



Lorana M. Sherman

February 2, 1945 - January 22, 2026

Lorana M. Sherman, 80, of Lebanon, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 22, 2026, surrounded by her loving family at WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital. She was the beloved wife of Rev. James E. Sherman, and together they shared a life of faith and ministry. On April 22, 2026, they would have celebrated 59 years of marriage.

Born at home on February 2, 1945, in Lyons Falls, NY, Lorana was the daughter of the late Leo J. and Mattie (Green) Moshier. From an early age, her life was shaped by faith and music. As a young girl, she traveled with her mother, singing at revival services—an experience that laid the foundation for a lifetime of ministry.

Lorana graduated from high school at God's Bible School in Cincinnati, OH, and later attended Adirondack Bible College, where she met Jim Sherman. The two fell in love and were married in 1967 in Port Leyden, NY. That same year, Lorana stepped fully into the role of a pastor's wife—a calling she embraced with grace, strength, and devotion.

Together, Lorana and Jim pastored churches in Camden, NY, where they welcomed four children, followed by ministry in Windsor, NY, and later in North Carolina, where they served a Congregational Methodist Church. In later years, they ministered alongside Barry Arnold at the Lebanon Gospel Center

in Lebanon, where Lorana was a faithful and cherished member.

Lorana was known for her love of music—She enjoyed singing and playing both the organ and the accordion. She was a gifted hostess who loved entertaining, traveling, and caring for others. Her family fondly remembers her as an exceptional cook, especially for her lasagna, which was always requested at family gatherings.

In her later years, Lorana faced the challenges of illness with quiet dignity. Even as her health declined, she remained surrounded by love and care, a reflection of the life she had poured into others.

In addition to her husband, Lorana is survived by her children: Jonathan E. (Sheri) Sherman of Lebanon, Laura L. (Matt) Crocker of Myerstown, James A. (Dawn) Sherman of Adamstown, Sharron M. (Tim) Teed of Easley, SC, and Tonya Sherman of Salisbury, NC, wife of her late son John Sherman; brothers John (Veronica) Moshier of Henderson, NY, and Grant Moshier of Constableville, NY; sisters Betty Leffingwell of Camden, OH, Lila (Carl) Gozalkowski of Port Leyden, NY, Marlene (Henry) Hudler of Rutherfordton, NC, and Jenny Slade of Henderson, NY; as well as ten grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

In addition to her parents and her son John, Lorana was preceded in death by her brothers Leo and Vince Moshier, and her sisters Freda Catlin and Helen Williams.

Lorana will be remembered as a woman of faith, dignity, and devotion—a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and faithful partner in ministry whose life touched many.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at Creamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Jonestown. There will be a

visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Wenger Cemetery, Jonestown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lebanon Gospel Center, 27 N. 10th St., Lebanon, PA 17046.

Cemetery Details

Wenger's Cemetery

Jonestown, PA 17038

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory
5 Campmeeting Road
Jonestown, PA 17038
(717) 865-5215

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Lorana M. Sherman*



Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. - January 23 at 04:33 PM

GW

Beautiful ❤️

Graydon Wayman - January 23 at 06:21 PM

ML

Beautiful memories

Melanie Lambert - January 23 at 09:51 PM

TS

Absolutely gorgeous tribute!

Tammy Shank - January 24 at 06:52 AM

LF

“ *Love, Rod & Betty Brown & family purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Lorana M. Sherman.*



Love, Rod & Betty Brown & family - January 28 at 12:09 AM

LF

“ Love, Rod & Betty Brown & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorana M. Sherman.

Love, Rod & Betty Brown & family - January 28 at 12:09 AM

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“ From TLC SLOVAKIA Team, Summer 2025 purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Lorana M. Sherman.



From TLC SLOVAKIA Team, Summer 2025 - January 27 at 09:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lorana M. Sherman.



January 26 at 06:08 PM

DD

“ David & Darla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorana M. Sherman.

David & Darla - January 26 at 06:08 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lorana M. Sherman.



January 26 at 05:58 PM



“ Love Marlene and Henry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorana M. Sherman.

Love Marlene and Henry - January 26 at 05:58 PM

AS

“ Uncle Jim, Jonathan, Laurie, Jamie and Sharron,



I am sorry for the loss of your much-loved wife and mother. Aunt Lorana lived a full life of service for our Lord and love for her family.

I have many good memories of times together. Aunt Lorana had a beautiful voice - I always enjoyed hearing her sing special songs. She had a sweet disposition and a fun personality. I can still hear her laughing at some funny story or witticism. I also remember her not being sure of some of the jokes that Uncle Jim would tell and when he got done spinning the story, her saying something like "Oh Jim!" while shaking her head.

I remember spending time with Uncle Jim and Aunt Lorana as they returned to Port Leyden for a special Moshier family gathering and celebration for her father's birthday (possibly 90th?). They invited me to tag along and I had a good time hanging out with Sharron, Dennis and some of the others. I remember Aunt Lorana having so much fun being with her family - especially her sisters. She was like a girl again when she got back to her home area.

I remember her driving Sharron and I to spend a week at Appalachian Youth Camp in Southern PA thirty-five years ago. We had such a good time laughing, chatting and singing songs along the way. She was driving a little sport utility vehicle of some kind at that time, but she was so short, I remember her having to have the seat pulled all the way up and sit on cushions as well to be able to see well to drive.

Aunt Lorana had such beautiful white hair for such a long time. I know she likely wasn't thrilled with it when she was younger, but I always thought she looked classy! I remember being at a funeral once for someone in the New York Pilgrim Conference and seeing someone from the back and thinking - that woman has pretty hair

like Aunt Lorana. Imagine my surprise when after the service I realized that woman WAS Aunt Lorana. She had traveled up from NC for the funeral but we hadn't known she was coming. We laughed when I told her I recognized her by the color of her hair!

Aunt Lorana was always consistent. I never saw her waver in her faith - in good times and hard times, she trusted the Lord and kept on serving Him.

I am sorry for her and for all of you that the last few years have been so difficult for her health wise. What a comfort and blessing to know that her limitations, pains and sorrows are over and we all have the opportunity to gather again in Heaven some day. I am sure she is already celebrating, enjoying being with family and friends who have gone on before and worshipping the Lord she served so well in this life.

I know you will have some sad and difficult days ahead grieving the loss of someone that you have loved so much. My Mom (Carol Sherman), has been gone for 12 years now and I still miss her every day. I pray you experience God's strength and presence in the days ahead and I pray that the memories of good times in the past and the hope of a glorious future - together again, will bring comfort and blessings.

I am sorry that we will not be able to join you for her memorial service. My own health battles make traveling that far not feasible at this time. But know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. I'm glad we're family and I am thankful for Aunt Lorana's life and her legacy that will live on in her children and grandchildren that she loved so much! "When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!"

Aaron and Hannah Sherman, Lexington KY

Aaron Sherman - January 23 at 08:21 PM

DW

“ One of favorite memories is remembering her playing her accordion and singing in her lower pitched voice the hymn "Money can't buy the things that I love" when pastoring East Windsor, New York Pilgrim Holiness Church. I had never heard that song; but have heard it a lot since and love it. Darlene Welch

Darlene Welch - January 23 at 03:55 PM

DS

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your wife and mother. She will be remembered as a beautiful and sweet lady. We are praying for much comfort and peace to each of the family as you pass through this time of sorrow. 💖🌹🙏🌹💖

Dennis and Brenda Symons - January 23 at 03:01 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lorana M. Sherman.



January 23 at 09:39 AM