



Shannon M. Pivoriunas

December 6, 1976 - January 8, 2011

Shannon M. Pivoriunas, 34, of King George, VA, passed away unexpectedly, on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at her home. She was born December 6, 1976, in Toledo. Shannon was a 1995 graduate of Central Catholic High School, where she excelled in volleyball, basketball and track. She ran on the 1600 meter relay team which finished 6th in the state. Shannon was also a 1999 graduate of The Ohio State University, where she received her BA Degree in Journalism. Her senior year she was the Arts editor of The Lantern, the school newspaper. Her career was in sales and distribution for national wine companies. This fulfilled her passion to travel sending her to Italy, Australia and other places across the United States. Shannon's other passions included cooking, caring for animals and physical fitness. She did extensive volunteer work at the following sites; The National Zoo in Washington, DC, where she was involved with saving the Red Panda, King George, VA Animal Shelter, where she rescued two huskies and kept them as pets. She also was very active in the "Friends of the Rappahannock", where she wrote newsletters and set up fundraising events for them to help save the river. Shannon is survived by her parents, Richard and Colleen Pivoriunas; brother, Brett Pivoriunas; sister, Katelyn Pivoriunas and the love of her life, Elliot Nierman, of King George, VA. Also surviving is her maternal grandmother, Eleanor Corrigan; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and special godchild, Ryan Dubanowich of Chicago, IL. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Raymond Corrigan; paternal grandparents, Zigmas and Alexandra Pivoriunas

and aunts, Ilona Pivoriunas and Vita Gregory. Friends are invited to visit from 3-7 p.m. Friday, in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue. A Memorial Mass, celebrating Shannon's life, will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m., in Blessed Sacrament Church. Father Thomas Helfrich OSFS, Shannon's cousin, will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Toledo Area Chapter of the Humane Society or any charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

TC

“ *Rich and Colleen, Our deepest sympathy on Shannon's passing. We are away for two months and heard the sad news from friends back home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We wanted you to know that we are thinking of you. Tom and Cindy Dressel*

Tom and Cindy Dressel - cjdressel@bex.net cjdressel@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Shannon..... She was one of my closest friends. I met Shannon at age 15, maybe 16, but hell....young. Somehow we ended up on the same AAU basketball team. I picked up this new teammate at her home for the first time, introduced myself and....I'm not kidding.....I asked her if I could borrow a sports bra. She, of course, gave that "Shannon look" but the good person that she was, brought me up to her bedroom and loaned me one that she said I "could keep". I barely squeezed into it and off we went to basketball practice. We ended up being a best friend match that sometimes made our parents pull out their hairbut we sure had a good time together.... #1: Let's talk about Shannon's best quality: She was smart. The girl seemed to have perfected the English language in her writing and her speech. She knew how to use those big words, didn't she? She would say things, I would nod "yes" to and wonder to what I just committed.... She loved books, social events, current events, history and just knowledge in general. I always thought of her as one of my most intelligent and quick witted friends. #2: She was a social butterfly who knew how to work a room, didn't she? I always thought of it as a gift. I have always thought of myself as an outgoing person, but Shannon didn't give a "you know what" where she was and who she was with.....She owned the room. She was mesmerizing at times, a confident woman, who could hold a conversation with anyone. She was warm and made the person to whom she was talking to feel important. #3: Least important, but an obvious quality.....she was so pretty and had that style of her own. Tall, thin, great bone structure, huge eyes, a modern style.....just a beauty, inside and out. Shannon died so young, but to me, she will always be remembered as an intelligent, dynamic, beautiful womansomeone who I shared belly laughs and who I considered a sister. I loved her. I miss her. I wanted you to know. Love always,
Kari Phillips

Kari Phillips - kari.phillips@gosouthernfidelity.com

kari.phillips@gosouthernfidelity.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Dave, Ann, Margie, David & Max

