), and their daughter Kaye, whom she loved.

A memorial service will be held 1p.m., Sunday, December 28, 2025 in the Chapel of Sossoman Funeral Home, located at 1011 S Sterling St. in Morganton, NC.

Memorials in her memory are suggested to Burke County Animal Services, 425 Kirksey Ave, Morganton, NC 28655 or Friends for Animals Burke County, PO Box 1884, Morganton, NC 28680.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



—Jim and Ann Lake

I am so sorry, Ken. There aren't words in this situation. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers with the loss of Shannon.

—Tracey Truesdale

Ken and family, I am so sad to hear about your losing Shannon. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

—Cathy Cline



You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers Ken. So sorry for your loss. We are here for you.

—Lish

To ken and the other family members, I am so sorry to read about the passing of Shannon. She was a very sweet person. May God bless you and your family

during this difficult time.

—Greg Walker

Grey, Ryan & Elliott, Sending our heartfelt condolences in the loss of your sister Shannon. May happy memories comfort you during this sad time. With deepest sympathy, Linda, Aaron & Lisa Gensheimer

—Linda Gensheimer



Oh, Ken, I'm SO sorry to hear this! My condolences! {{:-( --  
Beth Jackson

—Maary Elizabeth Jackson



Ken, I can not imagine what you are going through. But just know that Justin and I are here for you whenever and wherever. Much love, Heather

—Heather Dagenhart



Shannon, you were a great friend and colleague. I will always cherish our time together. RIP my friend, until we meet again

—Neena Bryan



Such a wonderful caring young woman that was so sweet and treated my daughter like a true friend. Thank you for Shannon for loving Emily and Amari for the past 5 years and welcoming them into your life. You will be missed. Rest in Paradise sweet girl Ken. I'm so sorry for your loss Praying

I cherish sweet girl Ken, I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family during this difficult time.

—Melissa Sparks



You will always be remembered as a sweet and nurturing soul, I'm so thankful for all the memories we share. Continued prayers for the family.

—Emily Burnette



—Ginny Lentz

Ken and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family.

—Diane Wesson