



Sharon W. Fairchild

April 17, 1944 - November 13, 2020

Sharon W. Fairchild lost her battle with cancer on November 13, 2020.

Sharon will be remembered fondly as a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She leaves the world with an impactful legacy having served as Information Systems Director at College of the Albemarle; as a founder and past president of the Elizabeth City, NC chapter of Habitat For Humanity; as an elder at Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church; and as Treasurer for the Presbyterian Women of New Hope Presbytery.

She was a kind and giving member of her community and touched many lives through her work and charity efforts.

Sharon is survived by her husband Fred Fairchild of Lakeland, Florida, son Patrick Mudge of Elizabeth City, NC, Jennifer Richards of North Myrtle Beach, SC, Richard Mudge of Wilmington, NC, and stepson Chris Fairchild of Clearwater, FL. We already miss you, Sharon, and will be happy when we can be reunited once more.

A memorial service will be scheduled in Elizabeth City, NC after COVID-19 has come under control and it is safe to gather together.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Elizabeth City, NC chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Comments



“ I’m thankful for the last visit we had with Sharon and Fred when they came through Jacksonville. I remember Sharon saying that we could solve the refugee crisis if each church would just take in one person. That was her wisdom and loving spirit. I’m grateful for all she did for our family. We will miss her.

Beth S. - November 20 at 02:28 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Sharon W. Fairchild.



November 15 at 06:14 PM



“ Sharon and I went through high school and business college together in Baltimore. We went dancing at the USO, where she introduced me to my first beau. Her lovely mother introduced me to sweet potato pie. Some years later, we enjoyed a visit with Sharon and Fred on one of their trips to Maryland. I will miss catching-up via email. It was my privilege to have had Sharon as my friend.

Verna Shaw Miller

Verna Miller - February 24 at 03:03 PM



“ Thanks to Sharon for all her many years of service to COA and in our community. She was missed as soon as she retired!
My sympathy to her family and friends at her loss,
Robin Harris - Health Sciences Division of COA

Robin Harris - November 24, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ Sharon was a bright light at COA when I was a student and later when I became a faculty member. This is a great loss fir everyone who knew her.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family,
Billy Younger

William Younger - November 23, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ Sharon and I met as next door neighbors in 1967. We each had a 4 year old son who played together almost daily. As Coast Guard wives, we each moved many times. We next got together back in Elizabeth City as single parents. Now our youngest are in school and Boy Scouts together. We became fast friends. We had fun together during good times and helped each other during bad times. I remember one of the freezerees. That was a Boy Scout winter campout. After we got the boys packed and off, it started to snow. Sharon called me about 2 am. “We have to go get the boys. They’ll freeze to death. “. I convinced her through several phone calls that night that they were probably chasing each other around the campfire. Besides, the boys will be so embarrassed if their mothers show up to take them home! She finally agreed. Needless to say, the boys survived. Later I set up her first date with Fred that blossomed into true love. Fred was a good friend and coworker. Great to see two wonderful friends happy. I was planning to visit in Florida this winter. I can only sum up that it was a great privilege to have such a special friend for so many years. You just knew she would always be there for you. Thank you Sharon.

Fran - November 21, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ Sharon was intelligent and talented, a wise older sister and a great source of counsel and comfort in times of need. i will miss her terribly.
Carol

Carol Kirwan - November 19, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ Sharon was the best mom that I could have asked for. She always taught me to be kind and shared so much love with me and her family. One of my favorite memories of Mom is when we met in Baltimore one weekend to celebrate my 30th birthday. We ate in the Inner Harbor, went for a boat ride around the Harbor and then went to a minor league baseball game. We sang Take Me Out To The Ballgame the entire 20 minute ride to the ballpark and sat front row right behind Home Plate thanks to my cousin who worked as the public address announcer for the Ironbirds. We talked and laughed the whole game. Then we watched the fireworks post game. After we got back to the hotel, we talked till the wee hours of the morning. I had never had a time like this with my mother and thought it was the best birthday present I have ever received. Love you and miss you lots, Mom XOXO.

Richard Mudge - November 17, 2020 at 08:18 PM