The Grueshaber Family - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Piv, I was shocked and saddened to hear of Shannon's passing. I just got the news and hope I can come see you and Colleen this week to personally express our sympathies and give you added strength with our love and prayers. Marcy and I will keep you and your family in our daily thoughts and prayers and are here for you in any way needed. May God give you strength. With love and care,
Jay

Jay LeFevre - jlefevre@pdys.org jlefevre@pdys.org - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Colleen Rich, Elliot & Family Friends of Dear Shannon, We feel so deeply for you and your broken hearts. Shannon was a beautiful girl with a loving heart, We last spoke & text, just months ago. Her heart was very sincere. May you all be lifted in the moments you will need strength. Her attitude appeared to be of a free Spirit. I will think of her and pray for you all and Shannon when I see Red Bird. Blessings to you all David and Susan Langendorfer & Family

Susan & David Langendorfer - susanlangendorfer@wellesbowen.com susanlangendorfer@wellesbowen.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Colleen and Rich, I am so very sorry for your loss. I heard the sad news this morning from a mutual friend and although it has been decades since we last met, I couldn't let the moment pass without offering you and your family my sincere condolences and prayers.

Noreen Leyden - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ I am saddened to hear about Shannon. I remember her from both volleyball and track. My deepest heartfelt condolences to the family.

Cathy (CCHS'92) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Pivoriunas Family, You are all in our thoughts and prayers in this time of need.

Gary & Marie Geisel - mag7158@yahoo.com mag7158@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Piv and Colleen: I am sorry I am not there, but I wanted to let you know that my heart aches for the two of you. I can only pray that you are able to find strength in each other and God and peace knowing she has joined our Lord and will watch over you the rest of your days. God Bless the two of you Jody

Jody Eaton - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Rich and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter. I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Shannon, however, Rich, our days go back to coaching baseball (Delta & Libbey) and via Wiz and Carol. I have the utmost respect for you, and from what I read of Shannon, she was a chip off your block. May warm memories bring some comfort to you and your family.

Matt Wiitala - cmuesti@aol.com cmuesti@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Words can not express how deeply saddened it is to loose a loved one. Shannon was a great person and will be missed by many! She has been taken too soon from this earth. I pray for your strength during this difficult time. REST IN PEACE Piv The Szymanskis C/O '95-CCHS

Brian and Angie (Sobb) Szymanski - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ "People forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel". -Maya Angelou Shannon will be remembered for her smile & the warmth that she made others feel around her. Life is a precious gift that goes by too quickly sometimes. We take comfort in our loved ones and remember the happier times. My thoughts and prayers are with the Pivoriunas Family from today forward-your angel on Earth is now an angel in the Heavens watching over all.

Kelli A. Carl - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I am so sorry. I just can't stop thinking about all of you. I loved Shannon and I love you guys so much and I am so sorry. I even remember when we coach Shannon at St. JOan of Arc in b-ball. I was so much fun. She was such a hustler!!!! I am so sorry and have been praying for you all. LOve, Penny

Penny Helfrich - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MQ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. There is a void that cannot be replaced. The life insurance we buy is really preparation for death. But the life insurance Jehovah God offers is the destroying of death itself and all the things we can think of that causes it. He will do this through His Kingdom that His Son Jesus Christ is King of. We can gain comfort now through the Bible. And in the very near future we will hold our love ones again. We all will live happy healthy lives forever in exquisite delight and in an abundance of peace here on earth.

Marquell - quellequelly@yahoo.com quellequelly@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I would like to send my condolences from the entire Weiner family to the entire Pivoriunas family. Shannon will be deeply missed. She was a wonderful person and an extraordinary role model. I hope she rests in peace. I wish you all the best at this time of great loss. May peace be with you all

Jillian Weiner - jweiner0916@yahoo.com jweiner0916@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ We are so incredibly sorry to hear of Shannon's passing. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We feel so saddened for you Kate, may all the memories you have of your sister be of comfort to you during this hard time. Also know that you Mrs. Piv, still hold a special place in my heart. ~Erin (Fahy) Tallent

