



Sharon Leigh Cilono

June 27, 1947 - February 20, 2020

Sharon Cilono, 72, of Orlando, passed away Thursday, February 20, 2020 after a motorcycle struck her on her way home from work. She was born in Hornell, NY to Freddie and Marilyn (Flaxington) Cilono Meyers. She retired from the Ninth Judicial Circuit as a member of the court administration and domestic violence and juvenile drug court arenas. She also taught a domestic batterers intervention program at Families Against Abuse.

Nicknamed the “Light of Orlando” by her son Craig, she was an incredible mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to her family. She was also deeply loved by her many friends, coworkers, and students. She was adventurous, fun, lively, and young-at-heart; she loved visiting Disney, zip-lining, seeing movies, roller skating, kayaking, taking Body Pump classes, and going to dinner and ballets with friends. She loved the arts and was a passionate advocate for many social causes.

She is survived by her daughter Michelle (Filion) Schon and her son Craig (Michelle) Filion; her siblings Mike (Karen) Meyers, Toni (Dale) Barringer, Mary Jo (Jim) Blake, Jeff (Carol) Meyers, and Judy Cilono; her grandchildren Tiffany, Jason, Raelyn, Christian, and Justin; and her great-grandchildren Carter, Kelsie, Owen, Wyatt, and Kinsley. She is predeceased by her parents, her son Todd, and her siblings Fred and Marcia Cilono.

A Celebration of Life is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th at 3:00PM at The First Unitarian Church of Orlando at 1901 E Robinson St, Orlando, FL 32803, (407) 898-3621.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any of the many charities Sharon supported.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

The First Unitarian Church of Orlando
1901 E. Robinson Street
Orlando, FL 32803

Tribute Wall

AR

“ *Families Against Abuse misses your wonderful counseling and clients still talk about how much you helped them..that is such a beautiful picture on here....shows your beautiful heart...Happy Birthday in Heaven my dear friend....Anne Rufiange Families Against Abuse...you helped so many people....*

Anne Rufiange - June 27, 2020 at 09:27 AM

JB

“ *Craig, Michelle, Jeff, Mary Jo and Mike, so sorry to hear of the passing of Sharon. After all these years I met her again in Orlando, we were both quite surprised. She was well respected in the community as was evident in all the remembrances at her service. Craig, thanks for taking the time to talk to me after the beautiful service. God bless you and your families.*

Joe Bernard - March 05, 2020 at 05:23 AM

LC

“ *Laura Claude purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sharon Leigh Cilono.*



Laura Claude - March 02, 2020 at 05:42 PM

JM

“ Jeff, Carol, Cody and Steven Meyers purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Sharon Leigh Cilono.



Jeff, Carol, Cody and Steven Meyers - March 02, 2020 at 10:13 AM

NM

“ To Michelle, Craig and entire family, & especially the grandchildren of this beautiful soul. I am saddened by her death but feel certain she is in God's paradise. Reading all the wonderful comments, Sharon reminds me of her daughter Michelle as Michelle is just like her mother in so many ways and carries on in Sharon's footsteps. Even one of the photos as Sharon is stirring something looks just like Michelle. One of God's many blessings to us. I pray that so many will comfort my friend and her family, Craig too as they go down this unbearable road that many of us have traveled already. Love and prayers. Nancy and Richard McClintock.

Nancy McClintock - March 01, 2020 at 11:13 AM

NM

“ Nancy and Richard McClintock purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Sharon Leigh Cilono.



Nancy and Richard McClintock - March 01, 2020 at 11:03 AM

GW

“ *My angel is in heaven helping all kinds of people. I call her my angel because of all the many, many things she did for me. When I would say, "Thank you my angel" she would say "you don't know, I'm not an angle" well you are to me. Sharon was a wonderful friend and neighbor. We had coffee together at least 2-4 times a week. All the problems of the world we would solve, all the laughter and tears we shared. She was the most interesting person I think I have ever known. She seemed to know something about just about everything from art, ballet to football!*

I have known Sharon for some 20 years and I can say for a fact she was in the happiest place in her life I have ever seen her.

Fit!, She was so fit! She could not go to bed until her circle on her fitbit was closed. She even went out one night after 9:00 PM to walk till her circle closed. WHAT A GIRL, I LOVE HER!

I have had the pleasure of meeting her children and they are just as lovely. How could they not be with a Mother like Sharon. My heart goes out to them and I am here for them anytime.

God held her in his hands and gently took her to heaven and gave her a pair of the most beautiful white wings. Now I truly have another Guardian Angel watching over me.

