



Shari Gay Maksud

January 12, 1945 - December 15, 2019

Shari passed away the morning of 15 December 2019 with her husband and daughter by her side.

Shari was born on 12 January 1945 to Robert Houghton Dixon and Edna May Gluth in Toledo, Oregon.

Shari graduated from Toledo high school, and then received her bachelors and masters degrees from Linfield College in 1967. After graduation she took a teaching position in Sacramento, California, later moving back to Corvallis and teaching at Cheldelin Middle School. Shari married Michael J. O'Brien in 1968 in Toledo, and had two children, Deon and Thad. They later divorced. Shari and Michael Maksud were married 28 August 1982 at the Corvallis Arts Center in Corvallis. Shari went back to teaching in 1991 at Turner Middle school, later returning to the Corvallis School District in 1999. She taught at Western View, Westland, Linus Pauling and CHS. She loved to teach. She is remembered by many of her students as an inspiration. Shari had a heart for service and a love of students. She advocated for a strong service learning component in the schools. In 2004, she received the Stellar Service Award from the school district. Shari was also a long time member of PEO, spearheading the Mo's Chowder Feed for many years.

A patient and loving mother, Shari opened her heart and home to friends

young and old. Her home was always filled with laughter and love of friends and family. Shari was passionate about learning, leadership, and service, and was a shining example of what she taught. She leaves behind a legacy of this work in her students, daughter and grandchildren.

Shari was a beloved Nana to her grandchildren. Fun, creative, patient and loving, she never missed an opportunity to play with them, attend their activities, mentor sewing projects, dance in the kitchen, or snuggle up with a book or movie.

Shari was preceded in death by her son, Thaddius JR O'Brien. She is survived by her husband, Michael G. Maksud; her daughters, Deon O'Brien Merten, Michelle Baylerian and Dawn Sagrillo; her sister, Patti Dixon Crisler and brother-in-law Allan Crisler; niece Casey Crisler Davis; and grandchildren: Alexae, Olivia, Solomon, Nicolas, Elizabeth and Isabelle, Marissa, Megan and Drew.

A viewing will be at 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday, December 22, at McHenry Funeral home. A memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, December 23 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis.

Memorial contributions can be made in Shari's name to Corvallis Public School Foundation or Lumina Hospice. Please leave condolences for the family at www.mchenryfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Viewing/Rosary

DEC **22**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Memorial Service

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
501 NW 25th St.
Corvallis, OR

Graveside Committal

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Cemetery
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Dean Maksud, sorry for loss of Shari! I always enjoyed you both and Shari was so loving and kind! Sigh. Hope you're well!*

*Paul Maguire
Bradley Lake, Palmer, Alaska*

paul maguire - April 12, 2020 at 11:29 PM

CM

“ *I'm so saddened to hear of Shari's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of our high school days. I'm sure she was an inspiration to many as she was to me. She'll be greatly missed.*

Cheryl Meadows

Cheryl Meadows - January 18, 2020 at 09:41 PM

JS

“ *Mike -*

I did not know Shari, but resonate with her love of teaching. My best to you at this time of great loss.

John Snelling, substitute teacher and fellow fisherman

John Snelling - December 21, 2019 at 10:42 AM

BF

“ I had the honor to work with Shari, coordinating service learning projects for Corvallis students. Shari contributed an incredible amount of love and kindness to this world- directly through her actions and in the spirit of service that she inspired in others. What a rare heart, and such grace in every sense. Shari helped me become a better educator and a better person. Thank you Shari for being a wonderful mentor, friend, and an example of how to live and love.

Brian Flannery - December 20, 2019 at 07:40 PM

BP

“ I have fond memories of working with Shari..always so upbeat, friendly and passionate about her work and family.
Barb Popoff

Barb Popoff - December 20, 2019 at 07:33 PM

DD

“ Shari was a fiercely loyal friend. Her care and concern for others was inspirational. She was so proud of her grandchildren ❤️

Debi Day - December 19, 2019 at 05:34 PM

DH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Shari's death. Our hearts are with her family.
Dianne and Tom Hart

Dianne Hart - December 19, 2019 at 11:48 AM