



Leslye J. Sherman

September 25, 1942 - November 2, 2015

Leslye J. Sherman (nee: Hecker) died peacefully after a four-year struggle with ALS, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

She leaves behind her beloved family: husband, Larry; son, D. Eli Sherman and daughter-in-law, Diana Salzarulo Sherman; grandsons, Kyle and Jacob Sherman; daughter, Heather Dael Sherman; sister, Jamie Hecker (Debra Hirshberg); brother, Dale Hecker (Laura Semko Hecker); and her sister-in-law, Norma Sherman Kelling. She also leaves behind a widespread community of very dear and supportive friends.

Leslye said she was lucky to live a wonderful life and came to understand the wisdom of Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh's words, "Waking up this morning, I smile. Twenty-four brand new hours are before me. I vow to live fully in each moment and to look at all beings with eyes of compassion."

Majoring in English Literature as an undergraduate, followed by a Master of Science in Library Science (MSLS) degree, she earned a living in the world of books and remained fascinated by literature and poetry. Leslye earned a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in 1983 and taught painting and drawing at Miami University from 1997 to 2005. Becoming an accomplished artist she had many well-received gallery showings of her paintings. Leslye was also fascinated by and enjoyed birding, hiking, environmental activism, and Zen meditation. After

retirement, she divided her time between Oxford, Ohio and Fort Collins, Colorado where she eventually moved.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Rocky Mountain ALS Association, Pathways Hospice (Community Care for Northern Colorado), the Wilderness Society, or the National Audubon Society, in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Honoring her wishes, the family will scatter her ashes in the mountains at a later date. There will be no memorial service.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Dear Larry and family: We heard of Leslye's passing only at last week's homeowners meeting. It was a delight to have her as a member of our community and it was obvious to all that she had many dedicated caregivers. We will miss her presence among us.

David and Louann Reid - March 05, 2016 at 04:52 PM

FB

“ Dear Larry and family, Fr. Jim Bok here--from Roger Bacon days. I was sorry to hear of Leslye's death, especially as a result of ALS. My dad died of ASL. You all have my deepest sympathy. I have fond memories of Leslye and all of you and well remember the wedding of Eli and Diana. Please know that she and all of you will be in my prayers. May the Lord give you consolation and peace! --Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim Bok - November 12, 2015 at 05:03 PM

TC

“ My heartfelt condolences to Larry and your family.
Sincerely,
Tracy Chappelow

Tracy Chappelow - November 12, 2015 at 07:22 AM

JG

“ Leslye is such a beautiful soul....I will miss her. I always felt so happy the few times that I got to visit with her. The world will miss her.

Jim Graham

Jim Graham - November 10, 2015 at 10:17 AM

EC

“ Leslye was my first friend when we moved to Oxford. Being new to Miami University, where our husbands had just started teaching, both of us had joined a Newcomer's Book Group. I remember it well. This wonderful beautiful woman was quietly voicing many of the same thoughts and impressions I had of whatever book it was we had been reading. She was intelligent, observant, considerate and thoughtful in her opinions. By the end of that first meeting, she and I met, exchanged phone numbers, and our life-long friendship was on its way!

It is hard to say what is the thing I will miss most about her--there are so many, big and little. In every way, I'm so glad that Leslye was in my life. All my condolences to all of you in her family. I wish you all comfort in your grief.

Elizabeth Claussen

Elizabeth Claussen - November 08, 2015 at 03:43 PM

MS

“ I am going to miss the times I spent with Leslye. She was always such a positive person and a pleasure to be with. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Miriam Salzarulo - November 08, 2015 at 01:31 PM

GJ

“ I don't think I ever had the good fortune to meet Leslye, but I shared many wonderful moments with her husband Larry, as each of us enjoyed promoting Cooperative Learning. I'm sure that Larry, Leslye, their family and friends shared many such wonderful moments. --george jacobs

George Jacobs - November 08, 2015 at 02:38 AM

NG

“ Nick and Cher Goeder purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Leslye J. Sherman.



Nick and Cher Goeder - November 07, 2015 at 11:53 AM

WD

“ Rest in peace my friend, my love, my confidant. soon we shall be rejoined, may the light at the end of the tunnel burn as bright as you , and guide you to fulfillment, and lead me to your presence.

Wade Dellmr - November 05, 2015 at 06:55 PM