



## Sharon Kay Hockett

November 26, 1963 - April 29, 2024

Sharon Kay Hockett of Winter Park, FL passed peacefully on April 29, 2024 at the age of 60. She leaves behind a legacy centered on embracing life to its fullest. She is survived by her twin sister Karen Nieves, sister JoAnn Hankey (Michael), brother Gary Hockett (Lesia), niece (Christy) and four nephews (Kevin, Josh, Jason, and Ryan), several great nieces and nephews, and her American Hairless Terrier Mac. She was preceded in death by her parents and nephew Jeremy Hockett.

Born November 26, 1963, in Battle Creek, MI to Bruce and Dorma Hockett, Sharon had a passion for sports and music. Throughout her school years she played on the bowling team, softball team, and boys baseball team, ran track and field, and played the coronet. From a young age, she gave 150% to everything she did... even her first job at McDonald's, where she ascended to a leadership role and found immense joy in her work for numerous years.

In 1994, Sharon relocated to Central Florida, where she embraced the sunshine and water activities. Her career as a parts manager never felt like work, as she found joy in every endeavor she pursued.

Known for her infectious and always present smile, Sharon demonstrated an unbelievable zest for life and was genuine through and through. Even through her battle with cancer she remained positive and kept smiling. Her optimism and desire to live a life she loved gave her friends and family countless fond memories to cherish.

An outdoor enthusiast, Sharon led the Orlando Runners Group for years

where she fostered friendships and made everyone feel welcome. Whether running, biking, kayaking, or paddle boarding, she was always surrounded by friends, capturing moments with her famous "Sharon Selfie."

Her friendships were meaningful, and she was always there for her friends no matter what they needed. Sharon adored animals, especially her dogs King, Little Girl, Jack, and Mac. Above all, Sharon cherished her family and the special bond she had with her twin sister.

Sharon's Celebration of Life will take place on Friday, May 3rd from 5 PM – 8 PM at Secret Lake Park 200 N Triplet Lake Park, Casselberry FL 32707.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Secret Lake Park  
200 N Triplet Lake Dr  
Casselberry, FL 32707

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ I was Sharon's girlfriend in the late 80s. I worked with her at McDonald's. We had so many great times together. I was truly in love with her. I will miss her more than anyone will know. If we had met at a different time, maybe things would have been different. I will never forget the time we spent together and my condolences go to her family and friends.

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Dianna Gullett - July 08, 2024 at 01:53 AM

ES

“ I lived on the other side of Sharon's wall for 3 years. We had a most beautiful understanding of privacy, but also safety and connection as neighbors. I would cut her hair in the backyard during COVID, and we would gather each other packages for safekeeping. One night, we were enjoying a glass of wine on our front porch when another neighbor we hadn't met yet pulled up. We decided to invite him to join us, and the three of us dubbed ourselves the Biscayne Brigade for common front porch chill sessions. That other neighbor is now my fiancé and I always wonder how life may have played out had Sharon not invited me to have that glass that night.

Her spirit is truly infectious. My favorite quality in someone is their willingness to be authentic and Sharon had that on lock! Her optimism and love for life, especially through her fight, has always been so inspiring.

May she be flying high, resting peacefully, and soaking up ALL the sun!

We love you, Sharon! Thank you for the mark you left on this world.

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Erin S. - May 02, 2024 at 06:26 PM

AL

“ Sharon and I dated for a year back in 2012 and she became a fixture in my then 6 year old's life. She took me on bike rides and to OR nights for tacos afterwards. We went to Key West and went to state parks to camp with Jac. It didn't work out but we remained friends. I will miss having Sharon there to say hi to and share memories with. RIP Sharon.

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**Alana Lester** - May 02, 2024 at 10:59 AM

JL

“ I met Sharon through a run club in Orlando and though we were not close, she has left such an impression as to the type of person who I want to be and spend time with. What a tremendous loss of light, love, joy. Her energy lives on through the many of us who have been lucky enough to spend time with her.

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**Jen Lombardo** - May 02, 2024 at 09:52 AM

AB

“ I met Sharon in 1994 ... a friendship like no other ensued! Surfing every weekend -we both had a stroke when a dolphin swam between us! Rollerblading Cady Way-she would carry Lil' Girl in her arms when she got tired! Cruising Orlando in Sharon's pickup (which always smelled like tanning lotion) singing at the top of our lungs! So many memories! My deepest sympathy to Karen, family and friends ....

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**Amy Butcher** - May 01, 2024 at 06:34 PM

MM

“ I entered the Orlando biking club via an invitation from my girlfriend (now wife), Donna. From the very first ride when I met Sharon, she was warm, sweet, genuine and incredibly welcoming to me. We shared rides, jokes, adult beverages and most of all laughs. She had an infectious smile. I will never forget her favorite saying, “I love my life”. Sharon will be missed, but I will ALWAYS have a big smile on my face when I think of her.

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**Mark Moskowitz** - May 01, 2024 at 04:00 PM

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“ I went to high school with Sharon although I didn't know her on a personal level I always admired her being her authentic self. She has the most beautiful smile and those eyes right! I was her friend on Facebook and kept an eye on her. I was always so impressed by how she tackled life. With her love for her dogs and her friends, and her positivity throughout her cancer journey. She looked like she was always having a blast in her Sharon selfies! Rest in peace you are free!

My condolences and love to her family and friends 💕💕

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**Theresa Dixon Ranger (Dumham)** - May 01, 2024 at 11:41 AM

AB

Life is a little more dull without Spanky in it. Oh the memories from our days at McD's, concerts, softball games, and many, many more. My heart is broken for Karen for the rest of her family and friends. I'm sure her heaven surrounds her with animals.

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**Annette (Zuehlke) Burnett** - May 01, 2024 at 07:10 PM

JH

“ Even though you were the last of us kids to be born, you were always the strongest one. I never realized just how strong you really were until you had to fight your battle with cancer. Although I never REALLY got to know you until this year, you blessed me with the opportunity to see the beautiful woman you became. Not only did I get my sister back, you became my hero! This is not goodbye, only "see you later." Sharon, you will be in my heart always and forever.  
Your big sister, Jo Ann

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Jo Ann Hankey - May 01, 2024 at 10:27 AM