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Tribute to Sherrye (June) Cook



On Saturday July 16, 2016 we lost a great person and a kind heart! As a tribute to the many lives she touched, we have compiled a Special Edition dedicated to Sherrye Cook (aka June Cleaver).

*A true great mentor,
Hard to find, difficult to part with
And most of all impossible to forget!!*



*Thank you Sherrye,
I love you & will miss you dearly!!*

Cathy Bundschuh

A Golden Heart & Platinum Personality



Sherrye Cook (1952 – 2016) left our sight, but remains in our hearts!

Known as June (Cleaver) to us at Sabin Scottsville plant is now walking in heaven, pain free and smiling down on us. Sherrye was our June, because in many different ways she touched all of us over the years in one way or another. She helped us through difficult times while dealing with her own. Her infectious smile and boisterous laughter made you feel at ease every time. I personally took great satisfaction anytime I could make her laugh for my own self gratification. Sherrye was June Cleaver to a couple dozen Wally & Theodor Cleavers, not to mention a plethora of Eddie Haskell through her 29+ years with us. Sherrye took her job as Human Resources very seriously without being overly serious. As one of the Chief Editors for the Nugget we would have MANY discussions over the years about political correctness, morality, personal privacy and common decency. In case you were wondering most times I would lose, but she never made you feel like you made a bad decision, she made you sincerely see what the proper choice was. That is something you can't teach people that is something that is just born into certain people. I don't think I have ever met someone with such devotion to a job and the people she worked with in my 36+ years at Sabin other than Bill McAlpine. Sherrye & Bill were in my opinion, probably the 2 biggest pillars supporting this plant in different capacities for the same reason – the employees. We here at Sabin Metal would like to thank Sherrye's family for allowing us the privilege to share her kind heart & caring soul with us for the years. Please know that she will be forever in our minds and hearts. Thank You!

Marty (Eddie Haskell) Spoor

A "Good" Person

Many people in this world aspire to be decent people. Not all succeed, and some of us at Sabin may be on the edge when it comes to Good and Evil ☺

Sherrye Cook was the epitome of "good." No doubt, she has a place in Heaven that was set a long time ago by our Father. She would do anything for anybody, and hardly had a negative thing to say about another person. "Hardly" I say because even she would go beyond "geezum" to some of the other words in our language at times! But, a better person, I've never found in my Sabin years.

She will be missed by so many, as she touched the lives of every person at Sabin. Every! She was always there to listen, offer advice, or just sit and talk about anything.

She was such an inspiration. She was never down that I ever saw. Someone that had such a full life and spotted with pain and loss; no matter what, she was always "up" when I saw her or spoke to her. I would always think to myself, "How does she do that?" She inspired many with this built in gift of hers.

And, that laugh of hers! You could hear the laugh without seeing the person and think, "Oh, Sherrye's here somewhere," and a smile would come to your face. You knew, somewhere within a block of where you were, you would find Sherrye and see a fantastic smile radiating out of such a fun lady.

You will be missed, June!

Ed Garbowski

If I Never Knew

If I never knew Sherrye Cook

I would not have known all the compassion that a person is capable of.

I would not have known the faith in the Lord that a person could possess

I would not have known the power of a smile

I would not have known the courage that can be attained

I would not have known how to listen with my heart

I would not have known how a heart can beat with so much of it missing

Charlie Metz

7/20/16

Thoughts & Memories:

Sherrye was a pretty amazing lady, I can not ever remember a time when she did not greet anyone with a smile. I said to her many times through the years she was like a mother to all of us guys in a way. A job that could only be managed by her to put up with all of us on a daily basis, that's one special lady. It did not matter how often or how little you talked to her. Whenever you called her she always knew your voice on the phone and I think she probably knew all of our spouses and families though she may have never met half of them. Her door was always open for any of us no matter what our problem was she was there to help and did not ever stop until she found a solution that was best for everyone involved. She is the Angel looking over us now keeping us safe as she has done for so long. RIP our beloved friend you will be forever missed but never forgotten. Thank you for all you have done for all of us at Sabin we love ya Sherrye

Mark Mullikin

I am so sorry to hear that. I am shocked actually. I heard she has retired, but I didn't know that she got sick. She is missed. I can still remember for the first time when I met her. She welcomed me and hugged me, and said she had my background checked, & it is clear & I officially become a Sabin Family member in a joking tone! She made me, a foreigner new employee feel so welcomed and comfortable!! She was so nice and sweet!!! I can still remember her smile recalling the similar trending glasses fashion when she was young after she saw my black framed glasses and a picture of Betsy with a pair of black framed glasses in her early times. Unfortunately, I don't go to Rochester as often as I used to & I missed the time working with her before she retired.

My deepest condolences to the dearest Sherrye.

R.I.P.

Best regards,

Yanan Sui

Global Research & Logistics Manager

Sherrye was one of the most pleasant people I have ever met- it was a joy to have known her.

I remember she offered much encouragement when I decided to return to college to earn my BS.

I succeeded, finally, and when I gave her the news her first words were "are you going to go on"?