Grace Waldrop - February 28, 2020 at 12:26 PM

 John
Myers

“ *John Myers*

My condolences to Sharon's siblings; Mike, MaryJo and Jeff and to Sharon's extended family. I grew up on Seneca Drive, Champlain Park, and lived across the street from the Meyer's clan. I remember Sharon when we were in the 8th grade at Beekmantown Central. I remember her as a somewhat shy girl.

She has left us all way before her time. RIP Sharon.

John Myers - February 26, 2020 at 02:36 PM

EP

“ I can't stop thinking about all the talks and laughter we had. This one time Sharon and I went to the Amway to watch a Magic game. We were yelling and cheering our home team on. They made a basket, a 3 pointer at that. We both got so excited we slapped a high five. But on this exciting night five, we did not make contact, well with our hands anyways, lol. Sharon smacked me so hard right in the face. We laugh so hard I thought I was going to pee my pants. The rest of the night we just could not stop laughing. We were like, look at us two old ladies out and about trying to act all cool. And we can't even get a high five right. From that day on every time we talked to each other, I would always remind her of how crazy we are. Sitting there laughing because she slapped me in the face. I love all the times and laughter we had Sharon. And will miss them so much. RIP my dear friend

Ethe Price - February 25, 2020 at 08:13 PM

KT

“ Karola and Jim Thurman purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Sharon Leigh Cilono.



Karola and Jim Thurman - February 25, 2020 at 02:15 PM

RS

“ Grammy always took me to my favorite park, Magic Kingdom, even though her top choice was Animal Kingdom and Magic Kingdom was probably even her least favorite (I don't blame her, we spent 1 hour running around a PACKED restaurant there to find a seat when someone got up!!). She was just so excited when we got back the picture of us in front of Cinderella's castle from last August. She said, “Look, Tink is behind us! How cute!” I will always remember how excited she got over tiny Disney things like that and when we found the Minnie Mouse Apple Watch face!!! She literally squealed when Minnie said, “Good morning!” She insisted on buying me my favorite ears from the emporium each time, too. I will miss these adventures ❤️



Raelyn Schon - February 25, 2020 at 12:24 PM

MB

“ Aunt Sharon, we saw you a lot when i was a kid. We would come to Plattsburgh in the summer and the kids would play while you and mom would lay on lawn chairs under the sprinkler having some cold drinks. We loved those visits. Time and distance happened and you and i lost touch, but thanks to the internet, social media and Walt Disney World, i was able to reconnect with you and introduce you to my daughter, Paige. Paige fully adored her great Aunt Sharon and would ask every day we were this "is this an Aunt Sharon day?" with great excitement. We loved sharing the magic of Disney and learning your secret places, going to all your favorite attractions and having dinner with you at places you wouldn't go on your own. We loved laughing with you, riding your favorite rides with you and were already talking about going to celebrate the 50th with you next year. Paige and I are heartbroken and saddened. We'll miss you. Hopefully Walt's been there long enough to build a Disney World for you to enjoy. God Bless.

Marc Barringer - February 25, 2020 at 03:32 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Leigh Cilono.



February 24, 2020 at 06:59 PM

CF

“ My awesome mother I am supposed to be visiting you right now instead I cannot believe you were taken from me, this would have been so wonderful to be hanging out with you, im so angry that such a loving caring person could be taken , especially after all you have lived through, you were so alive and healthy, working out every day, working and playing, you were so generous, going out and buying coffee for my wife and wings for all of us, and many other things im sure you had planned as usual like many times before, all I can do now is move forward knowing that's what you would want, this weather has been georgious, I've been captured by your museum of trinkets, pictures native American items as usual, thank you for bringing me into your world every time you did it brightened my life, I will never have the chance to give back to you what you have given me, I so wish I could, you brought light into so many peoples lives and happiness, always helping and doing nice things , color creed race did not play any part in how decent you treated others, I love you so much, the only good thing is you will be with todd and your mother and other loved ones, I guess they missed you too, thank you for teaching me respect honesty love compassion and many other traits, I'm going to work hard to take what I've learned from you and use it in a very positive way, until we meet again amazing mother, fly high with those beautiful new wings, ps please send me a sign again, I LOVE You so much, I miss our fall tours in the adirondacks and I'm sure you do as well, whenever I'm in nature I will be sharing the moment with you, goodbye light of Orlando, hugs and kisses and most powerful wishes.

Craig Filion - February 24, 2020 at 06:47 AM

CF

You were the best son ever, both to dad and mom!

Craig Filion - February 24, 2020 at 06:47 AM

MA

She talked about all her kids with motherly pride and angelic love. Lucky you.