Erin Tallent & Nick Tallent - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Rich & Colleen, So very sorry to hear of your loss. It is so hard when you lose a child. Just take comfort in the fact that she was so vibrant and lived her dream. You are in our prayers. Dick & Sally Freeborn

Richard Freeborn - rfreeb@frontier.com rfreeb@frontier.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Rich and Colleen, How many years have gone by, and when my mom told me of the passing of your daughter, I can remember you both as if it were yesterday. If I was in the area, I would of loved to come by and comfort you. May God richly bless you and show Himself strong during your time of such great loss. My email is above, should you wish to contact me. You guys really bring back great memories for me. Know you will be prayed for...With Love, Tim

Tim Basich - tbasich@comcast.net tbasich@comcast.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VV

“ I am so shocked and saddened to hear this unexpected news. Just last year I hung out with Shannon and her parents at her sisters live performance. She was a pleasure to work with and play pool with back in Ohio. I'm just so flattened. I'm pleased to have passed by her.

Vincent St. Vincent - vst.vincent@yahoo.com vst.vincent@yahoo.com -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Nancee and I were so very saddened when we read about the sudden loss of Shannon. Gone too soon. May our prayers and those of others help you during this heartbreaking journey.

Tom ans Nancee VanDeusen - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Colleen and Family, My heart aches for all of you in your loss. I wish I had the words to make you feel better. All I can offer is that God has Shannon in His care, and she is happy in heaven, waiting for you to join her. You gave her so much love on earth, and that love made her life a beautiful one. She accomplished so much and lived so fully. I firmly believe she is very close to you right now, reassuring you. Love, Linda Jenkins & Family

Linda Jenkins - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Collen, Piv and the rest of the family, I am heartbroken for you. Many thoughts and prayers for you all. Erin King

Erin King - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ So sorry to hear of the sudden and unexpected passing of Shannon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Terry and Betty Fahy - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, far as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart. Dear Elliot and Pivorionas Family: My heartfelt sympathy for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Adam Freeman - afree25@gmail.com afree25@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My heart and prayers are extended to the family. I had a very pleasant conversation with Shannon at Eleanor's birthday party this summer. I have extremely fond memories of her. What a wonderful and talented daughter. I am sure your faith will help you get through this difficult time.

Janet S. Helfrich - janet.helfrich@cmich.edu janet.helfrich@cmich.edu - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Piv and Collen, Your family is in our prayers in this time. We are so sorry for your loss. Please find comfort in knowing you are in so many peoples prayers. Brian and Jo Welker

Brian and Jo Welker - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *You are in my prayers!*

Dianne (Wiener) Kornowa - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *May the memories of Shannon and the love of family and friends surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. Your family is in my prayers.*

Nina (Geisel) Lepiarz - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family*

Carrie Degenfelder - csdeggy@yahoo.com csdeggy@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May you find some comfort in knowing that others care.*

Mike and Judy Gardner - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Pivor and Coleene. I am coming up for this and am so praying for you both. I love you and will see you This weekend. Love Don Ankenbrandt*

Don Ankenbrandt - dank@alliancemin.com dank@alliancemin.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We are deeply upset to hear of your loss of your daughter. Our hearts and prayers go out to you guys. You are great people and wonderful parents. Love you guys. Ron and Becky Simon

Ron and Becky Simon - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ We are very sorry for the loss of Shannon, your daughter. We can not imagine the loss you must be feeling. You have been in our thoughts for several days. Please know that we are praying for the healing of your family. May God be with you.

Kathy & Wade Loomis - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Rich and Colleen, My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your entire family. I can only imagine the pain of losing your daughter. You will be in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

Beth Bunde - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ My absolute best to everyone. Shannon will be dearly missed. Sending my love from Columbus.