Always positive, ever uplifting- she helped change my life, and I am forever grateful to her.

Mark Kelly – Sabin Metal West



When I first started working at Sabin West, I was sent to Scottsville for some training for a week. Sherrye was one of the many at Scottsville to welcome me and make me feel comfortable in the “Sabin Family”. Any time I had any questions, or concerns regarding human resources issues, Steve would always say, “Call Sherrye Cook, she’ll know the answer to that.” And she always did! So over the years she was my “go to person” for any human resource issues. She was such a kind and caring person, she would always go the extra mile to help me out. If she didn’t have a ready answer, she would look until she found the proper way to handle any situation and then let me know. I so enjoyed talking to her, her laugh was so wonderful and infectious, you couldn’t help but laugh with her! She will be missed and remembered for many years by us here at Sabin West.

Bonnie Steen – Sabin Metal West

When I turned 62, we decided I should begin to collect social security. This caused all sorts of problems about Medicare when I became 65 and was on Bob's insurance. In desperation I turned to Sherrye. She was so kind, helpful, and efficient that she had it all straightened out very quickly. Sherrye was one of a kind.

Elaine Jacobsen

I think a few of us feel the same way so I will just say that Sherrye was pretty much our Sabin Mom. She looked out for us, cared for us and was always open to soliciting advice for work and home matters. A friendly face and ear we will miss dearly, and have since she retired.

Leahanne Schroth

Sherrye....
Friday morning coffee and conversation!

Love & Miss You,

Joanne Yarnes



(Picture with Sherrye was at my 50th).

A Work Friend

Work friends are very special. Even though you see them 5 days a week virtually every week of the year, you do not see them much outside of work, except the occasional graduation, wedding, birthday party, etc.

That was how my friendship was with Sherrye. From the very beginning, we hit it off and became friends. We had a lot in common; we both enjoyed traveling, liked the same types of books, shared recipes, etc.

We often discussed our families. From the many years of discussions, she knew my family well and I knew Don, Corrye, Kassidy and the Munns well.

Sherrye fit in with the Sabin bunch. You need a sense of humor to survive here. I cannot even count how many times we laughed at something and she would say, “Ok, maybe we are a little sick.” And who could ever forget that laugh!

After her diagnosis, I was fortunate to visit her several times. I will always cherish those conversations.

Sherrye had so much positive energy and she always knew the right thing to say. The kindness, spirituality, compassion Sherrye had was contagious... God bless my dear friend.

Betsy Gremer – Nitric Acid Group



WHY GOD GAVE US SHERRYE



God knew we needed someone kind
who would lend a helping hand.
Sherrye gladly took the time
to care & understand.

God knew we needed friendship
someone that no one can replace.
We could laugh with Sherrye
till the tears ran down our face.

God knew we needed someone
strong to brighten up our day.
Sherrye was a source of strength,
when troubles came our way.

God knew we needed Sherrye,
whose love will always be here
as we go along the way.
We will hold on to the memories
and treasure them each day.

Why God Gave Us Sherrye – Poem by Mara Gallo
That's Why God Gave Us Friends - Poem by Gerry Mark

Sherrye and I didn't see each other or talk often (after I retired), but when we did it was as if no time had passed between us. My memories of her are of a beautiful (inside & out), caring, wonderful friend. Over the years we shared many confidences, jokes, laughter and an occasional lunch or dinner.

One time when I was at her house for tea, I decided to put the leaf of the coffee table up and proceeded to pinch my hand in the hinge. She came running to my rescue but not without many ouches and lots of giggles.

I'll miss my friend but will see her again when my number is called.

Gail Heale

Sherrye:

My tribute to a special lady who left us too soon. I had the pleasure of working for and with Sherrye for over 10 years. She was as close to perfect as anyone I've ever known. In all that time I never heard her say an unkind word about anyone. Her faith was stronger than most of us could imagine. God and her family were her whole world. She loved them all unconditionally.

I feel I am a better person for having known her and called her my friend. Thanks for all the happy memories.

Love you,

Doris & Rock Rothrock

LIFE BRINGS TEARS SMILES AND MEMORIES THE TEARS DRY, THE SMILES FADE, BUT THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER

Your smile – this is what I will remember most of all about you Sherrye; it will be your smile.. I am richer for having known you. Our laughs and talks, the fun times given by Sabin Metal Corp.

Memories that will last forever..... Pat Graham

When I think about Sherrye, I always remember the time my wife and I were waiting in line at a comedy club. We were talking and I stopped her and said "Sherrye Cook is here". I went to find Sherrye and say hello. When I went back in line with my wife, she asked "How did you know Sherrye was here". I responded, "That laugh, you can't miss that laugh". I know we are all going to miss that laugh.

