



Ms. Sharon Reed Forde

July 23, 1937 - July 31, 2021

Sharon Reed Forde passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 31 in Alpharetta, Georgia. She was 84 years old.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lesley and Thomas Cogburn of Decatur, Ga., daughter and son-in-law, Lainey and Phillip Bradley of Cumming, Ga., son-in-law, Marty Smith of Greenville, NC, and six grandchildren: Hannah, Caitie, Ben, Will, Julia, and Manny. She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Goldie Reed; her brother, Roger Reed; and her daughter, Lindsey Forde-Smith.

She earned a teaching degree from Western Michigan University and later moved to Gastonia, North Carolina, where she raised three daughters, instilling in them the values of faith, strength and love.

After relocating to Georgia in 2001, she became known as “Grandma Sharon” to most: a beloved volunteer at Parkway Preschool in Cumming, a source of light and encouragement for everyone she encountered, and a mother and grandmother figure to many. She enjoyed using her love of sewing to welcome new babies. Her generosity and kindness were abundant.

Sharon resolutely battled rheumatoid arthritis for over 30 years, and never let it stop her from giving of herself to others. She enjoyed the last seven years of

life in her assisted living community, where she served as a Resident Ambassador and had many friends. She was an avid, lifelong reader and will be remembered for sending notecards to others with her trademark smiley-face. What brought her the most joy was spending time with family.

A memorial service will be held privately, with a graveside service to follow at Gaston Memorial Park in Gastonia. Memorials can be made to two causes important to Sharon's children and grandchildren: Browns Bridge Church's Be Rich 2021 Fund (Send to North Point Ministries, 4400 North Point Pkwy., Suite 100, Alpharetta, GA 30022; checks made payable to "BBC Be Rich" with "In Memory of Sharon Forde" in the memo line) or Georgia For Georgia (georgiaforgeorgia.org/donate; select "Dedicated in Memory" of Sharon Forde.) Another way to honor our beloved mom and grandma is to send a note of encouragement to someone you love.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Sharon Reed Forde*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I always remember that wonderful visit to Naperville ,Chicago whe you lived there for a short time, wonderful food , and the warmth of your caring for Fran and I . I also remebe my daughter visit when you so kindlly invited her for a week after her Grandma Marrow passed. I have some pictures and recipes that you sent me and always remembered our family on the treasured Holidays. You have now gone to be with you beloved daughter Lindsey and I am happy for that . The family will miss you !!*



Elizabeth Delaney - August 04, 2021 at 11:26 AM



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