



## Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight

November 10, 1951 - July 24, 2017

Sharon Alice McCollum Knight, 65, of Albany, GA, died Monday July 24, 2017 at her residence surrounded by family. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2017, 3:00 p.m. at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church. Reverend Robert Green and Leigh Ann Raynor will officiate. Visitation for friends and family begins 1:30pm at Porterfield. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

Born in Bainbridge, GA, Mrs. Knight has resided in Albany, Ga since her marriage to Collins Knight III in 1978. She graduated from Bainbridge High School in 1969 then attended Georgia Southwestern State University. She worked at the Georgia Department of Labor and Engineering & Equipment Company. Sharon was a board member of American Cancer Society and lead the cancer support group and participated with the Meals on Wheels program at Porterfield Methodist Church where she was a member. Sharon was a member of the Charity

League of Albany.

Sharon took great pride in making memories with her husband, daughters, granddaughters and cherished friends. She could often be found walking her beloved dog "Lucy" and gardening around her home.

At age 37 Sharon was diagnosed with Leiomyosarcoma cancer. By God's amazing grace she shared her inspiring story to give others hope for over 28 years. She proclaimed "Life is about choices, and I choose to turn this negative into something positive. It has been an opportunity for growth. Growth is not always about getting what we want, but it is about being conformed to the image of Christ in which we become the men and women we have the potential to be." In 2012 Sharon's daughter, Tina, founded an event called Polo in the Pines to honor her mother's dream of funding cancer research. After four successful years the Sharon McCollum Knight, Polo in the Pines, Pediatric Cancer Research Fund was established on May 3, 2017 at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to honor her mother's legacy of giving.

She was preceded in death by her parents Willie B. McCollum and Frances Louise McCollum along with her brothers Joe McCollum and Glenn McCollum. Survivors include her husband, Collins Knight, two daughters: Tina Fowler (Matt) of Suwannee, GA and

Cathie Chandler (Chad)  
of Albany, GA.; grandchildren: Morgan Fowler, Collins Chandler, and Carson  
Chandler; along  
with a sister Jan Barber and her husband, Curtis, of Roanoke, VA.

In lieu of flowers those desiring may make memorials in memory of Sharon  
McCollum Knight to  
Polo in the Pines (An nonprofit charity event to support Pediatric Cancer  
Research at Children's  
Health Care of Atlanta), 5174 McGinnis Ferry Road #110, Alpharetta, GA,  
30005.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 1:30 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church  
2200 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

JUL 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church  
2200 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Linda Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight*



Linda Duncan - July 29, 2017 at 10:29 PM



“ *Ruud HVAC Division purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight.*



Ruud HVAC Division - July 28, 2017 at 12:49 PM

PK

“ Dear Collins, We have good memories of you and Sharon and our time in Albany. You were such a wonderful part of that. The road for you and Sharon has been full of ups and downs...Know that Mark and I have always held you close in our thoughts , praying for the best for both of you. Love love love, Pam and Mark

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**Pam Ketchum** - July 27, 2017 at 12:04 PM

CI

“ Dear Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Sharon's passing. She was a caring, loving, and giving person whose candle burned out way before her memory ever will. Sometimes words cannot comfort your grieving hearts. Please know others share your pain and grief. We pray God will wrap His arms around you and give you the peace and comfort you need at this time and the days ahead. I certainly did enjoy many conversation with Sharon especially when she volunteered at PPMH. Heaven received a special angel.  
Prayers,  
Bubba, Cathy & Anna Catherine Ivey



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**Cathy Ivey** - July 27, 2017 at 10:16 AM

CS

“ *Collins and Family*

*Sharon was such an inspiration of God's love on earth. She will forever be a person that will be remembered for her love for others. She was there for me when both my parents were diagnosed with Cancer and died 3 days apart from each other. I thank God for so many years of friendship with Sharon and know that her Legacy will always live on here on earth. The heavens have gained a true Angel and may the peace of God always be with all of you!!*

*Love*

*Cathy Shaw*

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**Cathy Shaw** - July 27, 2017 at 10:11 AM

SF

“ *Steve, Angie, Grayson, Lyndsey and Bryce Fowler purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight.*



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**Steve, Angie, Grayson, Lyndsey and Bryce Fowler** - July 27, 2017 at 09:02 AM

 Katie  
Wolter

“ We have the best memory of your mom Tina. Sharon came to our crazy neighborhood parties and played our silly games with us and laughed all night long. She was so full of love for her daughter and granddaughter but also spread her love and warmth to all of us along the way. I had not seen Sharon in 2 years or so when she walked the dog by and we sat for almost two hours catching up on everything - who does that, Sharon does. Tina, I know you will have a hole as big as TEXAS in your life because your mom was an amazingly beautiful and loving person. But, you are just like her and you will find beautiful amazing things about life to celebrate and you will make your Mom proud of all you are, all you do, and your own legacy. Your mom certainly leaves a huge smile on my face and everyone who knew her. Prayers to you and your family and smiles to Sharon.



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**Katie Wolter** - July 27, 2017 at 05:34 AM

WF

“ With Deepest Sympathy, The Jeff Hodge Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight.



