



Sharon Ann Townsend

August 27, 1948 - October 9, 2020

Sharon Ann (Briery) Townsend of Frisco, Texas, passed away on October 9, 2020, at the age of 72. She was born in Seminole, Oklahoma, on August 27, 1948, to Genevieve (Cook) and Clifford Edward Briery. Sharon's beautiful complexion is attributed to her Cherokee ancestry.

She obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma (Boomer Sooner!). Sharon was a teacher for many years, teaching at Clark, Plano Senior High and Plano West. Debate, Speech and English were a true passion for Sharon, and she passed that passion on to many of her students. She was well respected and admired by all of her students and colleagues.

Sharon married the love of her life, her high school sweetheart, Michael Wade Townsend, in Maui, Hawaii, on July 13, 1970. They were blessed with two wonderful daughters, Ashley and Alisha.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Mike Townsend of Frisco, Texas; her daughters, Dr. Ashley Slaughter and her husband, Frank, of Prosper, Texas, and Alisha Rand and her husband, Bryan, of Frisco, Texas; her grandchildren, Jurnee Hill, Dalton Hill, Cade Hill, Ella Slaughter, Rhea Slaughter, Sarah Slaughter, Andrew Slaughter, Haylee Rand and Grace Rand.

She was preceded in death by her parents, C.E. and Genny, and her brother, Clifford Edward Briery II.

A Remembrance Gathering will be held at Berkshire Chapel, 9073 Berkshire Drive, Frisco, Texas, on Friday, October 16th, 2020, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, come and go. The service will be held at the Berkshire Chapel on Saturday, October 17th, 2020 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Andy Lewis officiating. Masks are required.

Facebook live stream for service:

Memorials

Love you forever & ever beautiful, Sharon!

LIZZIE, OCTOBER 17, 2020

Mrs. Townsend will be greatly missed. I don't think there is any way she could know how many people for whom she truly had profound impacts.

BARRY WILLIAMS , OCTOBER 17, 2020

Sharon brought positive energy with her bright smile and kind wit everywhere she went. She will be so missed.

JENNY BELL, OCTOBER 17, 2020

We are so thankful that we were blessed to know Sharon. We know that she will look down upon all of you and watch over you. Each and every day.. Wish we could be there for her service, but will be attending online seeing as we are so far away. Thinking of you all today... Love, Kristin, Gary, Sophie, Grace & Ella Sullinger

KRISTIN SULLINGER , OCTOBER 17, 2020

Sharon was such an incredible educator and person. I enjoyed the conversations we shared together during our time at PWSH. She had such a zeal to reach every student and encourage each one to greater heights. I miss her. Dee Sampson

DEE, OCTOBER 16, 2020

Dear Sharon We worked at Plano West for many years. We only talked a few times but I know you are a great person and teacher. You shared with me your signature fragrance. You will be missed. Love and prayers to your family.

Bonnie Neumann

BONNIENEUMANN@YMAIL.COM, OCTOBER 16, 2020

Sharon affected the lives of her students in so many ways. Her efforts live on in the dreams and accomplishments of others.

MARK WELLBORN, OCTOBER 16, 2020

We are so sorry for your loss. We send our love.

TOM AND MARYLOU BUNTYN, OCTOBER 16, 2020

I can't be there, but I will be watching, live stream.

JEANETTE SNAPP, OCTOBER 16, 2020

Mrs. Townsend was the best, most caring and loving teacher. Every time I go to pick up a book or see anything Sooners I will always think of her!! You will be missed so much. Love Gabby

GABBY GOMEZ, OCTOBER 15, 2020

We are sorry for your loss.

DANNY & JUDY MARTIN, OCTOBER 15, 2020

Dearest Sharon, I have always treasured our friendship which began at Clark and continued through our Plano West days on into retirement. Your caring smile and wonderful personality cheered everyone with whom you came into contact. Your students always felt valued and loved, as did your colleagues. When troubles came into my life, you prayed for me and my family and made sure to follow up with a message or call. I couldn't have asked for a better friend. I love you and will miss you always. Rest In Peace, sweet Sharon, until we see each other again.

SALLY SCHNEIDER, OCTOBER 15, 2020

Dear Townsend family, please accept my condolences on the loss of your loved one, Sharon Townsend. I had the honor and privilege of working with Sharon as principal at Clark High School and Plano West Senior High School. Sharon was truly one of a kind. She had an unquestionable dedication to her students and teammates. She was an inspiration to all not only through her words but her actions. While reflecting on Sharon's legacy, I recall the countless extra hours she happily spent with her Speech and Debate students at Clark, and her English students at Plano West. She was always there for her students. Sharon was also a consummate campus leader. She was always willing to listen and counsel teachers on effective methods to improve the learning atmosphere for all students. We will miss Sharon but we know her positive spirit and influence will always live within all who knew her. Love,

PHIL SAVIANO, OCTOBER 15, 2020

I taught with Sharon at West and also worked for her when she was the department chair. I left Texas for a while, but returned and heard Sharon retired to spend time with Mike, her girls and her grandchildren. I was so happy she had that time with her family. We may have occasionally groused about work, students, or just life, and Sharon always listened to us, but her method of dealing with stress was to focus on her family. She adored her girls. She adored her grandchildren. They dissipated away every negative thought, every anxiety, and every unhappy moment she may have had while teaching. There's no debating that Sharon was a gifted teacher, but more importantly, Sharon was a gifted wife and mother. The Sharon I saw at West was devoted to her family beyond anything else. Mike was a fortunate man to have such a lovely woman so devoted to him, and "her girls" should know the same. She loved them beyond anything else. She will leave a mark in my heart as an example of what it means to be committed to one's husband, children, and grandchildren. With much love and hope for peace for all of the Townsends,

TERI MCINTIRE , OCTOBER 15, 2020

I wish I could be with you guys celebrating Sharon's life. She was an amazing woman, and I will miss her dearly. I will always be grateful to her for the mentor she was to me and I will remember her most for her love of Shakespeare, The Hunger Games, and her beloved Boomer Sooners. Love to all.

