



Sheryl Jean Shipman

December 18, 1957 - October 31, 2014

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Sheryl Jean (Smith)

Sheryl J. Shipman, 56, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2014 surrounded by her loving family and friends at James OSU Cancer Center in Columbus Ohio. She was born in Toledo on December 18, 1957 to Sylvester “Sonny” and Nancy (Hershey) Smith.

Sherrie was passionate in her role as supervisor of the TORCH facility, (Toledo’s Organized Recreation for the Handicapped) a city of Toledo Therapeutic Recreation Program for children and adults with developmental disabilities for 30 years. She was instrumental in the development and implementation of the annual “Very Special Arts” festivals (a sister to Special Olympics) showcasing the artistic accomplishments of special needs students and adults of Northwest Ohio. Sheryl then became a manager of Parks and Recreation for the City of Toledo where she developed all recreation programs including: athletics, seniors, Ottawa Park Ice Rink, and special events such as the National Amateur Baseball Federation College World Series, who awarded her “Women of the Year” for her outstanding leadership.

She enjoyed world travel, gardening, and reading. Sherrie loved dolphins, angels, sunsets, seashells enjoyed shopping on QVC, gourmet cuisine, and her dog Parker. She was an avid Ohio State and Detroit Tiger fan. She will be remembered as a very kind and compassionate person by all that knew her.

She is survived by her loving son, Nathan & Laura (Rochowiak) Shipman; parents Sylvester "Sonny" & Nancy (Hershey) Smith; siblings, Fred & Janet (Smith) Szlachcic, William & Jill (Smith) Maggins, Jeff & Penny (Ritenour) Smith, Dave & Amy (Wolf) Smith, ; nieces and nephews, Kassie & Brent, Nancy, Billy, Kyle, Chelsea, Brad, Macy, and great-niece Lexi. She was preceded in death by her nephew Corey Smith; grandfather Sylvester Smith; grandmother Audrey Hershey and son Deacon Shipman.

Friends are invited to visit after 1:00pm on Wednesday November 5, 2014 in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave. where services will follow beginning at 7:00pm. Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider the Special Olympics of Toledo or The Victory Center. To send her family online condolences, please visit www.ansberg-west.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill, Jill and all the Smith family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May the wonderful memories of Sherry bring you a new found peace at this time in your lives.*

Carla Schimmel Kaminski

and

Betty Schimmel

Carla Schimmel Kaminski - November 06, 2014 at 11:41 AM

LL

“ *To the Family of Sherrie Shipman, I am praying for your strength during this difficult time. I know you find comfort in knowing she is not suffering and is in a better place. She was such a beautiful person and I know your memories of her will put smiles on your faces for years to come. God Bless you All.*

Lisa Lewis

Lisa Lewis - November 05, 2014 at 01:27 PM

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“ *I was so sorry to hear of Sherry's passing. She was a beautiful person inside and out who lit up a room like a ray of sunshine. I feel fortunate to have known her . I hope that your memories of her will comfort you in the days to come. I will miss her, too.*

Cindy Kromenacker - November 04, 2014 at 09:51 PM

JH

“ Dear Sonny and Nan, I am so sorry to hear about Sheryl. I remember both of you well from dear old Frederick St I lost my only son and know the feeling of loss. My prayers are for you and your family. May God be with you.

Janet Nusbaum Hack - November 04, 2014 at 09:42 AM

JG

“ Sherrie was a great person and friend and I will never forget her. She helped me through my first cancer and I have cancer again she was always there for me. I will pray for her and will be forever grateful Sherrie is my friend And I will miss her.

Jim Gramza - November 03, 2014 at 10:53 AM

PR

“ *"Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you know more than others. Make friends with ordinary people."* Romans 12:16
I can tell you Sherrie lived out this verse. She was one of the few people who made me feel welcome when I first started working with the City. I only knew Sherrie for a very, very short time but her warm, friendly smile would light up the room when she greeted me each day. May you be comforted by the love of our Lord Jesus as you celebrate Sherrie's life with those whose lives she touched!

Penni Roberts - November 03, 2014 at 08:44 AM

CF

“ *Our lives have been interwoven through the years as we continue to experience all that our destiny brings. We have shared so many joys and sorrows that will bind us forever in love and remembrance of our dearest Sherrie. We shall be reminded of her always with every beautiful sunrise and garden bloom. We will always be there for our Nathan and Laura. We will always be there for the entire Smith family. Love always, Chris , Gil and Mike Guerrero*

Christine Sobczak Guerrero Family - November 03, 2014 at 07:09 AM