

From the Wednesday, September 19, 2012 edition of the Cassville (MO) Democrat:

Sharon (Sherry) Leonard, 67, of Cassville, passed away at Cassville Health Care and Rehabilitation Center after sustaining a stroke in May 2011. She was born on June 15, 1945, in Miami, Fla. She graduated with honors from Piedmont High School in 1963. She attended South-east Missouri State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education. She began her teaching career at Lafayette High School in West St. Louis County teaching English and speech. She concluded her teaching career with 10 years as a high school English teacher at Southwest R-5 Schools in Washburn. She wore many hats over the years, including Pixie/Brownie/Girl Scout leader, Boy Scout leader, Girls In Action missions teacher, room mother, sports bookkeeper for numerous baseball and softball teams and carpool mom. She was a member of First Baptist Church Cassville. Survivors include: her two children, a daughter, Shelley Sparkman and her husband, Gamon, of Cassville, and a son, Lance Leonard and his wife, Sarah, of Fenton; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Wanda Davis and her brother, Alon Davis, all of Piedmont. Funeral service were held Saturday at First Baptist Church, Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. A graveside service and burial was held Sunday at the Masonic Cemetery in Piedmont. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory to either Southwest R-5 or Cassville R-IV K-5 backpack programs or by donating books to either the FBC Cassville or FBC Ellisville church libraries. Visit www.fohnfuneralhome.com for online obituaries, guestbook and private condolences: FOHN FUNERAL HOME Cassville, Missouri 417-847-2141

From the Saturday, September 15, 2012 edition of the Joplin (MO) Globe, page 2:

CASSVILLE, Mo. - Sherry Leonard, 67, a teacher, passed away Friday, Sept. 14, 2012. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Cassville. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery, Piedmont, Mo. Arrangements are under the direction of Fohn Funeral home, Cassville.

From findagrave.com (originally from the Fohn Funeral Home site), downloaded 3/3/2014:

Sharon (Sherry) Leonard, age 67, passed away, at Cassville Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, surrounded by her family after sustaining a stroke in May 2011. Sherry was born on June 15, 1945, in Miami, Florida. She graduated with honors from Piedmont High School in 1963. She attended Southeast Missouri State University and graduated with a B.S. in Education. She began her teaching career at Lafayette High School in West St. Louis County teaching English and Speech. She then chose to stay home and took great pride in raising her children. Once her children were school-aged, she then worked as a Reading Instructional Aid at Green Pines Elementary School in the Rockwood District. She concluded her teaching career with ten years as a High School English Teacher at Southwest R-5 Schools in Washburn, Missouri. Throughout her life, Sherry gave of herself to help others. She wore many hats over the years, including Pixie/Brownie/Girl Scout Leader, Boy Scout Leader, Girls In Action Missions Teacher, Room Mother, sports book keeper for numerous baseball and softball teams, and carpool Mom. She also had a big heart for sharing Jesus and was an active member in the children's programming at First Baptist Church Brentwood, TN, First Baptist Church Ellisville, MO, and most recently, First Baptist Church Cassville, MO. She served as a first grade Sunday School Teacher for nearly twenty years at FBC Ellisville and was always willing to rock babies on Sunday mornings. She loved to listen to southern gospel music and was an avid reader. Sherry was frequently seen greeting families at the

gate of most all Southwest R-5 sporting events. She believed that all students can and should succeed in school. She gave of her time, finances, and resources to help family, friends, and students whenever she could. She is survived by her two children; a daughter, Shelley and her husband Gamon Sparkman and their two daughters Samantha and Lauren of Cassville, MO; and a son, Lance and his wife Sarah Leonard and their three children Asher, Faith, and Audra of Fenton, MO. She also leaves behind many other beloved cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Wanda Davis and her brother, Alon Davis, all of Piedmont, MO. Funeral service will be held at 1:30 P.M., Saturday, September 15, 2012, at First Baptist Church Cassville, under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. A graveside service and burial will take place on Sunday, September 16, 2012, at 2:00 P.M. at the Masonic Cemetery in Piedmont, MO. In lieu of flowers, and because of Sherry's love for students and reading, the family requests donations be made to either Southwest R-5 or Cassville R-IV K-5 backpack programs or by donating books to either the FBC Cassville or FBC Ellisville church libraries. FOHN FUNERAL HOME Cassville, Missouri 417-847-2141