James Barrett



A limb has fallen from the family tree. I keep hearing a voice that says "Grieve not for me." Remember the best times, the laughter, the song. The good life I lived while I was strong, continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through. My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest. Remembering all how I was truly blessed. Continue traditions no matter how small. Go on with your life, don't worry about falls. I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin until the day comes we're together again. -Unknown-

Sherrye Cook was a kind, caring, genuine person and she will live in our memories and hearts. As I recall memories of Sherrye in the few years that I knew her, I am reminded of a Dr Seuss quote, "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." All these memories that we shared with her are all the moments that our paths crossed and she influenced our lives. The majority of us here at Sabin Metal have at least one memory of her, some have several, and there are few that didn't get to know her. Those that didn't get the chance to know her it is unfortunate because she was a sweet, kind, and compassionate person that will be missed. To Sherrye we were her second family, some of us still hadn't fully adjusted to her retirement a few months back, thinking that she didn't come in that day because she had the day off or she was on vacation. Now that she has gained her angel wings, we are faced with the adjustment that we won't see her or have her stop in to visit with stories of her grandbabies or some amazing vacation she took. Now she just lives on in our memories. I personally will remember her smile, no matter how crazy of a day she had, you almost always saw her smiling even when she was frustrated. I remember her coming in and said that her husband would be stopping in to pick up a pump because there was a flooding problem at her house. You could see the concern of possible damage in her eyes, but she still managed to smile and said "It's all going to be okay" before heading up to her office.

At her calling hours I was talking to her daughter Kassidy and in the conversation, we realized that "It's all going to be Ok" was probably one of her most memorable sayings. Kassidy also pointed it out that her mom had a way of knowing that if you were facing a situation and she told you "It's all going to be Ok" that she meant it. The situation may have taken time before it was truly able to be handled. Sherrye whole heartedly believed everything would work out and she was rarely wrong.

Stephanie Taylor

My fondest memory of Sherrye was as she left work for the day, not complaining about being scanned and always asking how my day was. She was a true lady and a credit to Sabin Metal.

Fred Plimpton



Sherrye Cook's Life

Sherrye Cook's life was defined by three fundamental things: faith, family, and friends. Of these her Catholic faith was the most important. Her devotion to the church was matched by few. Sherrye was very active in the Church through Women of Grace, Bible Study, and as a Eucharistic Minister. While growing up her favorite holiday was Christmas, but as she grew older and stronger in her faith, it truly became Easter.

Her strong devotion to family, stemmed from Sherrye's relationship with Gramma Munn. Sherrye was truly the matriarch of our family. Nothing pleased her more than making every holiday and event special and unique for everyone. Holidays gave Sherrye the opportunity to express her love of cooking and baking. Thanksgiving and Christmas were constantly filled with the enticing aromas of Aunt Muriel's brownies, a pasta dish, or her cornbread stuffing. Sherrye loved nothing better than giving the perfect gift to everyone from a complete stranger to her closest family members. The look on her face when she saw the reaction from the person she'd given a gift to, exemplified the expression that it is better to give than receive. Yet the greatest gift she ever received herself was from her beloved brother Gil who in 2010 gave Sherrye the gift of life through a bone marrow transplant. It was through this gift that we were given six precious years.

Two of the most important events later in life were the marriage of her children Corrye (Megan) Van Caesele-Cook and Kassidy (David) Ryan to their soul mates and the birth of her beloved grandchildren Quentyn and Aubrie. Sherrye loved being "Mimi" to her grandkids and doted on them every chance she got. On August 21st Sherrye and her soul mate Don would have celebrated 40 years of marriage. Sherrye loved Don fully and unconditionally. Some of their favorite past times included their yearly wine tours to the finger lakes, Friday night dinners, and sunsets by the pool. Sherrye and Don also loved baseball whether it was the Yankees on television or taking in a Rochester Red Wings game. The sweet couple also loved the beach particularly their trips to Gloucester where they often held hands and watched the sun set over the ocean.

Sherrye was very proud of her heritage and knew exactly where she came from.

Sherrye always said she had the best friends in the world, and if you were close to her you were more than a friend—you were family. From her childhood best friends Gail, Elaine, Moe, and Vitz, to her amazing co-workers/second family at Sabin Metal where she worked for 29 years, to her friends in Sherrye's later life known simply as "the Girls." The Girls did everything from weddings, to baby showers, to dinners and book club. But they were never quite the same when the life of the group Karen Combo passed in 2015. In her final days it gave Sherrye joy and peace to know she would soon see Karen in God's Kingdom. Sherrye also reveled in world travel everywhere from Turks and Caicos, to Italy, to Ireland, to France. Her one regret was never being able to make pilgrimages to Fatima, Portugal and the Holy Land. But now Sherrye has made the ultimate pilgrimage into God's loving embrace and is truly home.

Quotes:

If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.

– Maya Angelou

When you are born, you cry, and the world rejoices.

When you die, you rejoice, and the world cries.

-- Buddhist Saying

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

-- Maya Angelou

This Nugget was completed without Sherrye's editorial approval, but in my heart I know she would have loved all the contributions & memories. Many thanks to all who have contributed in one way or another to this Special Edition. To everyone who shares this edition or your own personal memories to keep Sherrye in your minds & hearts, bless you all.

Our deepest condolences go out to Sherrye's Family & Friends on our shared loss.

