



Sharon Lou Bond

July 25, 1938 - October 15, 2016

Taped to her desk on a piece of paper in Sharon Bond's handwriting is the following saying: "Take all the time to tell the ones you love how much you really care . . . time passes by and you never get it back." Over the two years after she was diagnosed with lung cancer she told all of her friends, all of her family, and all of her caregivers just how much she loved each of them, and they, in turn, told Sharon just how much they loved her. Sharon did not start the process of dying after her diagnosis. Rather, she lived her final two years the same way that she lived her previous 76 – with dignity, grace, a sense of humor, and with an appreciation of the beauty inherent in even the smallest of things. Sharon died peacefully on October 15, 2016, surrounded by her three children, Jill, Mark and Kirk.

Sharon was born and raised and lived most of her life in Butte, Montana. She moved back to Butte after living in Columbia Falls for 13 years with her first husband, Ron Bond, and obtained a teaching degree from Western Montana College. She later obtained a master's degree from Northern Montana College. She embarked on a distinguished 40-year teaching career in 1973 in which she began as a kindergarten teacher at Hillcrest and ended as an on-line computer instructor at Western Montana College in 2013.

Sharon touched the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of students in a multitude of positive ways. Many of her former students told her that she had inspired them to become teachers. She went above and beyond what was expected of her as an educator, for instance, learning sign language so she could integrate two deaf students into a public school, then teaching sign language to the deaf students' classmates so all of the children could communicate with each other. She willingly took on students with significant disabilities who otherwise wouldn't have been able to attend public schools. For Sharon, "no child left behind" wasn't a political slogan; it was how she conducted her career.

Sharon was instrumental in introducing modern technology into the Butte School District in the 1980s. She helped to develop a curriculum for teaching personal computing and she taught computer technology courses at West Junior High and East Junior High for more than a decade.

She was immensely active in the Butte community. She was actively involved in the Retired Teachers Association, the PEO Sisterhood, Rainbow Girls, Delta Kappa Gamma

and the Business and Professional Women's Club, just to name a few. Her network of friends was vast. She had her golfing friends, her bowling friends, her Red Hat Society friends, her teacher friends, her line-dancing friends and her lunch bunch friends. She played hard with them, she laughed hard with them and she loved them all just as much as they loved her. Her passing has left a void in the hearts of hundreds in her community. Surviving family members include her son, Mark Bond and his wife Judy of Butte, and their children, Kelly, Brett, Kacy and Brock; her daughter, Jill Sampson and her husband Dan of Helena, and their four children, Brooke, Riley, Evan and Shea; her son, Kirk Bond and his wife Robyn of Australia, and Kirk's children Jamie and Bobby; her brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Maureen Evans of Butte; her sister, Gaylene Evans of Olympia, Washington; her step-daughter, Lori Rosencrans and her husband Doug of Seattle, and their children, Brandon and Christina; her step-daughter, Cindi Haller of Seattle and her children, Shaylen and Abigail; her step-daughter, Wendi Hubacka of Scottsdale, Arizona; her mother-in-law, Agnes Kindt of Butte; her nieces, Suzanne Evans and Julie Johns, both of Butte, and their families, and her nephew, Brad Evans of Butte. She was predeceased by her husband, Don Hubacka; her brother, Don Evans; and her parents, John and Bonnie Evans.

Memorial gifts can be made to the "Sharon Bond Memorial Scholarship Fund," c/o Butte High School, 401 S. Wyoming Street, Butte, MT 59701, or to the donor's favorite charity.

Comments



“ I'm so sorry I never got a chance to tell Mrs. Bond how important she was to me. I kept wanting to e-mail her, but I was sure she wouldn't remember me.

I was in first grade in 1984 and could only speak a strange mix of Filipino and English, which didn't go over too well in Butte in the 80's. She let me stay in at recess and taught me LOGO, in her fantastic pink jumpsuit! She was kind to all the kids, but made everyone feel special and gave me strength until I could go off on my own, even though I was always visiting her room. I try to model her kindness and acceptance every day, and literally, every time I turn on my computer I think of her.

I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful soul, and will be missed terribly.

Carissa Escobar - November 03, 2016 at 03:04 PM



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Jill Sampson - October 21, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ Jill and family...your mom sounds like an amazing woman filled with life, love and much laughter. I have no doubt those very gifts are a part of you, and the memories you've shared will sustain you as you journey through this loss. I'm thinking of you and holding you in my prayers.

Laurie Kops

Laurie Kops - October 20, 2016 at 10:48 AM



“ I have spoke of Mrs. Bond fondly for years. She was the one teacher that truly made an impression on me... I have been speckled with freckles my entire life, & although freckles didn't always make me feel beautiful, Mrs. Bond made it feel that way. I have quoted her words of acceptance & love a hundred times - & remember like it was yesterday. She convinced me that every freckle was a kiss from an angle. She made me feel special at a very impressionable age. I will always remember her for that... I know where my next freckle is coming from & what angle sent it in a kiss. You will be missed.

Kimberly Buehler - October 19, 2016 at 09:16 PM



“ I just want to let Mark , Kirk and Jill know I am thinking of them , I spent a lot of great times with Mark and his Mom was always gracious . Love and Prayers you guys.

john willard - October 19, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ RIP, Sharon! You were a fabulous teacher and talked many of us into "embracing" rather than fighting technology... you were a beautiful lady, and a true inspiration to all! You will be missed! Kathy Freze Isaacson

Kathy Isaacson - October 19, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ Mrs. Bond was an amazing teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Marilou Cashell Hart



Marilou Hart - October 19, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ RIP Sharon, I know you are leaving a huge hole in Mom's heart as one of her dearest friends. My thoughts and prayers go out to those who are left behind, but know your pain is gone and you are in a much better place.

Tom - October 19, 2016 at 01:19 PM



“ Mark, Judy and entire Bond family, I don't know if you remember me from our college years in Bozeman, but I saw this and knew immediately it was your mom. I am sorry for your loss. Your mom sounds like she was a wonderful lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Doreen Steiner Boyer, Missoula MT

Doreen Steiner Boyer - October 19, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ Mark, Kirk, Jill and families - I am so very sorry for your loss. Sharon was such a joyful person to be around. My mother speaks often of their friendship and activities when we were young. May she now be at peace. God bless you all. Dianna Wenger, Casa Grande AZ.

Dianna Wenger - October 20, 2016 at 12:21 AM