



Sharon Ann Cotter, EMT-P, RN, FNP

April 8, 2019

Sharon (Walsh) Cotter passed away on April 8, 2019 at home with her husband, Tim, and her loving dogs at her side. She was born July 27, 1951 in Providence. Daughter of the late Helen (Brown) Walsh, niece of the late Robert Brown, and sister to Dennis Walsh of Warwick.

After graduating high school, Sharon entered the Air Force as a medical specialist. During her time in the military she earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology and took nursing and medical classes which would propel her future career

After leaving the military, Sharon worked for many years for the Providence Journal as a district manager. During this time, Sharon obtained her Emergency Medical Technician License, and started volunteering her time and services for the North Kingstown Ambulance Corps, which later became Exeter Rescue, Swansea Ambulance Corps, and eventually to her town of Foster after moving there in 1988.

In 1991, Sharon graduated from the Saint Joseph School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse. She began working at Kent County Memorial Hospital working in the Intermediate Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, which would lead her to her true passion of being an Emergency Room nurse. Continuing her education, Sharon earned her Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Rhode

Island College, and her Master's Degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Quinnipiac University in 2004.

Sharon's love and passion for helping people and for education led her to join the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT), and the RI Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), where she deployed numerous times to parts of the country to aid people who were devastated by natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, as well as countless number of local detachments covering large events such as the Air Show, and the music festival in Newport. With the MRC, Sharon would coordinate and run annual flu vaccine clinics in Foster and the surrounding area.

Sharon's dedication to the town and the people of Foster ran very deep. Volunteering on the rescue for nearly 30 years, serving for 12 of those years as the commander of the rescue. She constantly wrote grants to obtain advanced equipment to better serve the people of the town. She was also very dedicated to educating and training EMTs to better serve the town, as well as teaching CPR to anyone that wanted to learn. Above all, she was dedicated to her family and to all of her dogs.

Funeral Friday at 9:15 a.m. from the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Church, Danielson Pike, Scituate at 10:30 a.m. Burial with Military Honors will be held at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter. Calling Hours will be held Thursday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to either the Foster Ambulance Corps, 22 Mt. Hygeia Rd., Foster, RI 02825 or the East Greenwich Animal Protection League, P.O. Box 184, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Funeral

APR 12. 9:15 AM (ET)

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Scituate, RI 02857
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Mass of Christian Burial

APR 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Joseph's Church
144 Danielson Pike (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-2255

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Debra Polce lit a candle in memory of Sharon Ann Cotter, EMT-P, RN, FNP*



Debra Polce - April 12, 2019 at 07:35 PM

KG

“ *Kevin Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Sharon Ann Cotter, EMT-P, RN, FNP*



Kevin Gustafson - April 11, 2019 at 07:20 PM

CJ

“ *Tim*
So very sorry for your loss. My condolences to and your family. God bless.
Claudette I. Jobin RN, MS, CCRN
Faculty St Joseph School of Nursing
2000-2017

claudette i jobin - April 11, 2019 at 12:57 PM

RS

“Tim, it was a shock to learn of Sharon's death. I am so very sorry and you have my condolences, she was a great friend and will be sorely missed. You both will be in my thoughts and prayers.”

Dick Satchwill

Richard Satchwill - April 11, 2019 at 10:56 AM

MC

“Tim, so very sorry to hear of Sharon's death. She was such a wonderful, giving, and compassionate person I've ever known. Tom and I cherish our long friendship with you both. Prayers to Sharon and may she rest in peace after a busy life of serving to the medical needs of so many people.”

Margaret Caito - April 11, 2019 at 09:47 AM

MB

“We want to express our deepest condolences for the loss of your beautiful wife Sharon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this trying time. Take comfort in knowing that she is at peace.”

Jack and Michaela Bongiovanni

Michaela Bongiovanni - April 11, 2019 at 07:59 AM

PL

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Sharon. We would always talk about Disney and her many favorite trips. She could really tell a story. Working with her in the ER was great, always could depend on her , leaning a helping hand.

Tim:

God looked around his garden and found an empty space. Then he looked down upon earth an saw Sharon's tired face. He put his arms around her and lifted her to rest. God's garden must be beautiful. He only takes the best.

*Rest In Peace Sharon
Michael and Pat LeBlanc*

Patrici LeBlanc - April 11, 2019 at 01:51 AM

DP

*RIP Sharon....you were a great warrior and teacher....the many lives you touched....our memories of the ER will never be forgotten...
Deb Polce*

Debra Polce - April 12, 2019 at 07:33 PM

MM

“ So sorry to hear about the lost of a motivated, funny and loving person. I worked many years in the ER with Sharon. She was a great and patient teacher and always had a fantastic sense of humor. We shared many laughs together while working 3rd shift. May she Rest In Peace. Heaven has received a new bright light. she will be missed. Condolences to her family.

melissa myrtle - April 10, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Sharon Ann Cotter, EMT-P, RN, FNP.*



April 10, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ *Sharon you worked more than anyone I knew ! You had so many jobs all at the same time..I enjoyed the years we worked together at Kent in the ER. Always studying..rest now in heaven. Tim sorry for your loss*

Anne OConnell - April 10, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sharon, you were my colleague, mentor, and friend. I will miss you dearly. I hope you are resting in peace and caring for all the sick upstairs. Your Paramedic partner Ken*

Kenneth Rassler - April 10, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Sharon Ann Cotter, EMT-P, RN, FNP.*



April 10, 2019 at 10:18 AM

KE

“ Sharon did so much for so many.....a life selflessly dedicated to the service of others, never seeking accolades for all she accomplished and how many she helped throughout her career. Bob and I extend our prayers and condolences and may happy memories sustain you.

Katherine Edwards - April 10, 2019 at 07:47 AM



“ Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Sharon Ann Cotter, EMT-P, RN, FNP.



April 09, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sharon Ann Cotter, EMT-P, RN, FNP.



April 09, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sharon Ann Cotter, EMT-P, RN, FNP.



April 09, 2019 at 09:12 PM

HR

“ I was her Deputy at Foster Ambulance Corps., and then she was my Deputy when I was EMA Director. I learned so much from Sharon. She was an amazing woman who gave 200% to EMS and any patient she ever came in contact with. I will forever cherish her and miss her guidance.

Heidi Rogers - April 09, 2019 at 08:33 PM

ML

“ I was in DMAT with her, a truly giving kind person with people and animals. A wonderful human being. My sincere condolences.
Mike Kane

Michael H. Kane, LICSW - April 09, 2019 at 06:40 PM

LO

“ Sharon

Was my best friend and I will miss her deeply
My thoughts are with you Tim

Lorie

Lorie - April 09, 2019 at 04:20 PM

