



## Sherry Brooks Bernard

September 18, 1944 - January 12, 2018

Sherry Brooks Bernard passed from time into eternity on Friday, January 12, 2018, and is now in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She passed from this earth peacefully, surrounded by her loving husband Jim; her precious daughter Candis; her dear sister Deby; her faithful brother Ed and special sister-in-law Sue.

Sherry was born in Tampa, Florida, on September 18, 1944, the first child of Thomas Woodrow Brooks and Ahlene Grubbs Brooks. They soon moved to Houston, where Sherry later opened/attended Westbury High School. She was Westbury's first national award-winning student when she won the Distributive Education National Sales Award in 1964. She put that education to good use in a successful career in retail sales, culminating in her role with Mary Margaret McGowan at Westside Lexus, where together for 9 years, they were referred to as "the Dynamic Duo" for setting numerous local and national sales records.

Sherry could light up a room with her beautiful smile. Family and friends will long remember her vibrant personality, absolute beauty, dedication to giving and helping others, and her unrelenting work ethic (including her dedication to running and walking numerous marathons); her passion for Houston Cougar sports; and the joy she received from traveling in their motorhome throughout North America with Jim and their special Shih Tzu (Harley). Sherry will also be

remembered for sending very meaningful greeting cards on all occasions (and, even on no occasion) just to share her love and thoughtfulness.

Sherry and Jim met in July 2001 and were married in March 2003. Each seemed to be God's gift to the other and their love grew even stronger during the 3 years they battled Sherry's cancer together. Another of God's gifts to Sherry was her daughter Candis. Through hard work and unbelievable motherly dedication, Sherry raised Candis as a single-mother most of Candis' life. Their bond and commitment to each other never wavered, they were always very close, and Candis' support was especially important during Sherry's illness. Sherry and Jim faithfully attended Second Baptist Church and were members of the "Cross training" Bible Study Class.

Sherry was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her husband, James I. Bernard; brother Ed Brooks and wife Sue (her "other sister"); sister Deby Butler and husband Eugene; two step children (Scott Bernard and wife Michelle and three stepsons – Trevor, Preston and Kaden, and Dana McPhearson and husband Dean and children Leah and Ian); two nieces (Joy Cashion and husband Chris, and Nichol Salinas and husband John); four nephews (Gene Butler and wife Shannon, Todd Brooks and wife JoAnna, Ryan Brooks and wife Jessica and Michael Butler and wife Jen); three first cousins (Ron Brooks, Robin Fayles and David Jenkins); as well as numerous great nieces and great nephews.

Sherry's family would like to thank Dr. Pamela Soliman and her staff at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for their extraordinary efforts, care and kindness; Luisa Rodriguez, for her special care at home; Kat Walters and Teresa Adcock of Houston Hospice for their guidance and care; and all the prayer warriors whose supplications were so obviously heard by our Heavenly Father.

In Sherry's honor, donations may be made, in lieu of flowers, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) and/or Citizens for Animal

Protection ([www.cap4pets.org](http://www.cap4pets.org)).

Please join us as we Celebrate Sherry's Life in the Hankamer Chapel at Second Baptist Church, 6400 Woodway Drive, on Thursday, January 18 beginning at 11:00 am.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church, Woodway Campus  
6400 Woodway Drive  
Houston, TX 77057

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sherry Brooks Bernard*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Sherry Brooks Bernard*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Sherry Brooks Bernard*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Sherry Brooks Bernard*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *We were so sad to learn of Sherry's passing, yet know she no longer suffers. We will miss her friendly presence in the neighborhood, always taking time to say hello and chat about the dogs or whatever needed attention. Our condolences to Jim and to Sherry's daughter.*

**Cathy Whitman-Ingham** - January 17, 2018 at 11:29 AM

PC

“ Sherry shared our love for animals, especially dogs. We will always remember how she never failed to rush in her house to get our pups, Roxie and Odie, a treat when we walked by. Even today Roxie stops in her driveway stares at her house and waits for her friend.

*Pat and Lanny*

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**Pat Cramer** - January 16, 2018 at 04:58 PM

JD

“ I was saddened to learn of Sherry's death. She and Jim were my clients. What fun I had working with them. Her brother was my first date in high school!! her death is a loss to all of us. My memories will brighten up my loss. Jane York Dillingham.

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**jane york dillingham** - January 15, 2018 at 03:09 PM


GG

“ We will always remember Sherry walking through the neighborhood. She was always in great spirits and full of life. She was such a classy lady. My father always loved dealing with her and Mary Margaret at the dealership. We will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim and their family.

*The Garrott's*

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**Greg Garrott** - January 14, 2018 at 11:51 PM



Kelly  
Hansen

“ We just learned of the news of Sherry’s passing, and our hearts mourn her loss. Sherry and my mom Liz were running buddies back in the early 90’s. My parents had recently divorced, and I was so thankful that Mom had such a loving and supportive friend as Sherry. They shared many wonderful times together filled with laughter, good food and good friends. Sherry’s presence always lit up the room, and those memories will always be treasured. Our love and prayers go to her family - especially her husband Jim and daughter Candis. Sherry, we love you. Liz & Kelly Hansen and family

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**Kelly Hansen** - January 14, 2018 at 04:01 PM



BP

“ Sherry and I met at a Singles Bible Study class at our beloved Second Baptist over 25 years ago. That was the beginning of a cherished friendship. We walked together at Memorial Park, or should I say Power Walked. I was fortunate to know her Mom. Sherry and I shared so much in common, including helping our elderly Mothers, our good times and challenging jobs of single motherhood with Candis and my daughter. She asked me to stand with her at her beautiful wedding to Jim. Sherry was always on her A game. She was kind, loving, generous, outgoing and such a perfect friend. My condolences to Jim, Candis and all of her family and friends. My comfort comes from knowing that she is in Heaven with our God and His son, our savior Jesus Christ dancing and singing with the Angels. I will miss your beautiful smiles and heart warming hugs. No more suffering sweet Sherry and I will see you soon for eternity. I love you, Becky Pontello

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**Becky Pontello** - January 14, 2018 at 12:26 PM

DE

“ I remember seeing Sherry walking in our neighborhood one very cold evening. She had on an mink coat! I said you look perfect for a night like tonight. She told me cold nights in Houston were special and she could wear her mom’s coat and think about her.

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**denise** - January 13, 2018 at 06:48 PM

JS

“ Sherry was our Energizer Bunny in The Courts. Always walking numerous rounds. We got exhausted just by watching her walk. She will be greatly missed.

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**Jutta Stolz** - January 13, 2018 at 04:22 PM