



## Sherry Regina Hawkins

April 1, 1950 - June 8, 2020

Sherry Regina Hawkins, 70, of Annapolis, Maryland, passed away, June 8, 2020, after a year-long battle with Ovarian cancer.

Sherry was predeceased by her parents, Howard and Margaret Stull, her daughter, Julie Hawkins, and her granddaughter, Brittney Ramirez. She is survived by her husband of almost 47 years, Ronald, her sister, Sally Sauls, her niece, Christina Chalker, her great-granddaughter, Ava Ramirez, and her many friends.

Sherry was born April 1, 1950, in Warren, Ohio. She was a 1968 graduate of Newton Falls High School. In 1969, her father took a position at Fort Meade, Maryland, and the family moved to Odenton, Maryland.

Sherry began her administrative career working for a Maryland company, but soon transferred to Singer-Link, a company in Laurel, Maryland, who made aircraft simulators for the government. She was quickly promoted to Project Assistant, working for several company engineers.

In July, 1973, she married Ronnie and moved to Edgewater, Maryland. Shortly thereafter, she began her long and successful career with the Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Public School System.

Sherry first worked in the Purchasing Office. Her transfer to the Central Office as a Switchboard Operator (How many can remember what a switchboard is?) gave her the opportunity to make her “climb to the top.” She moved to the Division of Human Resources, where she was a long-time, valued team member. Sherry worked as a System Trainee Analyst, Personnel I Analyst (now a Human Resource Support Specialist), and served as a Human Resources Information System Specialist, until her retirement in 2005. Sherry was also honored to serve as a Project Manager, for implementation of a new Human Resources Software package, reporting directly to the Director of Human Resources.

“Retirement” did not stop her. She was asked to bring her many talents and boundless energy back to the department, as a temporary Professional Support Employee. Sherry continued to work on many, varied projects, from September 2005 until October 2016. Throughout her permanent and temporary positions, Sherry was instrumental in many of the efforts put forth to improve the quality and overall support services provided by Human Resources, to the ultimate benefit of all Anne Arundel County Public Schools employees. She was knowledgeable, professional and respectful to all, running her department with thoughtful and caring leadership.

In 2001, Sherry was the Anne Arundel County School System’s selection to receive the TWIN Award, which honors women who have made significant contributions to industry in managerial, executive, supervisory and/or professional roles. She considered this Award to be one of her greatest professional achievements.

Sherry was blessed to have many friends, but she considered a few to be her “sister” friends. She treasured the special bonds of love and support they shared equally.

Sherry enjoyed reading, TV shows, “America’s Funniest Home Videos,” “Family Feud,” “The Middle,” and “The Andy Griffith Show.” She liked an occasional trip to gamble at the Penny and Nickel slot machines, and was a lifelong fan of singer, Paul Anka. She had a great sense of humor, loved to laugh and was always ready to start a good conversation. Sherry loved spending time with friends and family, especially her great-granddaughter, Ava. She died peacefully at home.

Sherry was a believer in Jesus Christ, and now rests in Heaven, with all the loved ones gone before her. She will be missed, until we are reunited with her.

Sherry’s ashes will be buried, in a private ceremony, along with the ashes of her daughter and granddaughter, in Hillcrest Cemetery, Annapolis, Maryland. A celebration of her life will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sherry’s memory, to the SPCA, 1815 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401.

# Comments

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“ Sherry was my great friend & confidante. She faced life w/such optimism, mentored, encouraged & taught me balance in my career & personal life. Sherry invested in, nourished & respected her friendships. She was always present, fun and a such a wonderful story teller. Words of wisdom she shared that will remain w/me throughout life (she learned from CSP), “this is it kid, don’t be scared.”  
Sherry walked in love and I will forever miss my earthly friend.  
Rest In Peace my dear friend.  
Prayers and blessing to Ronnie, Ava, Sally, Christina, family & friends.

**Connie Crouch** - June 20, 2020 at 08:37 AM

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“ Sherry & I became friends shortly after I was hired at AACPS. Rosemary Soldano was the Building Manager at the time and Sherry and I both shared a great love and respect for her. Sherry was my go to friend, for support, comfort, understanding and laughter! She always found the silver lining in every trial we encountered. I will miss her more than words can express. . . heaven has gained an angel and she is with her beloved parents and her girls.

**Marcie Nourse** - June 18, 2020 at 06:24 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sherry Regina Hawkins.



June 18, 2020 at 12:54 PM

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“ Sherry and I were friends for 54 years. It was such a special gift in my life. We went to a school together and shared good times and some hard times. Sherry was always such a. Great soldier ron, I know you are so blessed to have had her in your life and I know she felt blessed to have had you

With love  
Maryellen dipaola

maryellen dipaola - June 17, 2020 at 07:59 PM

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“ Sherry was one of the first people I met when I came to ACPS as Director of Human Resources. She was an incredible colleague but an even better friend. Over the years, we shared life's ups and downs but Sherry made sure it was always with optimism and good humor. Sherry was my friend and I will miss her.

Carol Sheffey Parham - June 17, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Carol she ALWAYS spoke well of you, using you many times as an exemplary example in my life as what a boss and friend should be like.

Thank you

Christina Chalker - June 18, 2020 at 07:19 AM

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“ There are so many memories it's difficult to pick just one. My Aunt was an inspiration to her family and all who knew her. As for the memory I would have to say the cruise we took together to the southern Caribbean, we had many numerous talks that I cannot believe that I won't be able to do that anymore. I will miss her more than I can really process and I will always love you and carry you in my heart forever—until we meet again

Christina Chalker - June 17, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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“ Sherry was a wonderful person, kind and always had good advice whenever I need some. We met when Ava and Adrina was in Kindergarten and have been friends since. We will miss her terribly.

Nancy Kaur - June 17, 2020 at 12:15 PM

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“ Sherry and I shared our Ohio roots and often talked about growing up in Ohio. We worked together at AACPS and also became good friends. We went on many work trips together and shared a lot of stories and good laughs! I will miss my friend.

**Cindy Salmon** - June 17, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ Some additional thoughts as I remember our friendship

Sunset dinner sitting on the beach in California

Adventure with friends in the fields of Texas when Sherry had to go to the bathroom and sat on a cactus

Trip home from San Diego after 9/11 and stopped at a Rest stop in Arizona and the only place to go the the bathroom was behind a bush

Trip to the mountains in Utah and nobody told us that alcohol really goes to your your head at high altitude and we had to climb up the huge set of stairs back to the hotel - and pull off Lee's cowboy boots without waking up everyone in the hotel

Returning from a trip with our new hats on. Ronnie met us at the airport and asked Sherry are you going to wear that hat?

Planning the surprise 50th birthday party for Jim, Ronnie, and David.

Celebrated Sherry's parents 50th anniversary

4th of July fireworks at the Naval academy

Going in to the wrong house at a party. Ronnie was so embarrassed

Helping with Marcie and Greg's wedding

Gregs run for County Executive

A lot of good times my friend...

**Cindy Salmon** - June 17, 2020 at 02:42 PM

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“ Sherry was a beautiful person, inside and out. She was always ready to enjoy a good conversation with family and friends. The world is way less joyful without her bright light in it. Our love and prayers to Ron, Ava, Sally, and to all those who are grieving the loss of such a lovely human being.

**Karla and Thom McCarty** - June 12, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ I agree she was a beautiful person, always thoughtful and caring. I was honored to work with her at AACPS, HR dept. My thoughts go out to her family and friends.

**Susan Baugher** - June 17, 2020 at 08:36 AM