



Sharon H. McGonigal

April 19, 1937 - August 9, 2019

Sharon Hall McGonigal, 82, of Hanover, died peacefully and surrounded by family on Friday, August 9, 2019.

Sharon was born on Monday, April 19, 1937 in Snow Shoe, Pennsylvania. She was a daughter of the late Frederick L. and Sarah E. Sherman Hall and was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, L. Daniel McGonigal, a son, Shane Daniel McGonigal; a daughter, Stephanie Anne McGonigal; a sister, Patricia Lou Hughes; and two brothers, Dennis Hall and L. David Hall, MD.

Sharon graduated from Snow Shoe High School in 1955 where she was active in band, pep club and softball. She pursued her desire for a career in nursing and went on to earn her degree as a Registered Nurse in 1958 from University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She continued to work at the University after graduation until returning to Snow Shoe in 1960 to marry her husband and begin their family.

Sharon dedicated herself to nursing throughout her lifetime, beginning her career working in labor & delivery for more than 20 years. She continued her learning and transitioned to emergency nursing where she worked in the Hanover Hospital Emergency Department for 29 years while she passionately supported emergency nursing through being an active member of the Pennsylvania Emergency Nurses Association. Sharon continued working in emergency nursing until retiring at 74 years old in 2011 and continued to volunteer her time at the hospital after retirement. She received numerous nursing awards throughout her career the pinnacle of which was when she was awarded the National Emergency Nurses Association Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012, 57 years after she began her nursing journey.

Sharon most enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and wanted nothing less than for everyone around her to find happiness. She spent her life in devotion to others, her love and compassion knew no bounds, her home no doors. A pillar of strength at home, at the hospital, and in the community, she selflessly comforted and cared for

countless people. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Hanover. Among her passions were a love for baking, reading, and roses.

Sharon is survived by her daughter, Michelle Lynn Tasker and her husband, Michael, of Hanover; two sons, Daniel Lewis McGonigal and his wife, Nadine, of Hatfield and Kevin Hall McGonigal and his wife, Nickie, of York; five grandchildren, David Michael Tasker, Nathan Michael Tasker, Michaela Grace Tasker, Quinten Frederick McGonigal and Brody Jonathan McGonigal; a great-grandchild due January 2020; three sisters, Jacqueline Granite of Camp Hill, Cynthia Butler and her husband, Ward, of Bellefonte and Marsha Hall of Baldwin, MD; and many nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at First United Methodist Church of Hanover with The Rev. Gregory A. Rapp officiating. Guests will have the opportunity to share stories and/or speak on Sharon's behalf during the ceremony. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service in the church Parlor and immediately following the service in the church's Gathering Place. Burial will be in Askey Cemetery in Snow Shoe at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 200 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA 17331.

Cemetery

Askey Cemetery

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Events

AUG **Receiving of Friends** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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First United Methodist Church

200 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA, US, 17331

AUG **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ I was so saddened to hear of Sharon's passing. I had the pleasure of working with her in the Hanover ER and she was good friends with my great aunt Dolores Smith, who had also passed in January. She was a lovely, caring person and will be missed. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss. Andrea Fuhrman

Andrea Fuhrman - August 22, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ You have our deepest sympathy and are in our thoughts and prayers. When we stopped in to see her several weeks ago I asked her if she was ready to meet Jesus if He was to call for her and she said she was. I worked with Sharon for a number of years in the ED on night shift. We are sorry we could not attend the service, we were out of town.
In deepest sympathy, Dwight and Donna Mummert

Dwight and Donna Mummert - August 20, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ Dearest Danny, Michelle and Kevin ~

I'll never forget your mother! I wish so much I would have seen her in the past few years. Did you know she was with my mother in the hospital during my birth in 1965? Guessing she was probably pregnant with you, Danny. She came up for the funeral of my first husband when our son was only 2.5 in 1991. Her and Jacque's very unexpected appearance filled me with comfort. I remember them waiting with me when everyone left, but we stayed because Max wanted to watch the "digger" cover the grave (odd as that was, they understood how important it was to a toddler - and, to me.) She always shared a witty Hall full laugh, even when she was (sometimes sternly) giving us sage advice. I thought of her as a "rock". And, I loved her. She was the perfect mix of your fantastic Gram Sally, of whom I also have very fond memories, and what I expect was her very stern grandfather, Rev. Sherman and grandmother. My gram Margy adored her! She was so proud of her nieces! I'm sure Uncle David and here we co-horts in many adventures in their youth!

A few more indelible memories: A photo of Danny and I as babies playing on a bed in Margy's house (where I now live); and a picnic at your house (also photos) when Michelle (as a young-mid teen) refused to get off the phone, went to the basement, sat on the sink and it broke off and water flooded - she still wouldn't get off the phone! Haha That was such a fun and nice time at your house. Kevin, sorry, you were quite a bit younger than me so we didn't interact much. I have only fleeting memories of Shane as a baby and in his younger years with his blond hair when y'all came up to visit.

Cousins, my love and heartache goes out to you! I hope the memorial was lovely for everyone. Aunt Sharon certainly was beloved and respected by so many.

~ Karen (Hall) Andrus-Smith

Cousin Kare - August 19, 2019 at 12:44 AM



“ Sharon was one of them kindest people I've ever known.

Daryl Hoover - August 18, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ I met Sharon when in labor with my second son at the Hanover Hospital. Her sense of humor and compassion helped so much with that experience. She let me keep my contacts in saying something like, You're going to want to see what's happening aren't you? I'll get them out for you if necessary. Her confidence was relaxing. It was such a difference from what i had experienced during the birth of my first son. I'm glad I was able to express this to her years later. She was a great nurse; an example of what all should be. My condolences to her family.

Sincerely,
Joyce Palmer

joyce palmer - August 17, 2019 at 04:38 PM



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Kay-Ella Blecher - August 15, 2019 at 11:07 PM



“ Sharon has been my friend and my nursing hero for over 30 years. We met at a conference in 1986 in Boston. She was an excellent nurse and worked hard to share her kindness and love with her patients, as well as other nurses and friends. I was blessed to share many special times with Sharon and she was a remarkable women. I especially was so happy as I got to spend extra time with her after her severe stroke. She loved her children, and always was proud of their accomplishments, and was so happy to share her love with her grandchildren. Her love and kindness will be her legacy to us all. Dan, Michele, and Kevin your mom was one of the best friends a person could ever have. She will smile down on us all from heaven. Kay-Ella Blecher

Kay-Ella Blecher - August 15, 2019 at 11:01 PM



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“ Sharon's wonderful smile!

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“ Kay Ella Bleecher and Sharon at her awards ceremony for ENA's Life Time Achievement Award. 9-2012

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Kay Ella Bleecher - August 15, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ Sharon with AnnMarie Papa at Sharon's national ENA Life Time Achievement award presentation in September of 2012

Kay Ella Bleecher - August 15, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ Dear Michele, Dan & Kevin, Our Deepest Sympathy to you at this time of your Mother's passing. There are sooo many memories of her surging through my head of the many hours we spent at night working ER together. It was always fun to work with her. She never was defeated by ANYTHING. I liked her beautiful positive attitude. You were blessed with a WONDERFUL Mother. Our blessings to you all as you lay her to rest. Nancy & Delbert Wingert

Nancy Wingert - August 15, 2019 at 03:08 PM



“ The world has lost a very loving and caring person. Sharon was always there when anyone had a need. What big footsteps to follow. Blessings to her family. Donna Jones..

Donna Jones - August 15, 2019 at 11:32 AM



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Kay-Ella Bleecher - August 14, 2019 at 09:45 PM