

OBITUARY



Sharon "Shari" Boggs of Hackettstown, NJ, beloved grandmother, mother, partner, sister, friend, educator, and volunteer, died in her home on Wednesday June 28, 2017, after a long, brave battle with cancer. She was 75 years old. Shari is survived by her three grandchildren, Aidan, Clara, and Lilly; daughter, Kim; son Greg; partner Bob; brother Steve; sister Vicki; and all those she had touched or helped over the years. Born on Nov. 23, 1941 in Louisville, KY, Shari lived for the past 48 years in Hackettstown, NJ. She was an educator for most of her adult life, always seeking ways to improve upon her students learning experiences and her ability to teach them. Shari shared her love of teaching and helping others throughout her life, and was honored this year with induction to the Hackettstown Medical Center Foundation "Senior Hall of Fame" for her significant volunteer work and accomplishments throughout Warren County, NJ. Here are some of the efforts for which Shari was known: volunteer head of the Hackettstown, NJ, Pajama Program, a national organization that provides pajamas and books to children in need. Since 2010, Shari was a driving force in collecting pajamas and books for local children. Over the years, she helped collect over 1600 pairs of pajamas and nearly 1300 books. She was also a longtime volunteer leader of "Bookworms," the adult book club of the Northeast Branch of the Warren County Library; a volunteer instructor in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program through Trinity United Methodist Church, and had involvement as a volunteer in First Book (FirstBook.org), a national organization that provides "equal access to quality education for children in need" Shari was instrumental in collecting numerous contributions for children in Warren County. Additionally, she was a volunteer at the Norwescap Head Start Program in Phillipsburg, NJ, where she spent many hours reading to children, and a volunteer at the Lord's Pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church, helping to provide food to those in need in the community. In addition to her family, friends, and volunteer work, Shari loved to exercise. Among other activities, she liked canoeing and kayaking on the Delaware River, hiking on the Appalachian Trail, and practicing yoga. While her all-time favorite activity may have been playing tennis, she was most often recognized as "that lady who's always walking along Main Street in Hackettstown"! It was on these walks that Shari connected with new friends, and it was then that she may have been happiest, especially when she could be accompanied by family or an old friend or two. Shari graduated with a bachelor of science in education from Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH) in 1963, and received her master of education from East Stroudsburg State College (East Stroudsburg, PA) in 1982. Shari was a giving and generous person, and so she had pre-arranged for her body to be donated to Rutgers' Robert Wood Johnson Medical School for advancement in medical science. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in honor of Sharon Boggs to the Uveal Melanoma Program at Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, w3.jefferson.edu/giving/uveal-melanoma.html. The family would like to acknowledge the efforts of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Doctors Takami Sato and Carin Gonsalvez, who were tenacious in their efforts to give Shari the quality of life she enjoyed for nearly four years.

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