



Sheila Clardie

September 18, 1945 - September 3, 2025

Sheila Fadden Clardie of Bad Axe, MI was reunited with her husband of 59 years, David, and with her beloved daughter, Kristen, in glory on September 3rd, 2025 following a brief yet courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Morrison, IL to the late Elmer Wayne and Edna Lillian Fadden and grew up on the family farm there. Perhaps those early days equipped her with the life-long ability to store it up, make it work, thin it out, and use it up!

In her late teenage years she met a handsome rascal named David Clardie. Little did she know that this meeting- and their ensuing marriage- would affect the lives of thousands in the years to come.

Shortly after their wedding Dave's life was totally transformed when he received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Excited to share his newly found faith, he led his young wife Sheila into a relationship with Christ as well.

Dave followed a calling to go into ministry with Sheila supporting him all the way. They pastored churches in Kissimmee, FL, Big Rapids, MI, Dwight, IL, Richland Center, WI, and Indianapolis, IN. It was at this point in life that Dave and Sheila decided to pursue a new and bold career as evangelists through the Free Methodist denomination. Dave quickly became known as a uniquely gifted communicator of the Gospel, and was a favorite preacher/speaker at camps, conferences, retreats, and churches nationwide.

Sheila enjoyed teaching children, working at youth camps, serving in the

church, and supporting Dave's ministry in every way that she could. Through these ministries, and because of the relationships forged and nurtured by these faithful servants, hundreds came to personal faith in Christ, and thousands were inspired and challenged to grow and mature in their spiritual journey.

Dave and Sheila are the proud parents of two daughters, Kristen and Coleen. They endured their greatest heartbreak when their dear Kristen was taken from them in a car accident while returning from her honeymoon. Later on, Coleen would help to fill that void by providing four handsome grandsons to "Papa & Nana." They loved being totally immersed in the lives of their grandsons- vacations together, attending ball games and ceremonies, playing cards, singing silly songs, worshipping together, enjoying special holidays, and simply spending time and sharing meals together. Sheila especially enjoyed spending time on her porch ("porchin") with family and friends. Sheila was a long time member of the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church where she served for years as church librarian and helping to administer the food pantry. She always had a smile, willing to serve in supportive roles wherever and whenever needed. More recently (until declining health prevented it) she worshipped with the vibrant and growing congregation at the Bad Axe Nazarene Church. Whenever possible, she also loved watching streaming services with Dave's brother, Bobby, at the Lost Lake Community Nazarene Church near Dixon, IL.

She will be best remembered for her genuine care for people, as well as for her "gift of gab"- the ability to carry on a conversation with anyone, anywhere, about anything, at anytime. She also loved to read, keeping the local libraries and mail order companies quite busy!

Sheila is survived by her daughter, Coleen, and son in law, Jerry Sutton. Also continuing are her four grandsons: William in Fleming Island, FL; Benjamin (Hannah) in Lachine, MI; Andrew (Danielle) of Bad Axe, MI; and Robert in Fleming Island, FL. Surviving as well are two brothers, Don (Edna) Fadden and Neil Fadden, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, David, by her daughter Kristen, her sister-in-law, Betty Fadden and her parents Wayne & Edna Fadden.

Special thanks to Compassus hospice services, to the caring staff at the AGAPE home in Caro, and to the many friends and family who encouraged her in her final days.

Sheila has been cremated. Her ashes (along with those from Dave) will be buried alongside of Kristen's grave in Wisconsin. A service honoring Sheila's life will be held on Friday, November 28th, 2025 at 2:00 pm at the Nazarene Church, 1200 S Thomas Road, Bad Axe, MI. There will be visitation prior to the service from 1:00-2:00 pm.

Special monetary tributes to honor Sheila may be offered to the building fund at Bad Axe Nazarene or to Cattaraugus Christian Camp in Cattaraugus, NY. Well Done, good and faithful servant. Enter into your Master's Joy!!

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Nazarene Church
1200 South Thomas Road
Bad Axe, MI 48413

Memorial Service

NOV **28**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I loved her humor. I don't have many memories with her, but the ones I do have are unforgettable. Like preparing for Ben's wedding, my pants were too small! When we got to the porch, she met us and said, “Well, give 'em to me.” So bam, I dropped my pants right there on the porch. Papa started laughing, and she said, “I didn't mean take 'em off right here... but now that they're off, give 'em to me.” So there I was, sitting out on the porch in my boxers with Ben and Papa, while she made sure I was squared away for her grandson's wedding 😂

I love this family, and you've had some great stars lighting and leading your way. I know you all have a lifetime of memories, and it brings me joy to know you'll continue to remember Nana and Papa. I pray you find peace in knowing they are together again, laughing and loving, waiting for each of you.

Derrick Joseph - September 12, 2025 at 04:07 PM

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I met Sheila and Dave over 30 years ago at The Fairfield Church of the Nazarene when Dave preached at our revival. He was a dynamic preacher, and Sheila a warm and caring person. I took her to the Tri County Mall to window shop and just relax for a while. She was one of those people you meet and like instantly. She bought me a candle that I never lit, but kept to remember her by. Rest in peace with the love of your life my friend! 🙏



Melrose Cross - September 18, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ *My first memory of my dear sister Sheila is meeting her in Burn stars on a Friday night and she greeted me with a big hug. We proceeded to talk for several minutes before she said she had to get going. Once she left my mom. ask who was that. I said our new Pastor's wife. My mom said I figured so. Our first introduction to what proved to be alife*

Gloria Kepler Hinrichs - September 12, 2025 at 12:44 PM



Need to finish my comment. a life long sisterhood and family connection to Pastor Dave Clardie and his family. I have so many memories of them both. I will miss her but am so happy she is now with her dear husband and daughter Kristen in Glory.

Gloria Kepler Hinrichs - September 12, 2025 at 12:55 PM