



Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs

February 17, 1952 - November 9, 2015

Mrs. Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs, 63 of Santa Rosa, California departed this life November 9,, 2015 with her husband Gerald by her side.

Funeral services will be held at Noon November 21, 2015 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, Mo. The Rev. Charlie Wright and Rev. Debby Thorton will officiate. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a. m. until time of service at noon on Saturday, November 21st at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville, MO.

She was born February 17, 1952 to Edward L. Wheeler, Sr. and Maymie Yates Wheeler of Clarksville, Missouri. She is survived by her husband, Gerald Diggs, one daughter; Ashley Piper of Santa Rosa, CA., one son; Alex Diggs all of Santa Rosa, CA., mother; Maymie Yates Wheeler of Clarksville, Missouri, two brothers; Edward Wheeler, Jr. and wife (Melissa) of Eolia, Missouri and Gary Wheeler and wife (Betsy) of St. Louis, MO. and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edward L. Wheeler, Sr. and a sister; Carol Ann Wheeler Bryant.

She was a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. John Mitchell, Sr., Pastor of Kinloch, MO. She was also baptized and received the Holy Spirit at True Gospel Miracle Church.

Sharon was known as a coach, friend, mentor, and confidant for many within the Medical Devices community for the past 15 years. Sharon's career as a

Human Resources professional started in Talent Acquisition at Guidant/Boston Scientific Corporation and for the past 8 years was an outstanding leader within Medtronic Corporation. She most recently was a Sr. Director for Diversity and Inclusion supporting thousands of employees within the cardiovascular division of the company.

Sharon received many awards and recognition throughout her career. Some of those awards were being recognized in the Heart and Soul Magazine for "Women of the Substance in Healthcare and California's Diversity Council's "2013 Multicultural Leadership Award".

Sharon's primary devotion was giving her family the sincerest opportunity to explore any and every endeavor that would provide her family with the best quality of life. She was also an advocate for woman with her continuous support and leadership within the YWCA and the American Heart Association.

Sharon had a natural ability of helping anyone become the best person that they could be. Her passion involved making diversity and inclusion a part of everyone's culture. She loved being able to make teams better, people better, and watch them flourish.

"Diversity is an opportunity to be had, not a problem to be solved."

-Sharon Piper-Diggs

In memory of Sharon:

1. Live Sharon's legacy by mentoring as many people as you can. This was Sharon's mission in life was to help other's with her wisdom and knowledge.
2. Bethel AME Church in care of George Yates, P O Box 156, Clarksville, MO 63336
3. Alex Diggs College Fund- Mail Check to: 3651 Crown Hill Dr. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Honorary pallbearers are; Richie Bryant, Ronnie Redd, Mike Yates and

Johnny Bryant. Active pallbearers are; Calvin Diggs, Michael Bradley, Douglas Marsh, Rick Smith, Ledrick Wilson and Aaron Carr

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Pike 235
Clarksville, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *I loved her. She was one of the first corporate leaders I ever met, she was at Guidant. We worked together over many years, different projects. I had never met anyone like her and never have in all of these years. Her laughter was the very best medicine. I will carry her with me always.*

Catherine Smith - December 31, 2015 at 08:57 PM



“ *Sharon, I did not know you personally but I knew of all the great work you did. The same disease that took you away also took my mom so I feel a keen connection with you and your family. Thank you for all the great work you did at Medtronic and I will honor your legacy and follow your mantra that “Diversity is an opportunity to be had, not a problem to be solved.” I am sure you are with our Lord resting in peace now. I pray for comfort to your family during this difficult time.*

Yasmin Barnes-Valdes - December 08, 2015 at 12:20 PM

VS

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vipul sheth - November 23, 2015 at 11:50 AM

CP

“ *Our hearts are saddened to hear of your loss. We send condolences to the family of Sharon Piper-Diggs.*

*C. Jessica Phillips
Human Resources
Medtronic Distribution Center*

C Jessica Phillips - November 20, 2015 at 06:57 PM

VF

“ *Vicky (Bonds) Thomas & Debby Williams and family purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.*



Vicky (Bonds) Thomas & Debby Williams and family -
November 20, 2015 at 05:36 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.*



November 20, 2015 at 10:31 AM

LH

“ Sharon was a unique person with incredible talents, gifts and energy. She brought this energy, passion and caring to whatever she did, and inspired so many of us to think and act with broader perspectives. She will be forever missed, and forever remembered by those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Lance Hazzard - November 20, 2015 at 09:41 AM

DP

“ Danielle, Jose, and Piers purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.



Danielle, Jose, and Piers - November 20, 2015 at 04:10 AM

MA

“ Medtronic Talent Acquisition purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.



Medtronic Talent Acquisition - November 19, 2015 at 11:55 AM



“ A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.



November 19, 2015 at 11:49 AM

JG

“ Sharon was a precious friend and mentor to me, and to many. She had a special way to make us feel at ease, listened to and guided with compassion and strength. I will forever remember Sharon and the gifts she bestowed upon us.

*"When we are weary and in need of strength; We remember her.
When we are lost and sick at heart; We remember her.
When we have decisions that are difficult to make; We remember her.
When we have joy we crave to share; We remember her.
When we have achievements that are based on hers; We remember her.
For as long as we live, she too will live, for she is now a part of us as, We remember her."*

Jody Guthrie

Jody Guthrie - November 19, 2015 at 11:48 AM

KA

“ Sharon's passion for others was contagious. She was an amazing colleague and mentor to me and so many others. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this difficult time. I know that her legacy will shine through many for years to come.

