



Mr Sharon L "Speed" Dowell

August 15, 2021

Let us tell you a story as told by a dear friend.

The incandescent bulbs glowed yellow in the wee hours of the morning. The rest of the buildings and houses in the sleepy little west central Illinois town were dark.

A man walking his dog stopped to chat with the night constable. As they spoke, they could hear the screech of garage doors, and the rumble of a well tuned engine.

As they listened, the driver expertly shifted through the gears as he roared towards the waiting men.

The constable activated his lights.

The car streaked past.

Without a pause.

Without a glance.

Without acknowledgement.

At the end of the block the driver braked, threw gravel and blackened the

pavement as he navigated a corner, and accelerated again on his way out of town.

The men listened until the sound faded away entirely. The man with the dog queried "Are you going after him?"

The constable replied, "Naw, that was just Speed Dowell.

August 15th, 2021 in the early break of dawn, Sharon L. "Speed" Dowell sped off on his last ride to God's arms.

Sharon was born January 13th, 1945, to Gean and Madeline (Stamp) Dowell, in La Harpe, Ill. Resident of Stronghurst, he graduated class of 1963. He enlisted in the Air Force and served his country from 1965 until 1969. He attended and graduated from WIU in 1974.

He married Lynnea June 28th, 1980, she survives, along with daughters Tanner-Gean Dowell and Jenna (Jason) Weber, and grand children Korbin, Avery, and Baby Weber. Also survived by one brother Loren (Reva) Dowell of Texas.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Herb and family: We are thinking about all of you. Speed was a special guy and will always be remembered. There are smiles in heaven now!*
Love Sharon and John



Sharon and John - August 18, 2021 at 05:44 AM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*



Dan and Chris Wilson - August 17, 2021 at 07:16 PM

SB

“ *Sharon/Larry Bainter lit a candle in memory of Mr Sharon L "Speed" Dowell*



Sharon/Larry Bainter - August 17, 2021 at 02:00 PM

SG

“ *Sheila G lit a candle in memory of Mr Sharon L "Speed" Dowell*



Sheila G - August 17, 2021 at 08:16 AM

BR

“ *Herb, Tanner-Gene, and Jenna*
I'm so sorry for your lost. May you find comfort in memories of jokes
and those times of Speed just being Speed.

Brock - August 16, 2021 at 03:20 PM