



Sharon Wells

October 24, 1943 - July 23, 2013

Obituary

Sharon Blanche Wells, exchanged time for eternity, on Tuesday, July 23, 2013. Sharon was born, October 24, 1943 to Orion and Marjorie Wells. Sharon was baptized in 1946 at Holy Name of Mary Church in Morgan Park in Chicago. In 1969, she became a member of Saint Felicitas Catholic Church.

Sharon spent her early childhood and adolescent years in the Altgeld Gardens community (Block One) where she attended and graduated from Our Lady of the Gardens Elementary School and later graduated from the Mother of Sorrow Catholic High School in Blue Island, Illinois. As a gifted student, Sharon received an academic scholarship to DePaul University graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science and also attended the University of Chicago, earning a Master's Degree in Library Science.

Sharon's professional career began at the American Medical Association where she was employed from 1965 until 1980. While working at the American Medical Association, Sharon decided to change careers and pursued a law degree from John Marshall Law School completing her requirements in 1980. Upon her graduation, she was awarded a plaque for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement in May of 1980.

After law school, Sharon became a law clerk in the Appellate Court. She was later elevated to the position of an Administrative Law Judge. It was from this position that she retired after over 20 years of service. Sharon Wells was recently awarded the Resolution of Appreciation by John Marshall Law School for her impact on development of case law with more documents written by her than any other Administrative Law Judge ever employed by the Labor Relations Board. She was committed to work on behalf of the African American community.

Ms. Wells was a world traveler and belonged to many associations. She was an active member of the National Bar Association serving on many committees. She served on the Newsletter, Hall of Fame, and Convention Committees of the Cook County Bar Association. In addition, Sharon helped create the Library of Law Course Outlines for the Balsa Chapter of John Marshall Law School. She also worked on the Amicus Briefs for the Cook County Bar Association.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Orion and Majorie Wells and brothers Patrick and Robert Wells. She leaves to mourn her memory, two brothers, Michael D. Wells (Joann); Dennis L. Wells (Angela); niece, Trevia Fitzpatrick (Eric); nephews, Dennis Jr. (Robyn) and Jason Sr., (LaKisha); grand-niece, Erin Fitzpatrick; grand-nephews, Jason Jr., Jasper, Jeremy and Dawson Wells; cousins, Debra Burrell, William Jack, Sylvia Watson; special friend, Audrey Neal; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

6001 W. 111th Street
Alsip, IL 60803-6072
(708) 422-3020

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Doty Nash Funeral Home
8620 S Stony Island Ave
Chicago, IL 60617
(773) 768-4845
info@dotynash.com
<https://www.dotynashfuneralhome.com>

Wake

JUL 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Felicitas
1526 E. 84th Street
Chicago, IL 60619
(773) 734-2300

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Wells

October 09, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ Netta Marsalis lit a candle in memory of Sharon Wells



Netta Marsalis - December 07, 2014 at 07:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Sharon. It's hard to believe it's been more than 20 years since we worked together at the Labor Board. She was a pleasure to work with. She was smart, generous, witty, and kind. My condolences to her family.

David Bell - July 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

PK

“ As an administrative law judge at the Illinois Labor Relations Board Sharon was a strong, spirited and outspoken advocate for protecting the rights of all parties appearing before her. As my colleague for over 20 years she was always available and willing to share her knowledge and perspective on a particular issue along with a word of encouragement and support. I will miss sharing our frustration as fans of the Chicago Cubs, particularly the opening-day lunches at Harry Cary's. My prayers are with her family whom she dearly loved.

Phil Kazanjian

Phil Kazanjian - July 29, 2013 at 11:00 AM

JR

“ I am very sorry to hear of Sharon's passing. She was a pleasure to know. As an Administrative Law Judge, she really knew what she was doing. The labor community in Illinois owes her a great debt for her hard work, keen insight, and well reasoned decisions. She had a big impact on the development of public sector labor law in Illinois. My condolences to her family and friends.

John Roche

John Roche - July 28, 2013 at 09:06 PM

JS

“ Sharon was kind, encouraging, supportive and principled. Her staunch support encouraged me from the first time I met her. My sympathy goes out to her family and to all of us who knew her.

Jane Stuart - July 28, 2013 at 06:02 PM

GB

“ *My sincerest condolences to all in Sharon's family. She was kind, generous, witty and unflappable. It was a blessing to be in her company,*

Gary Bailey - July 26, 2013 at 09:55 PM

PW

“ *Pat Washington lit a candle in memory of Sharon Wells*



Pat Washington - July 26, 2013 at 12:28 PM

PW

“ *Sharon was truly a very special person. She was steadfast, trustworthy and unfaltering in her loyalty to others. Sharon was very thoughtful and caring, she never forgot your birthday and was always there to encourage you when you needed it most. Many will remember her deserts; I will always remember her homemade rolls. She will truly be missed.*

*GOD PLACED A JEWEL INSIDE OF YOU
TO SHARE AND SHOW TO PRECIOUS FEW
A JEWEL OF GRACE SURROUNDED BY LOVE
AS ONLY THE FATHER SENDS FROM ABOVE
SO REST IN PEACE MY DEAR BELOVED FRIEND
FOR THIS IF THE BEGINNING OF YOUR JOURNEY
AND CERTAINLY NOT THE END*

PAT WASHINGTON

Pat Washington - July 26, 2013 at 11:52 AM

JC

“ Sharon gave everyone appearing before her full attention, her unique blend of curiosity about life and her love of applying the law to the slice of life each case put before her. She gave her co-workers in the law the inspirations of her unbelievable energy and perseverance in ferreting out any fact bearing on any question. She gave to all she encountered something of that zest of life she brought to all she did, and shared with all her great capacities for love, for sympathy and kindness, without stint. It was a privilege to know her! (And, as Mike Dunne says, her desserts, too, remain in memory.)

John Clifford

John Clifford - July 25, 2013 at 02:38 PM

MD

“ Gracious; kind; more than willing to share vast knowledge of the law and great desserts!

Michael Dunne - July 25, 2013 at 02:08 PM