Maria - February 24, 2020 at 06:59 PM

DK

I had the opportunity to work with your mom at Costco with CDS. She would do her work outs in the morning and come to work after. We worked together the evening before she passed. She was so looking forward to her son and daughter in law's visit. Sharon(your mom and grandma) took her job seriously and she loved what she did. I as all of us with CDS and Costco are heart broken for her loss. Thank you for sharing such wonderful memories❤️

Donna Keefer - February 25, 2020 at 11:02 PM

MW

“*I just want to say how much she’s going to be missed by so many people who loved her and all the beautiful stories That has been told If there’s anything I’ve learned from Sharon since her passing is that she had three beautiful qualities that I have adopted into my own life love courage and strength thank you Sharon for being the best mother-in-law ever. See u in paradise 🙏💖*”

michelle clark filion (craigs wife) - February 24, 2020 at 06:45 AM

KT

“*Sharon, I am still amazed at all of the hard times you have overcome. Both of us have leaned on each other through thick and thin. I will never forget the fun times at the Women's March in Orlando. Fly up and away, my friend 🙏❤*”



Karola Thurman - February 23, 2020 at 11:39 PM

MA

“ My dear friend Sharon, though you went to rest in the arms of the almighty, your life was so rich in giving even the birds miss you today. There's definitely no one single way to describe how great of a human being you were for no mater the reason or the season your presence did never go unnoticed. I thank God for the 23 years of respectful friendship we shared. Moving on, your memory will forever live. May you rest in eternal peace. We love you Sharon.

Maria - February 23, 2020 at 11:24 PM

KT

“ Sharon has been a dear friend for over three decades. We met when we were still in college. I always marvelled at her courage and tenacity. She always fought for the underdog and gave it her all. Sharon kept up hope and persistance whatever battle she fought in life. Both, my husband and I will never forget the contributions she made to humanity! She was incredible and inspiring to so many! We will miss her very much. Our condolences to her family members. Sharon will forever be in my heart. Fairwell my dearest friend, Sharon! I will miss you, terribly.

Karola and Jim Thurman

Karola Thurman - February 23, 2020 at 10:38 PM

EP

“ Sharon was a great friend to me, and I am sure it's safe to say to mean people. I am going to miss many things about Sharon. Sharon was a very special person, she had a special heart that just filled the room that she was in. She would make me laugh so much when we where together or even just talking on the phone. As I am trying to find the right words to say about such a good friend, I look to the left at her photo, and just shake my head in disbelief. No matter what life dealt Sharon she always come out smiling.



Ethe Price - February 23, 2020 at 09:46 PM

EP

Thank you for being my friend, Sharon. There will always be a special place in my heart for you. My condolences to the family, all of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this hard time. Sharon loved all of you very much, she talked a lot about all of you. And her grandkids was her world, she loved them with all her heart. I will miss you my friend.

Ethe Price - February 23, 2020 at 09:56 PM

EP

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Ethe Price - February 23, 2020 at 09:08 PM

MM

“ 1 file added to the album Sharon in NY



Mike Meyers - February 23, 2020 at 08:45 PM

MM

“ 4 files added to the album Sharon in NY



Mike Meyers - February 23, 2020 at 08:43 PM

MB

“ sharon, I will miss having you there as my sister. I love you and wish we could erase what happened. Most painful watching your children and grandchildren with a broken heart. We will all try to be available for your kids, which we cannot even come close to ever filling that gap, as you can read from their hearts. Love you Sharon, goodbye

mary Jo blake - February 23, 2020 at 03:55 PM

KM

“ At some point in the past week I remembered when we were at your folks house after a funeral, and I was in the kitchen crying so I wouldn't embarrass anyone. You came in and I apologized for crying. Normally when this happens, I would get a pat on the back, or a hug because most people don't know what to do with us criers! You did neither. You told me it was okay to cry because that means I have an open heart. This happened over twenty years ago, and I cannot tell you how many times I have thought of that day and it always brought me comfort. You just had this way of talking to people.

You were an inspiration to me, and I was honored to know you. So grateful to spend your last days with you.

Godspeed my sister

Your sister-in-law,

Karen Meyers

Karen Meyers - February 23, 2020 at 03:49 PM

TO

“ 10 files added to the album Family Fun



Toni - February 23, 2020 at 03:30 PM

RS

“ You were and will always be so special to me, even now as just the memory of you.

So many things will always make me think of you: Kinder eggs, Apple watches, Avatar, tonic water, airplanes, dreamcatchers, polar ice flavored gum, Mickey Mouse, Christmas cactuses, caramel protein shakes, s'mores frappuchinos, fuzzy slippers, everything Orlando & West Palm Beach & Deerfield Beach, and so much more.

I hate to think that I will never hear your laugh again or your get-me-off-of-this-rollercoaster scream. I already miss your hugs and your sweet messages you always left me.

I cannot believe that only a little over a week ago, you were telling me you couldn't wait to see me graduate. I would do anything to have you and my dad there in the audience when I walk the stage. I like to hope you will be there with me somehow even though you cannot be physically. I know you would be so proud.

