



Sharon McManus

August 18, 1939 - February 17, 2020

Sharon V. McManus, age 80, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2020 after a brief illness with a rare form of cancer.

Sharon was born in Grand Rapids, MI and graduated from Byron Center High School in 1957. She holds a degree from North Central College and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. Sharon had a distinguished teaching career for 32 years where she taught at Bowling Green State University and Bowling Green City Schools.

An active member of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) since 1961, Sharon received the organization's highest national honor, the Distinguished Service Award in 2014. For many years, she served as a delegate for the International Federation for Home Economics; this took her on a number of adventures to places around the world.

Sharon is survived by her daughter, Susan McManus of OH; brother, David (Ruth) Arendsen of IL; brother-in-law, Larry (Faye) McManus of OH; and special friend, Dick Stafford of MI. Sharon is preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Vera Arendsen, and her husband, Thomas R. McManus.

Calling hours will be at Noon on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Christ Memorial Church in Holland, MI followed by funeral at 1:00 pm officiated by

Rev. Bill Boersma and Rev. Steve VanderMolen. Burial will be next to her husband, Tom, in Windham Cemetery, Windham, Ohio. A graveside service will be held at Noon on Friday, February 28, 2020. Memorial contributions in Sharon's honor may be given to the Sharon V. McManus Education Scholarship Fund, c/o Hope College, PO Box 9000, Holland, MI 49422-9000.

Tribute Wall



“ Sharon McManus

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Sharon was a distinguished leader in family & consumer science field of study. I fondly remember the many years she dedicated herself to IFHE development fund through the cultural events at AAFCS annual conference -IFHE events. Truly an international professional! She will be missed in our FCS/IFHE families. I felt honored she asked me to share her table of guests at her DSA /AAFCS award presentation. She was a special person of grace, kindness, and thoughtfulness. May she rest in the peace of the Lord. Rita T Wood, Atco, NJ"*

Rita T Wood Wood - March 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Susan, I was so sorry to hear of your mother's illness and subsequent death from Ruth Ann. I so enjoyed knowing her when she lived in Bowling Green and an active participant in Trinity United Methodist Church. My sympathies go out to both you and to Dick at this time."*

Beverly Miner - March 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Aunt Sharon, we will miss you and your great Christmas letters. You lead such an active, wonderful life both professionally and personally, that all who loved you were both proud and and amazed. Yours was literally a life was well led. Sympathy and love to Susan. Tim and Anne McManus"*

A friend - February 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“I will always treasure our friendship and wonderful adventures together to different parts of the world. Sharon, who was so kind and compassionate appreciated people's different points of view, especially mine. I was quite fortunate to have Sharon in my life and I will miss her a great deal. The AAFCS annual meetings and IFHE Council and Congress won't be the same without her.”

Marianne Calhoun McKeon - February 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“Susan and family - We are so very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Sharon and I and many other Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana FCS professionals met many times to plan a conference which was held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in the summer of 2000. The Tri-State 2000 Conference was a great success, and we on the committee became good friends over the two-year planning process. From then on, we enjoyed seeing each other at annual AAFCS conferences. Sharon was a positive, dedicated leader in the FCS profession, and she will be greatly missed.”

Joy Jacobs - February 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DT

“Sharon was a friend and mentor to many in the profession. I will always remember her dedication to raising funds for professional projects in less developed countries through IFHE. Traveling with her to various countries was a pleasure. She will be missed for her friendship, welcoming manner, and joy of life. She made a difference in my life and to many others in our world.”

Deborah Tippett - February 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JR

“Sharon was a pillar in the family & consumer sciences profession. No matter what the issue, Sharon's positivity provided a light for many. I always loved participating in events and committees that she managed. Her loss is deeply mourned in the profession, but her legacy will be enduring. May all those who loved Sharon be comforted by Christ.”

Jody Roubanis - February 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GA

“So very sorry to hear of Sharon's passing. She was a special, loving person, dedicated to her profession, her friends and family. She was a strong leader in our family and consumer sciences profession. She will be missed by many and those who loved her and many friends in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences I grew up in Michigan, near Lake Michigan just South of where she was from. My deepest sympathy to her family.”

GRACE ANGOTTI - February 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JD

“To Sharon's family, Sharon was an exemplary person, always a positive force, and an amazing role model/cheer leader for those of us in the field of Family & Consumer Sciences. Sharon holds a special place in my heart! Blessings for a life well-lived!
Janine Duncan, colleague, Manhattan, KS”

Janine Duncan - February 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“Susan, I am so sorry to read about the passing of your mother. She was a great neighbor as were you and we continued to communicate every Christmas. She would always update me about you. May god give you strength and support during this very difficult time. With many prays and deepest sympathy”

Jill Bortel - February 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NB

“Sharon you left many footprints of wisdom in the world of family and consumer sciences and in our hearts. You were so kind to me when I began my career and welcomed me with open arms in so many ways. May you rest in peace knowing that you made so many contributions to our profession and to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.”

Nancy Bock Bock - February 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MA

“Hard to believe your gone , wish I had got to see you over Holidays. Our sympathy to you Susan and friend Dick at this time.”

Marcia - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DH

“Susan. Your mother was such an inspiration and a great mentor for so many. She implement so many great ideas and her passion for the profession was exceptional. We will miss her ideas and energy. You have my deepest sympathy”

Dorid Herringshaw - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SP

“May God be with Sharon's family and friends.”

Sandra Poirier - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JK

“Sharon will be missed in the home economics profession. Her many contributions were very important and she gave much of herself.”

jean knaak - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DR

“Sharon was my college instructor at BGSU and later my OAFCS colleague. She was always positive and friendly and was a driving force for fundraising for IFHE. I am sad that she is no longer with us. I will try to attend her services in Windham.”

Dr - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SO

“Susan,
Your mother was a precious friend and BGJH co-teacher. She was a dear soul. Now she is at peace in Our Father's arms. I pray for strength and comfort for you, Dick, and other friends and family. The blessings of the Lord be with you all in your great loss.
God's love and eternal hope, Shirley Oberhaus; Bowling Green OH”

Shirley Oberhaus - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RW

“She and I have been friend since early adulthood and college days. Much of our friendship has been long distance, but it did not keep us from sharing and debating the many issues that we both dealt with in our lives through letters, e-mail and telephone. I will miss her beyond words. Ruth Bernhardt Wood”

Ruth Wood - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TV

“*What an absolute privilege to sit directly across the table from Sharon at the Faithfulness Circle gatherings once a month at Christ Memorial Church. She was such a quiet encourager and her suggestions of pursuing the topic of Miracles and also of Angels led our group to study both of these through the Scriptures and our enthusiastic discussions. Our eyes met many times during the meetings and unspoken affirmation often encouraged me, along with her words, after the meetings. I am grieved at the thought of our meeting this Thursday without Sharon, yet I know we will all encourage each other around those tables as we celebrate her glorious eternal life. (And now she knows all the answers to the questions we never really came up with answers for about Christ's Miracles and also Angels.)*”

Tamara Velderman - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM