



Greenwood Memorial

## *Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5864*

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**Date --** September 9, 2023

**Re --** Loretta Shonk

Loretta's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from about 2 pm to 7 or 8 pm at Greenwood VFW Post 5864.

Loretta was an Auxiliary member, Past President, and Past State President. She was a member of New Whiteland VFW Post 6978 Auxiliary at the time of her death.

Her eldest son, Richard Sweazey came to the Greenwood VFW Post 5864 on Saturday, September 9, 2023, to see me concerning his mother's Celebration of Life. We sat down and put together a little plan. He has already paid for her cremation. I did tell him that if we were able to raise enough money, he would be reimbursed. Loretta did not have any life insurance.

There will also be some food provided. Any other money which is collected through our Post's efforts will be donated to whoever or whatever is most important.

Our Post is doing this at no charge for our banquet rooms. Loretta was a member of Greenwood's Auxiliary for many, many years.

Since Loretta was not a member of our Auxiliary, I contacted New Whiteland VFW Auxiliary 6978 President Jonah Baker and spoke to him today (Sunday, September 10, 2023) to discuss this matter.

My thinking is also this – I am going to write a letter probably a page or so and send it out to the State VFW and also the State VFW Auxiliary asking that they publish this so that other Posts and Auxiliaries can donate money toward her unfortunate situation.

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If anybody wants to be involved with this, they are welcome. We are planning to host a meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 7 p.m. at the Greenwood VFW. I'm only putting this out because her son came to me directly and asked for help. He also said his two younger brothers were ok with whatever we do collectively.

Thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SM', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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