



Sharon E. Murphy

May 29, 1950 - December 17, 2024

Sharon E. Murphy, 74, passed away on December 17, 2024 at Lancaster General Hospital. She was the beloved wife of John D. “Dave” Murphy, with whom she celebrated 53 beautiful years of marriage and adventure.

Sharon was born in Lebanon on May 29, 1950, to Betty (Barto) Pfautz of Annville and the late Richard Pfautz. She was a graduate of Annville Cleona High School and retiree from a long career at the Hershey Medical Center. In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by her son, Kevin (Amy) Murphy of Lititz; her daughter, Elissa Murphy of Boston, MA; two grandchildren, McKenna and Maya Murphy; her brother Michael Pfautz of Texas City, Texas; and her dearest friend Diane Farst of Annville.

Sharon fiercely loved and protected those closest to her, an outspoken advocate for all of her loved ones. Her family, friends, and fellow cancer survivors saw her as a pillar of strength and courage even when her fortitude was most greatly challenged. She was sociable and inquisitive, the extrovert to Dave’s introvert, and sought to make everyone feel seen and included. She loved traveling the country and the world, particularly to find winter sunshine and giant rocks by the ocean, though she was equally happy in her own backyard watching hummingbirds, gardening, or relaxing on the patio.

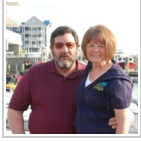
Sharon will be missed dearly by and live on in the memories of all who knew

her.

Funeral Services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: THRIVE for Life Foundation, PO Box 675, Hershey, PA 17033. Donate online at <https://thriveforlife.me/>, choose in honor of someone to place your donation online.

Tribute Wall



“ *To Dave and family, I'm so sorry and sad to hear about Sharon. She was a special person, so kind and friendly and quite the athlete. I was so lucky to see her at the reunion several years ago. My prayers go out to you and your family. God speed healing to all of you*

Donna Closson - December 30, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ *Sending my Deepest Sympathy, sorry for your loss. Your Sis - Murph*

Yvonne Murphy - December 28, 2024 at 07:37 AM



Dave, so sorry to hear that Sharon lost her hard-fought battle. Trudie, from the class of '68

Trudie Ellenberger - December 28, 2024 at 10:09 AM