



Keri Leigh Sheffield

November 20, 2021

Martinez, GA - Keri Leigh Sheffield, 40, of Martinez was received into the arms of her Savior Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021.

Her memorial service will be Monday, Nov. 22, at 1:30 p.m. with Garry Morgan officiating at Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Road, Augusta. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

The family requests you wear yellow for the sunshine Keri, affectionately known as "Kearbear," brought to so many lives and for her love for Jesus Christ. She was also an avid fan of the University of Georgia Bulldogs and if you would like to wear their colors, please do so.

Keri is survived by her parents, Patsy (Taylor) and Don Sheffield of Martinez; her sister, Amy Benton, and her husband, Jeffrey, her niece, Emily Benton, and nephews, Chase Benton and Bryson Benton, all of North Augusta, S.C. ; and a host of aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Loree P. And J.W.

Taylor of Waynesboro, her paternal grandparents, Olive (Sheffield) and her step-grandfather, Thurman Kirkland of North Augusta and Jerry R. Sheffield of Perry, Fla.

Keri fought a courageous 12-year battle to ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Her parents made a decision at the onset of her diagnosis, they would care for her at home and they fulfilled the promise. Of the 12 years most of it she was bedridden and required 'round the clock care. She was fortunate to have Emma Smith as her caregiver for 10 of those years. Emma became an extended family member and the family offers their heartfelt thanks and love to Emma for her extraordinary care. They extend their thanks to Lelynce Senat, her co-caregiver, also to her cousin, Alanha Taylor Walden, and Opal Averhart who were among the many providing care and companionship for Keri.

The family also extends their heartfelt thanks and admiration to Dr. Ben Timmerman and Dr. George Pursley for their faithful visits and also the staff of Lenus In-Home Care.

When diagnosed, Keri, did not let the challenges that accompanied this disease get her down. While able she continued to reach out to her friends to hold onto their relationships. Her disease was very aggressive and at the beginning of its second year she became bedridden and quickly became dependent on a trachea and ventilator. As the disease progressed her only means of communication were through her eyes which

her family and caregivers quickly learned to read.

Keri was a 2000 graduate of Evans High School. She attended Augusta Area Technical College and was a certified nursing assistant. At the time of her diagnosis she worked as head teller for SRP Credit Union at the Belair Road Branch.

Keri loved shooting pool and became quite proficient in the sport. She competed locally and nationally twice in Las Vegas.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Burkehaven Chapel, c/o Garry Morgan, 820 Corley Road, Blythe GA 30805 or Wimberly House Ministries, P.O. Box 50, Waynesboro GA 30830.

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors is in charge of services. To express condolences, log onto www.chanceandhydrick.com

Tribute Wall

RF

“ Don & Patsy,
We were sorry to hear of Keri's passing...she was blessed to have you as wonderful loving parents! And am sure her short life held MANY blessings for you both and all those who knew her!
Our prayers are with you!

Ron & Denise Fairburn - November 22, 2021 at 06:25 PM

LM

“ Patsy, Amy and family I am sending my deepest condolences to all of you. If I could be with you today I would. Keri was a beautiful soul. She was a warrior that fought hard. Love to you all

Lisa Moyer - November 22, 2021 at 04:42 PM

JA

“ Don and Patsy, I am very sorry for the loss of your precious daughter. May God comfort you as you go through this, and may your memories of her sustain you. We love and pray for you.

Judy C Mealor Amos - November 22, 2021 at 03:35 AM

EP

“ Patsy, Don,
My heart goes out to you. So sorry to hear of Keri's passing. She is a saint and was so strong. Know that you are in my prayers. I send my love to the family and will continue to pray for you.

eleanor

Eleanor Peterrson - November 21, 2021 at 04:48 PM

NM

“ Greetings Sheffield Family. I had the pleasure of working with Keri at SRP. She was a vibrant and caring soul. I was deeply saddened to hear of her passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. May God continue to bless and strengthen you during this time of loss.

Natasha Moore - November 21, 2021 at 03:02 PM

ME

“ Praying for the family, and extended family. Praying for peace in your heart, and comfort through the Holidays.

Melodee - November 21, 2021 at 07:05 AM

LN

“ My thoughts and prayers to the family. Keri fought a tough battle with so much bravery. Keri we will miss you.

Linda Ness - November 21, 2021 at 02:38 AM

FL

“ I have the fondest childhood memories of Keri, whether it was swimming all day in her pool or running around in the country at Uncle Taterbug and Aunt Tena's. Keri was a beautiful, friendly soul and was a joy and so much fun to be around. I always think of her on our birthday. My sincerest love and condolences to her family and friends.

Felicia Lawson - November 21, 2021 at 02:00 AM

DE

“ Keri has always been an inspiration to me. My Mom and I would wait in line just to have Keri as our Teller whenever we went to the bank! My prayers to her family and friends! Keri is healed and enjoying everything she enjoyed here. She will always be my inspiration!! 


Denise - November 20, 2021 at 10:04 PM

DC

“ Keri was a fighter but rest assured she is whole again in Jesus' arms. Patsy and Don I know how hard it is to lose a child. There's a piece of your heart that can never be replaced. May you find peace and comfort of the Lords promise of eternal life.

Dianne Cullinan - November 20, 2021 at 07:12 PM

SJ

“ Keri was a beautiful soul whose time was cut short on earth so that she could be healed by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Her loving family gave their all in caring for her during her devastating illness. God bless her parents, sister, and family. Rest in Peace Keri 

Sabri Jenison - November 20, 2021 at 06:39 PM

RS

“ Keri touched many lives during her time here on earth including all of our family as well. We loved her and will miss her dearly!!! May God bless you during this difficult time and may you have peace & comfort knowing that Keri is walking again...only this time it's on streets of gold.

Rebecca & Kevin Stewart - November 20, 2021 at 06:31 PM