



Sharon Marks

January 11, 1939 - September 25, 2025

Sharon Marks, 86, passed away Thursday, September 25, 2025 after a long, heroic battle with Parkinson's Disease. She was born on January 11, 1939, to the late Max and Etabel (nee Winslow) Switzky. Aside from her parents, she is preceded in death by her devoted husband, Allan Marks and her beloved sister, Frances Hoff (nee Switzky).

Sharon was a bright light of love, hope, and optimism for all who knew and loved her as well as those who met her only briefly. In addition to her family and friends, this included those she worked with through her teaching career starting with elementary students teaching science before she became a mother and ending with adults after her kids were grown teaching GED and literacy classes as well as a class on how to start a small business.

She fought tirelessly for social justice, and was a proud member of the Panel of American Women whose mission it was to break down barriers of prejudice and discrimination between people through meaningful dialogue and human connection. She instilled these values in her children and grandchildren, and continued to challenge people's perspectives throughout her life in big and small ways. She will be sorely missed by all whose lives she touched.

Sharon is survived by her loving children, Maureen (Karl Stukenberg) Marks, Matthew (Kate Niles) Marks, and Aaron (Michelle) Marks; her adored grandchildren, Mara and Erica Cash, John Stukenberg, Peter and Maisy Niles Marks, and Joshua and Leah Marks; and her much beloved nieces and nephews, the late Maxine (Andy) Kaufman, Julie (Bill) Windhorst, David

(Heidi) Hoff, Marc (Lana) Feldman, and Howard Feldman. The family is grateful beyond measure for the care Sharon received at the Beechwood Home in Cincinnati.

Funeral services will take place on Monday, September 29 at 1PM at Congregation Beth Adam (10000 Loveland-Madeira Rd. Loveland, OH 45140) where guests will be received from 12PM until time of service. Burial will follow immediately at Spring Grove Cemetery (4521 Spring Grove Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45232). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of Beechwood or to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Cemetery Details

Spring Grove Cemetery

4521 Spring Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45232

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Congregation Beth Adam
10001 Loveland Madeira Road
Loveland
Loveland, OH 45140

Funeral Service

SEP 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VM

“ *What a fine woman. My whole being lit up when I saw her. May her memory be a blessing.*

Vicky Mary - October 01, 2025 at 10:12 AM

RT

“ *Sharon and I met in our freshman year at Cass Tech. We became friends and claimed each other as sisters because we were born January 11, 1939. We continued our friendship throughout our lives. Marriage, family, moving, cancer, health problems and old age. I cherish our memories when we visited each other's homes and we always connected somewhere. We both lost our husbands who enjoyed each other. Thanking God for our times we shared and the wonderful memories we made. Love you sister, Rose*

Rose Tome - September 29, 2025 at 08:41 AM

RT

“ *Remembering with you, praying for you, and sharing in the sadness of losing someone we loved so much. Rose Risinger Tome*

Rose Tome - September 29, 2025 at 08:31 AM

DR

“ I first met Sharon when I joined The Panel of American Women in 1968. When I introduced myself, I said that I did not have any prejudices. Not only did she laugh, she hooted, "Boy, do you have a lot to learn!" She was so right and she taught me so much along with the other panel members.

There was a group of us who had children around the same age and we took up camping together, letting the husbands do their thing and the kids explore and look after each other while we women "moved up and down the hill." That was our euphemism for spending the day talking, moving into shade as the sun moved across the sky. At night we would gather together, build a big campfire and sit around singing all the songs we knew the words to. We truly enriched each others' lives and taught our children diversity and inclusion in the process.

Sharon was a leader among us, always kind and patient, leading us to a better self. My life is richer for having known her. Her passing leaves a hole in my heart.

Doris Rogers

Doris Rogers - September 25, 2025 at 11:01 PM

DJ

“ Your family has my complete prayers and I wish nothing but comfort to you during this difficult time. I had the pleasure to work under Maureen and she is a good steward that cares for everyone and I am sure her mom Sharon was the same. God bless each of you and thank you again for lighting up the world with your beautiful presence Sharon! -David Johnson



David Johnson - September 25, 2025 at 07:32 PM

JW

“ *My Dearest Auntie Sharon:*

You were my surrogate mother, my mentor, my hero and my guardian Angel. When our mother passed in 1970 our world crumbled. You and Unk were always there to show us the way and make things alright. I am a much better person today having had your guidance as a child. Forever grateful and blessed to have been part of the Marks Family.

Maureen, Matt, Aaron, spouses and grandchildren,

My condolences and sincere sympathy extend to all my Marks Family. We are all the lucky ones to have had this strong and courageously beautiful lady by our side for so many years.

Godspeed Auntie Sharon until we meet again.

With love and thanks of gratitude,

Julie D Hoff-Windhorst

Julie Windhorst - September 25, 2025 at 03:39 PM