



## Sharon Bates

January 24, 2021

Sharon Bates, 67, of Wescosville, passed away with her family by her side on January 24th, in the comfort of her home after a long battle with a rare neurological disease. She was happily married to Jack Bates for 41 years. Sharon was born in Hartford, CT. on April 24, 1953. She was the daughter of the late William Oaks and the late Gertrude (Riley) Oaks.

She was clothed with strength, dignity and an inner peace and quietness people admired. This, combined with a quick wit, kept the same people on their guard. As a believer and follower of Christ she invested her talents as a wife, mother and faithful friend.

She was a natural homemaker and mother. She was known for her skills in baking and gardening. She administered the home front with the finesse and commitment that a military general would envy, combined with a gentleness and smile that made everyone feel welcome. Her love of animals led her to earn a degree in biology from Anderson University in Indiana, allowing her to work for various animal clinics as a veterinary technician. She also had a wide scope of volunteer roles at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Phoebe Home, Meals on Wheels, Dough to Door and many others.

In her free time, she played tennis most often at the West End Racquet Club. She was a gifted athlete and had a full schedule of league matches where she

was voted as the most aggressive player by her team. When she wasn't playing tennis, you could find her and Jack on the dance floor swing dancing.

She and Jack were known for their hospitality and strong partnership; they hosted many small group Bible studies and neighborhood parties over the years. Sharon was also a gifted speaker in many women's groups and Bible studies. Her life was lived with purpose, and she will be sorely missed.

Survivors: In addition to her husband, Jack, she will be lovingly remembered by her children Emily and fiancé Ryan and Sally, along with her five grandchildren, her sister-in-law Sue and Sharon's three younger siblings Connie, Ken, and Stan.

Services: A funeral service will be held on Friday January 29th, at 11:00 AM at Bethany Church 1208 Brookside Road Wescosville where the family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service. Burial will follow at the Bethany cemetery located on Lower Macungie Road. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions social distancing and facial covering protocols will be followed.

Contributions: In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Good Shepherd Rehabilitation 850 S. 5th Street Allentown, PA 18103 or CURE PSP 216 Broadway, NY, NY 10001.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethany United Methodist Church Cemetery

Macungie, PA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethany United Methodist Church  
1208 Brookside Road  
Allentown, PA 18106

## Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

JAN 29. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM.

Bethany United Methodist Church Cemetery  
Macungie, PA

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Jack and family, Carol and I send our deepest sympathy to you on Sharon's passing.  
I know the pain you must be feeling, as I felt in 2006 loosing Nancy after 38 years together. I can tell you with certainty that the hole in your heart will never heal, but the ragged edges will heal with time. We are in FL until April. If I can be a helpful sounding board for your loss, I'd be happy yo have coffee sometime.  
Prayfully,  
Doug Kirkner  
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E doug.kirkner@gmail.com

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**Doug & Carol** - February 01, 2021 at 08:44 PM

BB

“ Emily,  
My thoughts are with you and your entire family on the loss of your mother. Although I never met her, I know from conversations you and I had that she was a beautiful and loving mother. May you find comfort in the thoughts of her being pain free and at peace with her God.  
Bill Bahring

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**Bill Bahring** - February 01, 2021 at 04:29 PM

GF

“ Jack,  
Going through my unread papers last night I was saddened to learn about Sharon.  
Lin and I send our sincere condolences to you, Emily, and Sally. I know you have the faith and strength to see you through this difficult time. Take care.  
Your friend,  
Gary Filko

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**Gary j Filko** - February 01, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sharon Bates.



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January 28, 2021 at 08:28 AM

FF

“ From Swarna and Francesco purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Sharon Bates.



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**From Swarna and Francesco** - January 27, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Bates.



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January 27, 2021 at 06:05 AM

BW

“ Jack, I am so sorry to hear of Sharon’s passing. I will always remember that yummy coconut cake she so thoughtfully baked for my retirement. You and your family have my sincerest sympathy.  
Betty Waldbieser

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**Betty Waldbieser** - January 26, 2021 at 07:26 PM

JO

“ I haven’t seen Sharon in a few years, but remember her from tennis. A competitive spirit will be missed. RIP my tennis friend.

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**Joyce** - January 26, 2021 at 08:36 AM