

Sharon Ann McLean Cales

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Sharon Ann Cales, 63, of Beverly Hills, Florida, went from life to life everlasting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at the Hospice House in Lecanto, Florida, with her three sons by her side, after her valiant fight with stage 4 cancer. Her strong will, unwavering faith in God, and the love and prayers of family, friends, her nurses and many supporters too numerous to name, carried her through her fight.

Known for her ease in frequent conversation with even total strangers, some may be surprised to learn of the extreme quietness of her youth. Yet even as a child, she possessed a contagious smile and a wicked sense of humor. This in turn was passed to her sons. Throughout her life she maintained a sweet and simple demeanor that won the trust and hearts of many who even now are being changed by her witness of constant nurturing love and faith. Her signature gift of joy shown through her constant smiling, laughter, and pranking and joking will never be forgotten.

A proud West (by God) Virginian she was born in Charleston, West Virginia. She attended Bellepoint Elementary School and then Hinton High School where she was voted Most Popular from her peers. She was also Homecoming Queen. After her graduation from Hinton High School Class of 1970, she married her high-school sweetheart, the two had been together since the age of 16. In 1971 she attended the University of California from 1970 to 1971 while living with her Aunt and Uncle in Hermosa Beach, California, while her husband was in the U.S. Army. In 1972, her family began with her beloved sons. First in 1972 with her oldest son Brent Scott Cales of Lecanto, Florida. And then in 1974 with her middle son Justin Daniel Cales of all over the world. And last her third and youngest son Christopher Adam Cales also of Lecanto, Florida, and West Virginia.

She attended Bluefield State College from 1986 to 1988 where she finished her degree. In 1989 she and her sons moved to Florida where she worked as a licensed X-ray Tech for Citrus Memorial Hospital from 1989 to 1990 and then for West Coast Orthopedics as chief X-ray tech from 1991 to 2003 when she retired.

She enjoyed animals, collecting antique quilts and decorating her beloved home in primitives, English mysteries, reading, and spending time in her pool with her ever-growing family and keeping an eye on her sons, as she liked to say.

Of all her accomplishments, Mom's greatest achievements have been in the lives of her family. She had a unique gift to recognize and appreciate the talents in us and to make us all feel loved and lifted by her presence, her sharp mind, kind heart and brilliant smile along with her sparkling green eyes that her sons also possess, allowed her to make our worries disappear. Her generous heart filled her beloved home with love, fun and family, including an attitude that there was always room for one more hungry stray.

She leaves her beloved family with the knowledge that they were truly loved and they especially know that she loved the Lord and that just her three boys were holding her at the very end protecting her when she went to walk with the Lord, "At the right time, I, the Lord, will make it happen" - Isaiah 60:22.

Memorial donations and gifts are these asked in her name: Treat others the way you would like to be treated, i.e., do a loving act of kindness quietly, make someone laugh, send a card, give a hug or say I love you to your special friend in her memory. As Mom was fond of saying, "This too shall pass." Until we are all together again, we love you Mom.

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