I always have and always will appreciate your love and generosity to me. I'm so glad I could be with you when you let go. I wanted you to know I was with you to the end. I pray you could hear us say goodbye and I hope you had a warm welcome from Uncle Todd and my Dad. Give them a hug for me.

XXX n OOO,

Rae

Raelyn Schon - February 23, 2020 at 01:30 PM

MS

She loved you so very much, Rae.

michelle filion schon - February 23, 2020 at 01:37 PM

MS

“ Mom, I love you so much. I can never fill your shoes. You were so giving, generous, loving, caring, thoughtful, fun, youthful, supportive, unique and you were brave. Brave enough to wear green hair, pink hair...you and I joked about how you lived "my dream life". I loved talking about the movies with you, and talking about "The Good Doctor" with you after it aired on Monday nights. I loved getting texts from you. I loved how supportive you have always been to me and my four kids. You have been there for your grandchildren since the day they were born. You have been there supporting me for as long as I can remember. I loved how you screamed on rollercoasters...not just on the downhills, but through the entire ride! I loved going to theme parks with you. I loved going to water parks with you. I loved hanging out with you. I loved how you were a survivor...creating a life for yourself after abuse, after lung cancer, after I had to move and take a huge part of your heart with me when I had to take your grandchildren up North, after Todd died. You were so brave, driving the frightening streets in Orlando, moving to Florida all by yourself. You were brave teaching your batterers classes Thursday nights. You were so generous, giving to countless charities you cared about. You loved life finally. You and I overcame our differences and became good friends. I loved how you took such good care of yourself going to the gym, quitting smoking, taking vitamins, eating healthily, practically starving yourself to keep yourself thin. You had such a balance in your life. You not only had the love of your family, but you had the love of so many people that speak so highly of you. You had your friends from AA, from the arts, from the Orange County Courts where you retired, from the gym classes, from church, from your neighborhood, and the men in your classes loved you and we've even heard you saved lives and that you were an incredible therapist. It was a blessing to be your daughter. It was a blessing to know you. It was a blessing to be with you when you survived cancer. It was a blessing to be with you when you found happiness. It was a blessing to be with you when you breathed your last breath, three generations...you, me and Raelyn, there at your bedside. I can only hope you are looking down on us, loving us the way you always have. I will miss you so much,

*as will everybody that knew you. I love you, mom.
Your daughter, Michelle
Firstborn*

Michelle Filion Schon - February 23, 2020 at 12:51 PM

MS

I meant to say I loved how your were surviving after Todd died. I know that just about killed you then.

Michelle Filion Schon - February 23, 2020 at 12:52 PM

MM

*My sister was so full of life and had much left to accomplish. She was always looking for ways to help those in need. And when we talked, she always praised her family, her daughter, sons, granddaughters and grandsons. She will always occupy a place in my heart.
Your brother,
Mike*

Mike Meyers - February 23, 2020 at 01:48 PM

TO

*You have been taken from this world much too soon, but you will never be gone to me. My heart will hold our special memories together forever - Disney World, you freezing on our deck when it was 65 degrees, so many movies, so many more laughs...I could go on and on. My sister, my friend, my confidante....my broken heart. Rest peacefully Sharon, and know you made a difference in this life.
Love and hugs,
Your sister,
Toni*

Toni - February 23, 2020 at 03:42 PM

CF

My awesome mother I am supposed to be visiting you right now instead I cannot believe you were taken from me, this would have been so wonderful to be hanging out with you, im so angry that such a loving caring person could be taken , especially after all you have lived through, you were so alive and healthy, working out every day, working and playing, you were so generous, going out and buying coffee for my wife and wings for all of us, and many other things im sure you had planned as usual like many times before, all I can do now is move forward knowing that's what you would want, this weather has been georgious, I've been captured by your museum of trinkets, pictures native American items as usual, thank you for bringing me into your world every time you did it brightened my life, I will never have the chance to give back to you what you have given me, I so wish I could, you brought light into so many peoples lives and happiness, always helping and doing nice things , color creed race did not play any part in how decent you treated others, I love you so much, the only good thing is you will be with todd and your mother and other loved ones, I guess they missed you too, thank you for teaching me respect honesty love compassion and many other traits, I'm going to work hard to take what I've learned from you and use it in a very positive way, until we meet again amazing mother, fly high with those beautiful new wings, ps please send me a sign again, I LOVE You so much, I miss our fall tours in the adirondacks and I'm sure you do as well, whenever I'm in nature I will be sharing the moment with you, goodbye light of Orlando, hugs and kisses and most powerful wishes.

Craig filion - February 23, 2020 at 05:41 PM