Andrew Schmidt - Son of Debbie and Phil Schmidt -
andrewjacobschmidt@gmail.com andrewjacobschmidt@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Rich and Colleen, I am so soory for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your friend, John

John T. Ross - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ To the Pivoriunas Family, I cannot express my sympathy enough for this loss. Shannon was an amazing individual who's zest for life was certainly inspiring to all those around her. My deepest regrets that I am unable to make the funeral, I would truly like to be there to say goodbye to my friend. My heart is with you and your family.

Christi Cyranowski Hirsch - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Colleen, Never having lost a child I can't imagine what you are going through; however, being a mother I am overwhelmed by the thought of death of one of my own daughters. My deepest sympathy - Shirley Fischbach (Michelle's Mom)

Shirley Fischbach - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Rich, Colleen, Brett and Katelyn, Shannon leaves behind spaces that can never be filled, but I'm sure she also leaves love and light in each of you that will live in your hearts and strengthen your souls. We are so sorry.

Marcy Tom and Kiley Orchard - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ There are no words to express our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your daughter Shannon. We understand it all too well. You are in our thoughts and prayers daily.

Bill and Candy Fries - fries2@bright.net fries2@bright.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Piv, Colleen and family, I am deeply sorry to hear of your loss. Shannon was an amazing person. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. ~Love, Lisa Smithmyer

Lisa Smithmyer - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Colleen and Piv: My most heartfelt condolences.

Pam Smith-Barber - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We were so sorry to hear about Shannon's passing. Our love and prayers to her parents and brother and sister during this time. Shannon was a full of life girl and we have very special memories of her growing up.

Bob & Donna Repp - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

YH

“ I send my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy for Colleen and her family at this time. May the Lord comfort you all during this time and all the days to come. Yolanda Houle and family

Yolanda Houle - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Piv Family, I was so sorry to hear of Shannon's death. I always enjoyed competing against her in high school and have often thought of her in the years since. She was a kind-spirited person who I am glad I got to know. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Kerri (Wohlman) Welch - kerriwelch@hotmail.com kerriwelch@hotmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Rich and Colleen, Words cannot adequately describe how badly I feel for you and your family. There are some things that are very difficult to explain; this is one. Praying for you for strength and support to see you through this...love, Ed Heintschel

ed Heintschel - eheintsc@sjtitans.org eheintsc@sjtitans.org - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Piv & Colleen, Linda & I are so sorry to hear about the sudden passing of your daughter, Shannon. Although we didn't know her, I'm sure she was a very special person and will surely be missed by all. Our sincere condolences and we regret not being able to see you personally (we will be out of town this weekend) to express our sympathy to the both of you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Frank & Linda DeFalco

Frank & Linda DeFalco - fralin0704@sbcglobal.net fralin0704@sbcglobal.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Piv, Colleen & family: I can't express how deeply saddened I was to hear of the loss of your daughter. There is nothing that cuts as deep as the loss of a child. My son would have been 15 this year and I think daily about what he would have been like. Cherish the memories you have of Shannon and share them frequently. Please know that I am thinking of you and am praying for you.

Karen Smoyer - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Colleen and Rich, I am so sorry to hear this news. You both had talked about Shannon so often I feel as if I knew her. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven has a new angel.

Donna Gruber - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Katie and Family, I am so very sad to hear of this loss to not only your family, but all the other lives she touched and organizations she was involved in. I will be praying for you all to get through this week and to keep her spirit alive in the weeks, months, and years that follow. Hugs and love to all of you during this time, Chelsea and Mark McKone and Carol Dillin*

Chelsea D. McKone - cdmckone@gmail.com cdmckone@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Shannon was a beautiful, vivacious, intelligent young woman whom we met many times and loved from the start. We are heart-broken at her untimely death. Our sons, David and Michael, join us in expressing deep sorrow and wishes for God's peace that passes all understanding to envelop you in your grief.*

Lynne and Bruce Sturtz - lmsturtz@yahoo.com lmsturtz@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Dear Elliott and the Pivoriunas family, My heart is saddened with yours, and I pray Shannon's life and memory will live on in and through you and continue to bless you. Sincerely, David*

David Sturtz - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM