



Sharon Elizabeth Lewis

October 31, 1939 - September 19, 2012

“A life not lived for others is not a life” - Mother Teresa

Sharon Elizabeth Lewis, a devoted Mother and Grandmother, passed away on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Born on Halloween 1939 Sharon would have been 73 next month. Sharon was known for her generosity of spirit, love of Christ, devotion to her family and friends and her contagious laughter. She was one of three children born to her loving parents Cecilia and Gerald Bowsher in the Darby area of Toledo. Sharon and her family appeared many times in the Toledo Blade throughout her childhood and days at Notre Dame Academy due to her stunning beauty and strong spirit. Sharon was an extremely dedicated worker but always put her family first. She worked as an executive assistant at the Lucas County Courthouse, Millar Elevator and Faurecia before retiring 2006. Sharon had the joy of her lifelong friendship with Joanne Jurek who preceded her in death. It gives us peace to know that Sharon returned to the arms of the two ladies she loved most; her mother and best friend. If you listen closely you can almost hear the laughter coming from above. Sharon was known for her devotion to her three children Patty, Terry and Kathy. Growing up she provided us with a clear example of how to live joyfully and demonstrated to each one of us what unconditional love looks like. Her children adored and tried to spoil her every chance they could get. She left this world knowing that all of her sacrifices were appreciated by the people she touched.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents and older brother Gerald Bowsher. She is survived by her younger brother Larry (Tonee) Bowsher of Michigan; Patty (Paul) Sopko of Perrysburg; Terry Lewis Chicago, Illinois; Kathy (Rick) Thompson Woodstock, Georgia and her grandchildren Paige and Luke Sopko, Courtney Lewis, Jack and Jenna Thompson.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home; 1770 S Reynolds Rd on Sunday September 23, 2012 from 2-8 pm where a scripture service will be held at 7:00 pm. Funeral services will begin in the mortuary on Monday September 24 at 9:30 am followed by the funeral mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10:00 am. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may take the form of a donation to Notre Dame Academy.

Mom would never say goodbye, not even at the end, instead she would say see ya'. So Mom, we love you and miss you with every inch of our souls. See ya'.

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry for the loss of your Mom, she has left behind a wonderful Legacy in the Faces of your Family.##imported-begin##Keith and Jackie Vanderbilt##imported-end##

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“ Dear Patty, We are so sorry to hear of the death of your beloved Mom and Friend. She was and is a beautiful memory for us in those many years ago at C.C.H.S., as a part of the coaching staff partners. She was a source of strength and courage, and a warm and kind lady that we enjoyed whenever we had the chance to share time with her. We do not know the depth of your loss, only that it must be deep and loving. Be certain that we hug you in our hearts, have you in our prayers, and always in our thoughts. Our condolences..Buzz and Pattie Fournier.##imported-begin##Fournier Family fxranch@msn.com##imported-end##

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“ Dear Terry and Family:

We were so sorry to hear about your mom. We are sending you positive thoughts and lots of prayers to help you through this journey. God Bless....

Rodney and Michelle##imported-begin##Rodney and Michelle Siegfried yendor126@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Kathy, I know your Mom was special because I see her spirit in you her daughter . I am so sorry for your loss . My prayers are with you & your family as you grieve the passing of your Mother
..##imported-begin##Vickie Ward
vickie.ward@bms.com##imported-end##

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“ Kathy, I am so sorry to hear about our Mom. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cindy Tornero Cynthia.tornero@bms.com##imported-end##

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“ Kathy,Rick,Jack,Jenna and family,
Kathy you are the best daughternand person, and your mother knew that.
she will be missed, she is at peace. We love younguys and wish we could be there for you. Know we are all thinking of you ,and love you! Kisses and giant hugs to all !
love the Dunn's##imported-begin##Melody Dunn##imported-end##

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“ Sharon was a wonderful person and very special sister to my husband, Larry. She will be missed!##imported-begin##Tonee Bowsher toneebowsher@hotmail.com##imported-end##

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“ I met Sharon when her daughter Kathy married my nephew Rick Thompson. As Kathy came into our family and our hearts, we were able to appreciate the devotion Sharon had to her children and grandchildren. I send my deepest sympathy and love to all the family, especially to little Jack and Jenna who are special lights in my life.##imported-begin##Lynne Alvine##imported-end##

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“ You will be missed, Sharon. You leave a giant hole in the hearts of everyone who had the pleasure of knowing you. We shared so many laughs, many of which linger in my memory. Our condolences to your family...I'm sure your entertaining God and his angels...he called you home so you could make him laugh. I'm sure Governor was there waiting for you. You were loved by everyone.##imported-begin##Donna and Bud Schantz burntcider@bex.net##imported-end##

