



## Ms. Shelley Maureen Ketchum

December 20, 1960 - October 27, 2023

Shelley Maureen Ketchum was 62 when she passed peacefully surrounded by family and friends at her side on October 27th. Shelley was born December 20th, 1960, in Detroit Michigan. After graduating high school she went right into the workforce in offices supporting staff members. She then moved to Springfield, Virginia and worked in human resources for several years. Shelley and her wife found their home in Cortland New York. Shelley managing for manpower staffing agency for 27 years, and serving on the board of family health Network where she was president for 10 years. She truly enjoyed interacting with people and creating fun and productive environments.

Shelley was diagnosed with debilitating heart disease in 2012. She accepted this diagnosis with unwavering dignity and grace but wasn't about to let it slow her down. Shelley will always be remembered for her unfailing sense of humor. She enjoyed nothing more than sharing stories and making people laugh with her. She will also be remembered for the relentless passion she had for animals in need. Her home had an open door to so many who received undying comfort and love. She was an avid quilter with a keen eye for combining colors and patterns. She was a fabulous cook and loved sharing meals with her family and friends. Above all, Shelley loved sharing her love of life with others.

Shelley is survived by her wife Andi, siblings Sue Moreno of California MD,

Jessica Brown of Virginia Beach, VA, brother-in-law Matt Brown, nieces and nephews Kyle Ketchum of Ypsilanti, MN, Rachel Moreno and David Moreno both of California, MD.

Services will be held on Thursday, November 2nd from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main Street, Cortland. In lieu of flowers, donations to SPCA would honor Shelley's memory in a way she would love.

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Andi and family. So sorry to hear of Shelley's passing. We regret that we didn't stay connected during Covid and after our retirement. Shelley had a sense of humor that was second to none. She put a smile on my face every morning during work. You had to have a hide of leather to fend off her comments. You were either laughing or crying when you left her office. I actually felt sorry for some of the applicants that came in the office. Shelley pulled no punches.*

*She will be sadly missed. Remembering the good times will help you thru the grieving process. Rest in Peace Shelley.*

*Mike and Danette Endress*

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**Michael G. Endress** - November 06, 2023 at 10:26 AM

BC

“ *I'm sad to hear that Shelley has passed. I worked with her at McGraw Box for the brief months she was there. She lifted my spirits with her wicked sense of humor. It's been years since I've seen her, so I was happy to look through all of the uploaded pics - the ones with the pugs helping her sew made me smile. Andi and family, I'm so sorry - may your many good memories comfort you in the days to come.*

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**Betsy Heath Crispell** - November 04, 2023 at 08:31 PM

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“ *Family Health Network purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Shelley Maureen Ketchum.*



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**Family Health Network** - November 02, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Shelley Maureen Ketchum.



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November 01, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Shelley Maureen Ketchum.

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November 01, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ I met Shelley over 20 years ago when she hired me as a recruiter. I worked with her then for about 2 years and then 7 1/2 years ago I went back to work with her. She was an incredibly tough person and she never let her health issue stop her! She was definitely tough and you always knew where you stood with her but she was also an incredibly kind and generous person. She did so much for me and my family over the years! My family and I were so blessed to know her! She made me better at my job and she was always so kind to both me and my family. She and Andi would invite us to dinner and attended several different events for my daughters over the years. Give them hell up there Shelley, I know you will. You will be missed beyond words by me and my family!



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**Kevin Moss** - November 01, 2023 at 05:08 PM

AC

*You and your family meant so much to her. She talked about you and your family a lot. She enjoyed working in the office with you. That was her favorite time. You helped her more than you will ever know.*

**Andi Cush** - November 05, 2023 at 08:04 PM



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**Riccardi Funeral Home** - November 01, 2023 at 05:04 PM

JB

“ *Some of my fondest memories with my sister was when I was a little girl and we would dance in our living room to Michael Jackson and the Bee Gees. She was such a great dancer and loved to dance. She always smiled. She loved everybody and she was the best sister I could've ever asked for.*

**Jessica Brown** - October 31, 2023 at 02:01 PM

SH

“ *As HR at Cortland Line, I worked with Shelley for many years. She always brought a smile with her and we always shared a laugh or two, whether in person or over the phone. Prayers for her family at this difficult time.*

**Shelly Hence** - October 31, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Shelley Maureen Ketchum.*



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October 31, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *I worked with Shelley at McGraw box in the early 90s, and she helped me get a temp job at Buckbee Mears afterwards. I became a BMC employee in '98. I'll always remember Shelley's quick wit. My condolences to her family.*

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**JC Allen** - October 31, 2023 at 01:48 AM



“ *Shelley has been part of our family for 28 years! Her sense of humor was always quick and funny. My kids always wanted to spend the night at her house , to see the dogs of course, but joke was on them. Shelley had a game of “who can pick up the most sticks” in no time at all her yard was clean!! But the kids didn't care because there was always fun to be had and great treats!! They loved going to Shelley's and Andi's! RIP my friend! You will be greatly missed!! The Augur's*

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**Samantha** - October 30, 2023 at 08:55 PM

JR

“ Personally did not know Shelley but I did through conversations with Jessica. Many times I looked at the photo of the two that was always in same spot.

We will gladly make a donation in her name to our ASPCA. I will make that around the 6 th when in that area.

Andi, don't need to tell you Shelley will be missed by many.

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**Jane Reynolds** - October 30, 2023 at 08:08 PM