



## Mary Shannon McGowen

July 12, 1951 - July 19, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved sister, Mary Shannon McGowen, on July 19, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas. She was born in Alton, Illinois, on July 12, 1951, to Leonard and Betsy McGowen.

Shannon earned a Bachelor's Degree from Elmira College in New York and a Master's Degree from Northern Illinois University in Blind Rehabilitation. She spent her career helping the visually impaired in Miami, Florida, and Los Angeles, California. She retired from the Braille Institute in Los Angeles, where she worked as a Braille Transcriber. She most enjoyed transcribing children's books into Braille.

Shannon was a devoted follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. She attended Christian Alliance Churches in South Florida and Northridge, California.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Mary Susan McGowen, who passed away in 1951. Shannon is survived by her siblings, Betsy McGowen, Kelly McGowen, Kevin McGowen, and Diane McGowen (sister-in-law), as well as her nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In honor of Shannon's legacy, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Guide Dogs of America in Sylmar, California, at <https://give.guidedogsofamerica.org/campaign/651822/donate>



# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

2090 Oakwood Ave.  
Alton, IL

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Upper Alton Cemetery  
2090 Oakwood  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - July 28, 2025 at 10:24 AM