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**With Deepest Sympathy, The Jeff Hodge Family** - July 26, 2017 at 10:08 PM

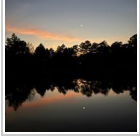


“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight.



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July 26, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ *A beautiful soul that will be greatly missed by her friends and family. So sorry to hear of her passing.*



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**Dianne Register** - July 26, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight.*



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July 26, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ *Sharon was a beautiful person, not just on the outside but on the inside as well. She was like a warm ray of sunshine and will be deeply missed by everyone's life that she touched. My heart goes out to her family. May the comfort and strength that only God can give be with you.*

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**Gayle Heard** - July 26, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ *We are so sorry Sharon lost her battle to cancer. She was a beautiful, sweet person. Please know our prayers are with you Collin & your family for strength and comfort in the days ahead. Love & sympathy from Lakeshore Dr neighbors, Felicia and JD Scarborough*

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**felicia scarborough** - July 26, 2017 at 08:48 AM

JS

“ JoAnne Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight



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**JoAnne Snell** - July 26, 2017 at 07:45 AM

JS

*Prayers for Sharon's family. She was an amazing women and I enjoyed working with Sharon during our time with the DOL. Rest In Peace Sharon!*

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**JoAnne Snell** - July 26, 2017 at 07:48 AM

TS

“ *Prayers to this amazing family. Sharon is a special person whose love for God and family came first in her life. i will miss our evening conversations on the golf course when she would take her golf cart out and let Lucy stretch her legs. She always stopped by to ask about our family and others. A selfless and beautiful person who will be missed.*

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**Tom Sullivan** - July 26, 2017 at 07:29 AM

JH

*When I think of Sharon and all of the good she has done in her lifetime.....I KNOW she must have been greeted at those Heavenly Gates with "Well done, Good and Faithful Servant" You will always be missed and remembered!! 😊*

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**Jane Hill** - July 26, 2017 at 07:51 AM

KH

“ Prayers for the Knight family. Since hearing the news, I've reflected on Sharon's love of gardening and especially how she ALWAYS looked good while doing it. I've also reflected on her passion for life and for her work to fight cancer. Feeling blessed to have called you "neighbor.”



Karla Heath-Sands - July 26, 2017 at 07:21 AM

LL

“ I light this candle in memory of a beautiful Lady inside and out. Sharon touched so many lives. She was loved and will be missed by many. My prayers for her family and friends.



Lynne P. Land - July 26, 2017 at 04:18 AM

LE

“ Lori Lane Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight



Lori Lane Eubanks - July 25, 2017 at 08:47 PM

CC

“ Sharon's family, I know your hearts are broken, but with time I pray that our God will surround you with his love today and in the days ahead. Sharon was a lovely lady that loved people and was loved by so many. I always thought she was so pretty. I too will be praying for the family.

Carolyn Cox - July 25, 2017 at 08:39 PM

AR

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Knight family. Sharon was a special person.*

anne rumble - July 25, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight.*



July 25, 2017 at 08:12 PM

KD

“ *When I remember Sharon, I think of her wonderful kindness. Prayers for her family.*  
*Karen Carow Dees*

Karen Carow Dees - July 25, 2017 at 07:32 PM



“ *Richard Setzer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight*



Richard Setzer - July 25, 2017 at 07:01 PM

AM

“ *Amy McCool lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight*



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**Amy McCool** - July 25, 2017 at 06:57 PM

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*A true Lady of the South! You could not help but love her!!!*

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**Amy McCool** - July 25, 2017 at 06:59 PM

CR

“ *I 1st met Sharon when she & I worked in a bank together. I was always in awe of her, her gentle voice & ways, her smiling everyday, & her love for people. I admired her so much. I only saw her a couple times when she looked sad. Hoping that knowing her body is pain free now & she is in heaven will be a comfort for all of you. I understand your pain because I have been where you are. Prayers.*

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**Connie Richter** - July 25, 2017 at 02:55 PM

VL

“ *Vicki H Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight*



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**Vicki H Lawrence** - July 25, 2017 at 02:42 PM

MS

“ *Mary Ann Steavens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight*



**Mary Ann Steavens** - July 25, 2017 at 01:00 PM

MS

*Always enjoyed the time we worked together at GDOL.*

**Mary Ann Steavens** - July 25, 2017 at 01:02 PM

CR

“ *Cherry Rizer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight*



**Cherry Rizer** - July 25, 2017 at 10:18 AM

TW

“ *Terry Wester-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sharon McCollum Knight*



**Terry Wester-Johnson** - July 25, 2017 at 09:41 AM

TW

*Collins, God Bless your family during this time of sorrow. Sharon is peaceful, she is home.*

**Terry Wester-Johnson** - July 25, 2017 at 09:44 AM

KG

*Sharon was a very remarkable, resilient and sweet woman. I will cherish our 41 years of close friendship and beautiful memories. Her accomplishments in life speak volumes. In each setting sun I will see her face and know she is at peace in God's kingdom. May God bless and be near each of you, Collins, Tina, and Kathy. My love to you all.*

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**Kay Geer-Pierce** - July 26, 2017 at 02:30 PM