Kariann

Kariann - November 19, 2015 at 11:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.*



November 19, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ *Kim McEachron and E. John Evans purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.*



Kim McEachron and E. John Evans - November 18, 2015 at 10:59 PM



“ *Jeff Clark, Medtronic purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.*



Jeff Clark, Medtronic - November 18, 2015 at 06:03 PM



“ *Michelle Miller and the Medtronic Employment Law Group purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.*



Michelle Miller and the Medtronic Employment Law Group - November 18, 2015 at 05:53 PM

CM

“ Cheryl B. Lewis, AZ Medtronic purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.



Cheryl B. Lewis, AZ Medtronic - November 18, 2015 at 01:55 PM

YS

“ Ylisa Sanford Seymour purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.



Ylisa Sanford Seymour - November 18, 2015 at 12:28 PM



“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.



November 18, 2015 at 12:03 PM

LS

“ To the family and friends of Sharon - words can't express the sorrow when I heard of this sad news of a friends passing. I have not seen Sharon for over 30+ years and I am sure that she did not forget our friendship that we had while growing up together through out those years. My prayers goes out the the family. Mrs. Maymie, I know that it is hard to lose a child, myself, I know too well. Sharon was a very caring person and I know that in Heaven she will be doing the same as she did here on Earth. Sharon will always be remembered by ALL that she touched during her life time.

Linda Shaw-Tucker - November 18, 2015 at 11:26 AM

KA

“ Sharon cared and was a woman of great faith. She gave her life to serving others and let the will of God be her guide. She was a Light in the world and brought much joy to those of us who had the pleasure and honor to work with her at Medtronic. My the Lord bless her and keep her. May the Lord shine his countenance upon her as she is now at peace with Hlm. Thanks for sharing your gifts with us in this world, Sharon. They will forever fill our hearts with love and memories of you.



Karen Mathre

Karen - November 18, 2015 at 11:20 AM

EV

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Evy - November 18, 2015 at 11:07 AM

EV

“ Sharon was a beacon of light. She made everyone she met feel as if they were her best friend, even if they were not. She touched thousands of people with her radiance. She made time for all. She was so proud of her family.



I love Sharon and will continue her mission of mentoring others.

On Friendship

AND a youth said, Speak to us of Friendship. And he answered, saying: Your friend is your needs answered.

He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving. And he is your board and your fireside. For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for peace.

When your friend speaks his mind you fear not the 'nay' in your own mind, nor do you withhold the 'Ay.' And when he is silent your heart ceases not to listen to his heart;

For without words, in friendship, all thoughts, all desires, all expectations are born and shared, with joy that is unclaimed.

When you part from your friend, you grieve not; For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain.

And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit. For love that seeks ought but the disclosure of its own mystery is not love but a net cast forth: and only the unprofitable is caught.

And let your best be for your friend. If he must know the ebb of your tide, let him know its flood also. For what is your friend that you should seek him with hours to kill? Seek him always with hours to live. For it is his to fill your need, but not your emptiness.

And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.

Khalil Gibran

Evy - November 18, 2015 at 10:52 AM

EV

Evy Engrav - Medtronic - Diversity and Inclusion/TA Partner

Evy - November 18, 2015 at 10:54 AM

EG

“ *Praying for the family. I did not know her, but I know the Yates family, so sorry to hear of your loss, may God be with you all.*

Ernestine and Howard Grimmatt - November 17, 2015 at 08:40 PM

MA

“ *My Dear Friend, words can't express the sorrow I felt when I heard of your passing, I know you're in goods with Our Father in Heaven. Thank you for honoring me with your Friendship, it was a wonderful gift. My prayers for your Family is for strength on this journey, just remember that beautiful smile she always carried. Mary L Gregory-Williams and Family*



Mary - November 17, 2015 at 06:10 PM

FA

“ *From your InspiRed Women friends and the Heart Association purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.*



From your InspiRed Women friends and the Heart Association - November 17, 2015 at 01:53 PM

SM

“ *Stan Blackwell and STS Team at Medtronic purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.*



Stan Blackwell and STS Team at Medtronic - November 17, 2015 at 11:19 AM

NM

“ *Sharon and I were cheerleaders together at Clooton High. She had the best roundoff ever! Seriously, Sharon was my very good friend and I loved her dearly. She was a role model to so many and a wonderful woman. May she always be remembered.*

Nancy Grimshaw Miller - November 16, 2015 at 10:02 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Sharon Lee Wheeler Piper-Diggs.*



November 16, 2015 at 03:32 PM

PW

“ *A beautiful, kind and caring spirit.
Peace and love to her family,
Tricia Walker
Medtronic Supplier Quality and SWEnet Global Chair*

Patricia Walker - November 16, 2015 at 02:24 PM

KA

To the family of Sharon Wheeler Piper-Diggs

You have our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one, Sharon. May God give you solace and comfort at this time of loss. You are in our prayers.

Kathleen Alexander

Kathleen - November 20, 2015 at 05:57 PM

VS

Sharon - You were always a big supporter for the work we did in the CVIR group. You will always be a source of inspiration and passion for inclusion and community service; I learnt so much from you in the area of diversity and inclusion. You have made a huge positive impression on many people and we will always be grateful.

Vipul Sheth

vipul sheth - November 23, 2015 at 11:47 AM