KARA SCHECTMAN, OCTOBER 15, 2020

Sharon hired me at Plano West, and she is the reason I want to teach on-level students forever. Most teachers talk about their goals of AP, but she always wanted to be there for every student. I went to school at West from 2007-2009, and she had the reputation of being the BEST teacher. Students wanted to be in her class so badly. She truly lived her life as a teacher, a caregiver, a friend. I would not be where I am today without Sharon's guidance. Even though I hated to see her go, I am so happy she retired and was able to spend these last 6 years solely focused on her family. Prayers to the family as she will be missed but never forgotten by so many.

KELLY BRENNAN, OCTOBER 15, 2020

Prayers to you and your family for healing and keeping your mom in your heart always! Love, The Ruppman's

AMI RUPPMAN, OCTOBER 14, 2020

Thinking of your whole family as you mourn the loss of your matriarch who led your tribe.

GRETCHEN DEBBAGE & FAMILY, OCTOBER 14, 2020

Mike, Alisha, Ashley and family, My sincere condolence to you for the loss of this wonderful lady. Sharon was an angel on this earth, and now she is a true angel in heaven. May the Lord help you find peace and comfort during this very difficult time. Love you all. Sherri Mak and family

SHERRI MAKRIGEORGIS, OCTOBER 14, 2020

Sharon was my high school english teacher and I will never forget her kindness. A few years before meeting her, I was diagnosed with leukemia and spent half of middle school in the hospital. When I returned to school, I had an incredibly difficult time. I missed so many days of class due to illness. Most teachers and the administration treated me as if I was a delinquent - but not Sharon. The first time I wrote about having cancer was in her class because she made me feel safe to be vulnerable. She returned my paper with an "A" and commented "you should try to publish this - great work!" I will never forget that. I had absolutely no confidence in my academic abilities and Sharon was the first teacher to ever build my confidence and see my life experience as my strength rather than my weakness. While I struggled with my health, Sharon went above and beyond to show me kindness and understanding. I'm heartbroken to hear that she has passed - and from cancer, of all things. I wish I would have told her how much she impacted my life. Now, I work for a cancer non profit and I've written multiple successful blogs. It's undeniable that Sharon is a big reason why I continue to share my story today. I kept up with her on Facebook after all these years and it brought me joy to see how much she loved her family. She was an amazing educator who loved her students. Sharon will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

LIZ HAGAG, OCTOBER 14, 2020

On behalf of the Terazawa family, Mrs. Townsend you will truly be missed. Thank you for everything you did for our family especially for Sophia and Michelle.

MICHELLE TERAZAWA, OCTOBER 13, 2020

My heart hurts for your loss. I loved Sharon so much and am sorry we lost touch. Please know that I am thinking of you.

MARCIA STRONGWATER , OCTOBER 13, 2020

Prayers to the Townsend family on the loss of my dear friend and colleague. I've know Sharon since the Clark High School days back in 1989. When I came to Plano West in 2008 as Associate Principal, it was wonderful to renew our working relationship. Sharon was that teacher that loved to work with that kid that needed a little extra care and encouragement. She would often ask me to give her the challenging students (a rare request!). She just had a way of understanding their needs and guiding them to success. Her passion was inspirational. It was an honor to know Sharon. She was not only a dedicated teacher, trusted friend, and campus leader; she spoke often and proudly of her kids and grandkids. I know that she LOVED her family so much. I will truly miss Sharon and extend my heartfelt condolences to her beautiful family.

CARL HERRMANN, OCTOBER 12, 2020

Sharon, I always considered you to be an angel and for so many reasons. We shared some good times and not-so-good times. I know that I've been so blessed by your friendship and will never forget you because you will live in my heart for as long as I live. Save me a spot in heaven...as I believe I may need someone to vouch for me. Love you so very much, Mags

MAGGIE EICHENLAUB , OCTOBER 12, 2020

My friend Sharon, how I remember you is your passion for your Speech and Debate kids from Clark. You and your students were so successful. Then we meet up again at Plano West. What an inspiration you were to us all. You were always smiling. I love your love for your own girls and your grandkids. Going to all the dance recitals and all their activities. Sharon you will be missed by so

many, me included. Save a place for us so we can have a PWSH party when we get there.

CARLA FORD RICH, OCTOBER 12, 2020

Sharon always had a beautiful smile and was a sweet soul. She will be missed. See you in Heaven. Your Friend.

CHARLES MCKAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020

I knew Sharon and Mike in high school. Sat next to Sharon in Latin class. I sat on one side and Larry Johnson sat on the other. Had it not been for Sharon, I might still be trying to pass that class. Always willing to help anyone, she was always very kind and for sure a very special person in this world. From what I have read in some of the comments, she never changed. She will never be forgotten. Mike and family, please know that you are in our prayers. R.I.P.

Sharon Townsend

GENE AND KATHY MALOY, OCTOBER 12, 2020

RIP Sharon. May God be with your family.

CLIFF HENDRICKS, OCTOBER 11, 2020

Sharon, I have so many fond memories of teaching with you at Clark High School and Plano West. May you rest in peace.

JO WALLACE-ABBIE, OCTOBER 11, 2020

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