



A Service of Celebration and Gratitude

for the life of

Shari Jean Ptaszek

April 2, 1972 - October 6, 2022

Order of Service
Saturday, October 29, 2022
2:00 pm
Hobbs Hall at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent
Kent, Ohio

Prelude

Tears in Heaven
Cover by Jamie Dupuis

Gathering

Opening Prayer

Rev. Steven Protzman
Minister, the UU Church of Kent

Words of Gathering

Opening Music

Imagine by John Lennon

Readings

When Sorrow Comes by A. Powell Davies
read by Shannon McNamara
Quaker Funeral by W.H. Matchett
read by Holly Campo
Success by Ralph Waldo Emerson
read by Val Norfolk

Remembering

Shari's Life Story

Sharing of Memories

A time to share your memories and stories about Shari

Time of Silence and Reflection

Music Meditation

Wish You Were Here
Acoustic cover by Jamie Dupuis

Commendation and Candle of Memory

Readings

Her Laughter by C. Day Lewis
read by Jackee Janoco
To Possess Our Sorrows by Kenneth Patton
read by Wendy Diederich
My Song by Rabindranath Tagore
read by Pearl Austin

Music Interlude

Somewhere Over the Rainbow
Cover by IZ

Returning

Responsive Reading

The Gates of Prayer
Adapted from Roland B. Gittelsohn

Closing Music

Hold on to Memories
sung by Disturbed

Reading

Dry Your Tears
by an unknown author

Closing Words

Postlude

Leave Out All the Rest
Cover by Dave Winkler

*You are cordially invited to a reception
after this service to greet the family*

*Gifts in memory of Shari may be given
to an animal rescue center or shelter of your choosing.*

Responsive Reading
The Gates of Prayer by Roland B. Gittelsohn
Please respond with the words in italics

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember her.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember her.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember her.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember her.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember her.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember her.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember her.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember her.

When we play with a puppy or kitten,
we remember her.

When we look at a seashore,
we remember her.

When we bring our own butter to the restaurant for the
all-you-can-eat crab legs,
we remember her.

When we see a bald eagle,
we remember her.

So long as we live, she too shall live,
for she is now a part of us, as we remember her.

Shari Ptaszek

Sharon (Shari) Jean Ptaszek (formerly Kitko), passed away October 6, 2022. Born April 2, 1972, she attended Bedford City Schools and graduated from Kenston High School in Bainbridge. She was proud to earn an Assoc. Degree from Lakeland College. All who knew Shari saw her vibrant spirit.

Shari was very close to her father, John Ptaszek and stepmother Janet, and her mother, Pearl Kindy Austin and stepfather Roland Walrath. Also surviving is her companion, Chad Rogers, with whom she shared a love of each other, pets, and the joy of nature. Shari was loved by all her siblings: her sister, Valerie (Dr. Timothy) Norfolk and their children, Graham and Kent, and step-sister Dr. Amber Pisle (Steven) and their daughter Vivian; brother Garrett Ake and his children, Keally, Cameron and Kaeden; half-brother James Ptaszek; and step-sister Wendy (Michael) Diederich and their children Michael and Andrew.

Surviving is her aunt Sandy Ptaszek McNamara, uncles Ronald Kindy (Margaret), Craig Kindy (Linda), Edward Kindy (Marilyn). Two uncles are deceased: James Kindy (Mary) and Gary Kindy (Sandy, deceased). Her late grandparents were Marie and John Ptaszek, Sr., and Paul and Zona Kindy. Many cousins are left to mourn.

Her favorite activities were time with friends and family, her pets, feeding wildlife, disc golf, hiking in parks, the sea shore and Lake Erie, and jigsaw puzzles and games. Health issues made her life difficult and now her beautiful spirit is free of pain and worry.

Shari's family wish to thank all her friends who shared in her life and adventures. An incredibly hard worker, she was self-employed as an organizer and cleaner of businesses and homes. She and her customers' families formed deep friendships. Shari taught herself many skills – home and auto repairs are just two examples.



My Song
by Rabindranath Tagore

*This song of mine will wind its music around you, my child,
like the fond arms of love.*

The song of mine will touch your forehead like a kiss of blessing.

*When you are alone it will sit by your side and whisper in your ear,
when you are in the crowd it will fence you about with aloofness.*

*My song will be like a pair of wings to your dreams, it will
transport your heart to the verge of the unknown.*

*It will be like the faithful star overhead when dark night is over your
road.*

*My song will sit in the pupils of your eyes, and will carry your sight
into the heart of things.*

*And when my voice is silenced in death, my song will speak in your
living heart.*