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“ Because i was one of her daughter Kathy's best friends, My very cool, beautiful, loved me unconditionally (even though she had to kick me out of her house on Sunday evenings to go home) mom " adopted me" during some difficult, but ultimately some of the most fun years of my life. I remember her infectious laugh, her dry sense of humor-- but most of all, the feeling of complete love and acceptance she always left me with as she was shoving me out her front door at the end of an awesome weekend.##imported-begin##Jenny Seiler Wacaser##imported-end##

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“ Patti, Terry, Kathy, Larry, and family:

I saw a shooting star the other night but now I know it was your Mom on her way to Heaven! Thank you to all of you for sharing your Mom/Sister with me I truly feel honored I was able to know her and have her in my life. She will be forever missed.##imported-begin##Kathy Danhieux##imported-end##

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“ Kathy, I am so sorry to hear about our Mom. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cindy Tornero Cynthia.tornero@bms.com##imported-end##

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“ Terry, Patty, and Kathy,
*Your mother was one person in this world that made me feel special everytime I saw her or was able to talk to her, she really loved, not only her family, but anyone that was invovled with her family. I feel lucky to have shared a big part of my life with you and to have been able to love this beautiful woman. Her smiles and laughter will always remain in my heart. Love to you and your families.
~ Tad Evans, North Muskegon, Michigan##imported-begin##Tad Evans t.Evans@terryberry.com##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Terry, Patty, and Kathy,
I think of your mom often now that I'm the parent of two college students. I met her as the mom of my closest college friend, and I knew her well because she was such a devoted and loving mom, even at that long distance. She brought love and laughter (and good food) with every campus visit! She cared so deeply about her family. I know this is a devastating loss since you are all so closely connected. All our love to you.
Becky###imported-begin###Becky Evans becky.evans@muskegoncc.edu###imported-end###

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“ Kathy & Family,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Having lost my mother to cancer two years ago this month, I know the sorrow you are feeling. I pray for you.###imported-begin###Krista Phegley kkphegley@hotmail.com###imported-end###

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“ So sorry to learn about Sharon's passing.
She was a friend from Regina Coeli, and the women who went for the 65 reunion. What a beautiful lady. She will be missed!!!###imported-begin###Jackie Black###imported-end###

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“ Kathy, praying for you & your family. Please take some time and enjoy your family. Love you###imported-begin###Dorothy Williamson###imported-end###

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“ Kathy,

So sorry for your loss. All the best to you and your family during this difficult time.

We are thinking of you.

*Paul Norris##imported-begin##Paul Norris
paul.norris@bms.com##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Terry, Patty and Kathy, we are deeply sorry for the loss of your mother. You and your family are in our prayers. May you take comfort in knowing an angel is watching over you.
God bless you.

The Glab family##imported-begin##Marlena Glab##imported-end##

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“ How very sad! Sharon made me laugh the entire time she and the family lived in Iowa City. She was a good friend.##imported-begin##Connie Vaughan vaughan@ia.net##imported-end##

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“ thinking of you at this time. God bless you all.##imported-begin##ceanne & roy##imported-end##

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“ Dear Patty, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was a special lady now she will be a special angel in heaven. Sending you a special hugs and love and will. I I will be praying for you and your family. God bless you.##imported-begin##Veta A. Rodriguez Miller bovese@toast.net##imported-end##

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“ Patty, Terry and Kathy,
I am very sorry for the loss of your Mother. I remember her laughing all the time. She was always very kind to me. I am glad I got to talk with her a little bit this summer. I hope she is up in heaven playing with my dog Nicky. Your family got him for me for Christmas one year. To this day it is the best present that I have ever received! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Julie Boney (Cukierski)##imported-end##

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“ Patty:

They say that children are a reflection of their parents, and having never met your mom, I know she was a terrific person, just as you are.
Praying that your memories, give you comfort today and always.##imported-begin##Harold##imported-end##

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“ *What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful life. We are sorry to learn of your loss and pray that memories of your mother give you comfort over this difficult time.##imported-begin##The Bennetts##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Patty and Family,
We were so saddened to hear about the passing of your beloved mother/grandmother. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. The love you all shared was evident to all of us who witnessed it.##imported-begin##The Prephan Family##imported-end##*

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“ *I have VERY fond memories of sitting on your Mom and Dads porch on Waybridge as a teenager. It was the hanging out place for a few of us kids. She was always happy and a real character. I am sure she will be missed by all.##imported-begin##Carl Happ##imported-end##*

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“ Our condolences to all the family and friends grieving for Sharon. We have the pleasure of being friends and neighbors with Kathy, Rick, Jack, Jenna, Champ and Lucky, and are honored to have met and spent time with Sharon. Her love, compassion and true beauty have been passed on to her daughter and grand children and we are all blessed because of it. We send prayers of peace and comfort to you all. Sincerest Sympathies and Love- From The Gloer Family##imported-begin##The Gloer Family##imported-end##

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