



## Sherrie Cronin

December 1, 1954 - October 23, 2023

On the evening of October 23, 2023, Sherrie Roth Cronin peacefully took her last breath, surrounded by love, in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Unsurprisingly, up until the very end of her hard-fought battle with cancer, Sherrie was a pillar of light and strength.

Born December 1st, 1954, and raised on the plains of Hays, Kansas, Sherrie had a vivid imagination and big dreams of being an astronaut. She joked that claustrophobia squashed her dream of going to space, so instead, she created new, expansive worlds through her gift of story-telling.

Sherrie never let fear stop her from doing anything: she won the state championship for extemporaneous speaking in high school, published a short story in Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine at 21, received degrees from Northwestern University and Colorado School of Mines, canoed 500 miles down the Coppermine River in 1978, spent a career as a geophysicist interpreting seismic data (including time out on the rigs), showed up tirelessly for her husband and three children, designed a beautiful Texas home with a view (from the ground up), launched the hotly anticipated Cronin Christmas letter and family calendar, traveled extensively to 46 countries, drove solo cross-country to Burning Man, volunteered at the local library, with a domestic violence hotline, and for the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers Association, and still managed to find the time, energy, and inspiration to self-publish 12

full-length novels.

The above list could go on (and on). If you were lucky enough to know Sherrie, then you know how her smile lit up a room – but she was so much more than what met the eye. She was fierce, interesting, kind, curious, driven, brilliant, creative, and generous, and she always found joy in the little things. Sherrie loved taking care of the aloe plants in her greenhouse, seeing a jigsaw puzzle come together, driving down the mountain in her green FJ Cruiser, and making bottles of “Mom’s Home Remedy” for her family. She also would’ve written the hell out of this obituary.

Sherrie is loved and survived by her sister, June Yvonne Roth Hanson, her husband of 42 years, Kevin Patrick Cronin, her three children, Francis-Casey Roth Cronin, Shenandoah-Marie Vonfeldt Cronin, and Emerald-Teresa McManus Cronin, and her adoring cat, Lucky “Charm”. She is preceded in death by her mom and dad, Mary Jane Vonfeldt Roth and Francis Joseph Roth of Hays, Kansas. Sherrie was a wonderful mom, sister, wife, daughter, and friend, and she will be missed more than words can express.

If you would like to honor Sherrie, please consider reading one of her books (available on Amazon under the name S.R. Cronin) [ <https://www.amazon.com/stores/author/B08NC9C875> ]

Or donating to Helpmate using this link and dedicating the donation to Sherrie Cronin.

[ <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E90002&id=23> ]

If you would prefer to mail a gift to Helpmate, please send it to:

Helpmate  
PO Box 2263  
Asheville, NC 28802

Memo line: IMO Sherrie Cronin

Helpmate is a local organization that serves survivors of domestic violence. Sherrie cared deeply about this cause and was a dedicated volunteer with Helpmate for many years.

A celebration of Sherrie's life will take place Saturday, November 11th, 2023, at 3 pm at the Lakeview Center Clubhouse at Tomahawk Lake in Black Mountain, NC. The family kindly requests that guests wear Sherrie's favorite color, green, and especially forest green if they have it.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview Center Clubhouse at Tomahawk Lake

401 Laurel Circle Dr, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Black Mountain, NC

[michele.raine@tobm.org](mailto:michele.raine@tobm.org)

<https://www.townofblackmountain.org/2480/Lakeview-Center-Rentals>

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# Tribute Wall



“ I remember her kindness when she took us to her lab at her work for a field trip for Como Montessori Elementary School. I am sorry for your loss.

Alan - January 04, 2024 at 06:32 PM



“ Shen and John - Our heartfelt condolences for your loss. We miss you and are thankful that you were able to be by your mom's side during her last hours. We are thinking of you and hope that you are surrounded in wonderful memories. Love, Dan and Lara

Lara Wilson - November 13, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sherrie Cronin.



November 10, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ From Jeyalene, Matt and Mat. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherrie Cronin.

From Jeyalene, Matt and Mat. - November 08, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Sherrie Cronin.



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November 08, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ Ellen S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherrie Cronin.

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Ellen S. - November 05, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ PD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherrie Cronin.

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PD - November 05, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sherrie Cronin.



