



Ms. Sheila Ann Starks

March 24, 1959 - March 8, 2016

No obituary found for this tribute.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Family Hour

Thursday, Mar. 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
2080 W. Grand Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48208
(313) 898-3325

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Sheila Ann Starks*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Clarence&Sandy Dorey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sheila Ann Starks*



Clarence&Sandy Dorey - March 16, 2016 at 04:17 PM



“ *Ms. Sheila will be missed tremendously by our family. She was such a wonderful next door neighbor. Sam, Iyana and Savannah*



Iyana Carrothers - March 16, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ *Dana Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sheila Ann Starks*



Dana Williams - March 16, 2016 at 01:52 PM

“ *Staci, Robin and Shelli*

As I promised, here are some of my thoughts on "Linda", my very good friend.

"First of all, it is difficult for anyone, including myself and my family to use the past tense in talking of Shelia for she is such a strong bright spirit that it is impossible to put out her luminous light.

I first met Shelia when my late father was her next door neighbor. My sister Susan was living with my dad at that time and she brought Shelia and I together. I liked her immediately. Her sense of humor, love of life, strong interest in other people and issues way outside her own situation were fabulous and inspirational. We didn't always agree and often locked horns but the love was constant.

She would crack up if she heard these flowery words because we always teased each other to the point of exasperation. Lately we called each other "Linda" after the YouTube video of the little boy who wants cupcakes for dinner. We watched that video over and over and laughed every time.

I lived with Shelia for nearly a year and observed firsthand how challenging and difficult her life was as a quadriplegic. Many times I told myself if our roles were reversed, I would never be as gracious, cheerful and tenacious as Shelia was every day. Now I also saw her get frustrated and angry but she never, ever gave in to despair. I have never met anyone who could get around DTE, Comcast and AT&T securing discounts and rebates like Shelia. If she had to play the disability card she would without a blush.

She loved her family, especially her daughter Staci, fiercely. There were times when Staci was in high school and their relationship was strained bigtime, but I kept telling her this too shall pass and would be worth all the acrimony when Staci was older. True words. So nice that they got very close after Staci entered the Air Force and moved

away. A big animal lover, tears were shed all around the sister circle when her beloved Scottie was given away last summer. She knew it was for the best but it was a tough decision. The most difficult decision she had to make though was the recent sale of her much cherished home on Hiawatha Trail. She was so proud of her house and rightly so. She loved to see her garden "pop" with color and sit in the summer sun observing her lawn and yard like a queen. I believe her heart was broken when she signed that sale and moved into assisted living.

I feel privileged to have been her friend and the few short years I knew her were filled with spicy conversation, laughter and love.

She will never be forgotten. As Shelia would say "that's deep".

Beth Silverman - March 16, 2016 at 12:22 PM

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“ *From the staff at Stepping Out Hair & Nail Salon purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Sheila Ann Starks.*



From the staff at Stepping Out Hair & Nail Salon - March 16, 2016 at 10:30 AM

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“ *Your Comerica Field Support Family (we love you). purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ms. Sheila Ann Starks.*



Your Comerica Field Support Family (we love you). - March 14, 2016 at 03:05 PM

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“ *To the Starks Family*

The Broken Chain

Little did we know that morning?

God was going to call shelia's name.

In life we loved her dearly

In death we'll do the same.

It's broke our hearts to lose her,

she did not go alone;

for part of us went with her,

the day God called her home.

She left us peaceful memories,

her love is still our guide,

and though we cannot see her,

she's always at our side.

The family chain is broken

and nothing seems the same,

but as God calls us one by one,

the chain will link again.

I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.

Our family is deeply saddened by the passing of your Mother/Sister.

We'll always remember her fondly and feel lucky that we had the pleasure of knowing her.

She will be very much missed.

Paula, Demetria and Taylor Williams

Southfield, Michigan

Paula - March 12, 2016 at 12:28 PM