



## Sharifa Ann Young (Essex) Hotchkiss

June 10, 1939 - February 14, 2023

Our loving mother, Sharifa Ann Young-Hotchkiss (Essex), passed from this life on Monday, February 13, 2023, in Key-Largo Florida. She lived a life with few regrets and many beautiful memories. Sharifa was born on June 10, 1939, in Toledo, Ohio to Earl and Martha Young. She was a Retired Nurse, Passionate Master Gardener, and enjoyed her volunteer work at Paws and Whiskers Cat Shelter and Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet. She was also a Grass Roots politician who always believed in buying American.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband John D. Essex, ex-husband Robert Hotchkiss; parents, Earl and Martha Young; her brother, Donald Young; nephew, Anthony Saionz and her beloved cat, Miss Kitty. She is survived by her sons, Matthew and Mark Essex; her significant other, William Peck; her sister, Donna Ciffaglione, as well as her niece, Magic McBride and nephew, John (J) Saionz,

Friends are invited to visit on Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 11:00-5:00pm in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home where Rev. James Auth will officiate a prayer service at 12:00pm. Those wishing to send memorial donations are asked to consider Paws and Whiskers Cat Shelter or Maumee Valley Save a Pet.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 25. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home  
3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Celebration of Life

MAR 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *I am so sorry Mark for your loss R.I.P*

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**Matt Ward** - March 11, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you in this time of loss. May she RIP. We are here for you anytime.*

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**Tracy Ward** - March 11, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *I don't have enough space to share all my great memories with Sharifa. The one I will miss the most are her frequent calls JUDY cyclists just went by the house and I thought of you! Her persistence of letting all her buddies know how important stretching every morning and daily exercise are! She was a minimalist but that's because she focused only on the best , best family, best friends, best food, best fun! Sharifa and I worked together on 8n at Toledo Hospital for many years. A dedicated nurse who showed up whenever scheduled with nothing but giving the best care to her patients! Our sons were about same age so we shared many ups and downs of being a mother. Mark & Matthew are the love of her life. She was very proud of Anthony and Magic! I had the honor of visiting Magic & her family a couple of times, a cherished memory. We camped & canoed the Au Sable, many weekends at Lakeside, best of best was staying at Vista De Lago in Florida, up early, water exercises, bike rides, Disney, Celebration, Miami !! My dear friend you are missed! I hope our next time together will be even better!!💕💕💕*

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**judy wright** - March 11, 2023 at 11:50 AM

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“ Starting as a new employee to The Toledo Hospital, the first time I met Sharifa was on the work unit. She came up to me, stepped into my space, (as I kept stepping back), introduced herself and my first thought was, "Wow! This chick doesn't know personal space"(insert a laugh, here). After I got to know her and love her, she was a force to be reckoned with. She was an excellent caregiver, LPN and person. She told everything the way it was and this is/was her personality. I enjoyed her company many times outside of the workplace, as well. She will be missed. Yes, you are in Heaven. Red Hat's off to you! My deepest condolences to her family and loved ones. Pamela Mitchell

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**Pamela Mitchell** - March 10, 2023 at 09:25 AM