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November 05, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ De R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherrie Cronin.

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De R. - November 05, 2023 at 01:14 PM

JH

“ 1 file added to the album *Sherrie through the years*



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**June Hanson** - November 03, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Sherrie Cronin*.



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November 03, 2023 at 01:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Sherrie Cronin*.

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November 02, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Sherrie Cronin*.



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November 02, 2023 at 05:24 PM

YF

“ Your PD Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherrie Cronin.

Your PD Family - November 02, 2023 at 09:36 AM

YF

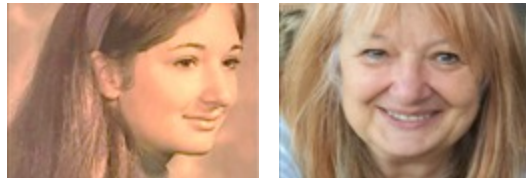
“ Your PD Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Sherrie Cronin.



Your PD Family - November 02, 2023 at 09:36 AM

JH

“ 2 files added to the album Sherrie through the years



June Hanson - November 01, 2023 at 07:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sherrie Cronin.

October 31, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Sherrie Cronin.*



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October 31, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ *Sherrie, will be missed but please know she will never be forgotten .We loved Sherrie and all the good work she provided for Helpmate survivors.*

*Joy Henderson  
Helpmate Shelter*

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**joy henderson** - October 31, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ *Sherrie enjoyed hosting dinner parties with Kevin at her beautiful house and regaling us with the latest accomplishments of her children. Sherrie and I worked together at Anadarko when we both worked for the Chiefs of our respective disciplines. We were engaged in developing technical competency maps and employee development programs when we were challenged to develop a training course on ethics in response to shortfalls in ethics that came to light in other industry employers. As I conducted those ethics workshops for engineering and geoscience practitioners with Sherrie, our Anadarko colleagues were generous in sharing their own stories of ethical dilemmas they had faced over the years. This experience prepared me well to continue to lead energy industry professionals in discussing ethical dilemmas. Sherrie’s sense of humor and grace will be missed by many of us.*

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**Susan Howes** - October 30, 2023 at 08:49 AM

WH

“ I’m very saddened to share that this lovely lady has passed away. Sherrie Cronin was a geophysicist at Anadarko’s International Exploration Department when I worked with her. She always had a smiling face for everyone. I admire her creativity, upbeat personality, adventurous nature, kindness etc. I will always remember her reaching out to me with a professional opportunity at the company she worked for. That’s who she was always reaching out when you were in need. My condolences to her husband, children and family. She will never be forgotten.

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**Wanda Haley** - October 29, 2023 at 06:58 PM

SO

“ So sorry to hear about Sherrie's passing, I had my Miami book club read one of her novels and enjoyed catching up with her on online from time to time. My condolences to all of her loved ones left behind, praying that she is rejoicing in the light and the glory. - Susan Roth O'Neill

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**Susan O'Neill** - October 29, 2023 at 06:53 PM

SW

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. Although I did not work directly alongside Sherrie at Anadarko Petroleum, she and I met when we both volunteered at an improvement project at Camp Pine Tree, a YMCA Camp in Spring, Texas. We all spent the day at the camp doing cleanup, building a fire pit and archery range, and the like. After working on some plantings around the clubhouse, Sherrie called me over and asked me what I thought. I said, "Well, it looks better, I guess." She said, "I think we need more plants. Want to go with me and get some?" She and I then drove to Home Depot and she personally bought more shrubs to fill in what APC had initially purchased. She was a kind, upbeat and caring soul. My deepest condolences to her family. To whomever in her loving family wrote Sherrie's obituary, I am certain she would have beamed that smile of hers with approval.

Sharon Walter - October 28, 2023 at 06:31 PM

DG

“ Sherrie was a Crisis-Hotline-Volunteer with Helpmate for over 7 years, and it was always a privilege to hear her on the phone with survivors. Sherrie was so kind, patient and thoughtful with her words and actions. Sherrie always made sure that survivors knew that they weren't alone and she took her time with each caller. A very strong and brilliant advocate and her legacy lives on, through all the lives she courageously impacted.

Debon A Garrigues - October 27, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sherrie Cronin.



October 27, 2023 at 03:29 PM