



Dr. Sharon Gail Burton Martin

July 2, 1944 - July 2, 2022

My best friend and last sibling, Dr. Sharon Gail Burton Martin, 78, formerly of Charleston, went Home to be with her Lord on her birthday, July 2, 2022, following a period of declining health from Dementia and Cancer. Sharon was a resident of Rolling Meadows Assisted Living, Scott Depot since May 2018.

She was a native of Hamlin, WV and the daughter of the late James Franklin and Dulcie Isaacs Burton. She was preceded in death by her brothers James Paul, Charles, and Billy Burton and sisters, Eileen McComas and an infant.

She was Valedictorian of the 1962 Class of Hamlin High School. She received her A.B. and M.A. degrees in Education from Marshall University. In 1993 she received her Ed.D. in Education Administration from WVU. She was formerly employed as Executive Director with Allergy Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc., WV Career College at Morgantown, and Charleston Job Corps. She was an elementary teacher at Chamberlin, Mary Ingles, and

Malden schools in Kanawha County. She retired as Principal of Elk Elementary. After retirement, she worked interim sessions at the WV Senate for several years.

She was a member of Morris Memorial United Methodist Church, where she was a choir member and served on various boards and committees. She was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Alpha Delta Kappa, and was a 58-year member of Hamlin Chapter 106 Order of the Eastern Star, Hamlin.

Survivors include her daughter, Sarah Ann Martin (address unknown) and beloved granddaughter, Madeleine (Maddie) Claire Martin; her sister and caregiver, Sheila Cobb of Scott Depot; her nephews and nieces and their families: James Paul (Rhonda) Burton Jr., Little Rock, AR, Kyle (Wilma) McComas, Barboursville, Wayne (Karen) McComas and Roger (Annette) McComas, Hamlin, Paula (Hampar) Ghazarian, Wichita, KS, Donna Ash, Hurricane, and Stephanie Cobb, Durham, NC. She has several cousins and friends including her special college friend, Carole Thornton of Bethlehem, CT, special neighbors, Betty Jarvis, Betty Rickenbacker and Rhonda Striker. Special thanks to her church's Nurture 'n Action Team for their faithful ministry in sending Sharon cards these past four years.

The family extends a special thanks to the entire staff at Rolling Meadows Assisted Living for the love and care shown to Sharon while she was a resident, as well as special thanks to Sharon's hospice team.

Graveside Services will be 11:00 am Wednesday July 6, 2022, at Harvey's Creek Cemetery, Route 34 South near Hamlin with Rev. Steve White officiating. A procession will leave Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane at 10:00 am for anyone needing to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Sharon's name to: Trustees Harvey's Creek Cemetery, c/o Greg Sergent, 6686 Hamlin Road, Culloden, WV 25510; Hospice Care, 1606 Kanawha Blvd., Charleston, WV 25387; or New Hope Animal Rescue, PO Box 461, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory or condolence may do so by visiting Sharon's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home, 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane WV 25526 is honored to handle Dr. Martin's arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Harveys Creek Cemetery

Harveys Creek
Hamlin, WV

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Harveys Creek
Hamlin, WV

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Sharon Gail Burton Martin*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.*

Kanawha Co. Retired School Employees - July 20, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sharon was one of the best principles I ever worked with. I was a cook at Elk Elm. Center when she was principle, was so sweet and caring. Loved her. Condolences to her family !!!*

Jane Gurney - July 08, 2022 at 06:17 PM



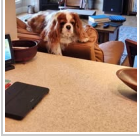
“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends. I have fond memories of attending Hamlin High (class of 63) and riding the school bus on Rt 34 with Sharon.*

Mike Beckett - July 07, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ *She was a mentor and a friend. One of her greatest strengths was having a vision and being able to put it into practice with grace and humor. Marianne Annie*

Marianne Annie - July 05, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *I have very fond memories of our time spent together. Many personal and educational journeys were taken together.* ”

Karen Reed - July 04, 2022 at 08:13 AM