Sheila Frances Spencer

July 26, 1953 - February 29, 2012

This one is for you Sheila: Sheila Frances Spencer of Plano, Texas passed away on February 29, 2012, at the age of 58. She was born on July 26, 1953 to Eugene and Helen (Williams) Walsh in Dallas, Texas. She was a 1975 graduate of Texas Tech University where she received a Bachelor of Education degree. Sheila received her master’s degree from East Texas State University (Summa Cum Laude). She married Alan Spencer on Friday, February 13, 1976, in Irving, Texas. Sheila’s career began in 1975 at Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas, Texas. She taught there for two years and continued her teaching at Sequoyah Elementary School in Dallas for seven years, where she was honored as the Teacher of the Year. As an accomplished educator in Plano ISD for 27 years, she held various positions including Auditor, Dean, Vice Principal, and Principal. While serving as Vice Principal, her middle school was awarded the Blue Ribbon Award, and she was invited to the White House.

She is survived by her husband, Alan Spencer of Allen; son, Timothy Alan Spencer and wife, Leah, of McKinney; daughter, Lindsey Elizabeth Spencer of Plano; her dog, Ginger; brothers, Robert Kevin Walsh and wife, Rose Ann, of Coppell; Brian Eugene Walsh of Dallas; sister, Roseann Brady of Dallas; mother-in-law, Marilyn L. Storminger of Indiantown, Florida; father-in-law, Hugh Spencer of Keller, Texas, and many other loving family members and friends. Sheila was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Helen Frances Walsh.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 5, 2012, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel in Allen, Texas; Interment is to follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Sheila’s honor to any children’s charity of your choice.

Memorials
Just found out about your passing. Even though I hadn't seen you since our
days at Bishop Dunne, I always had fond memories of you. Shelia, may you
R.I.P.

RICK POINDEXTER, MAY 25, 2016

I ache and cry out to God!!! I can’t believe I am writing on your memorial!!!
This can't be real?!? I told you last Wednesday that your cough sounded
awful!!! I am selfish and want you back; God must need you more than me for
His Kingdom. Who am I going to chat with in the middle of the day?!?! Shelia,
you were the kindest and most forgiving person in the field of education to
EVERYONE; thank you for seeing me as the wounded bird that truly loved
teaching!!! The turtle dove outside Stone’s window the day you went to Heaven
was a blessed gift; little did I know of the significance until now. Getting to
know you and have you call me daughter was/is the greatest gift and one that
will reside well within my soul till the day we see each other again; at our
Father's House. I know without a doubt that God Almighty-Jehovah Rapha is
telling you, "Well, done my child'. God's Kingdom is brighter because of your
service through-out your life and for what you allowed us teachers to do; love
and teach His children! Your loving and kind leadership is/will forever be
missed! I shall always hold onto every conversation we had over the last 6
years; especially our last one. What a privilege I had being told that you loved
me and you did so despite my best and worst days. I look forward to telling
your kids how much you loved them and how proud you were of them!!! You
knew what drove me, the good and the bad, and I promise to apply the wisdom
you shared. OH! Jim said this about you, "We are for ever grateful to God for
how you took such great care of our family". Shelia, thank you for believing in
me because I know you first believed in Him. P.S. My outfits, for your both of
services, are ones you would be proud of; beach colors at their finest because
I know how much you loved the beach!! Also, no pants!

CONSTANCE "CONNIE GORAM-STANTON, MARCH 6, 2012

Both my kids went to Hendrick MS, Ms. Spencer was an awesome Principle
and will be greatly missed in Plano education. Peace to your family. Rest in
I want to express my deepest sympathy to Alan, Timothy and Lindsey for your tragic loss. I first met Sheila in 1991 when I was hired to be the third member of the counseling team at Renner Middle School. Sheila immediately made sure that I was comfortable in my new position and became both my friend and mentor. She reached out to me with that warm and wonderful big heart of hers and I learned and grew so much as a professional under her gentle guidance and leadership. I have many wonderful memories of working with Sheila. There is one in particular that I would like to share with you. In her usual fashion, Sheila went above and beyond what was expected when she helped my husband, in secret, plan a 50th birthday surprise for me at school. Needless to say it is a memory that I will always cherish and Sheila was a big part of it. I always looked up to Sheila, I admired and respected her. I will always remember her gentle spirit, kind heart and her passion for her job. She was always the ultimate professional. I want you to know that she touched my life in a very special way and I will always be grateful for that. Sheila, you are gone way too soon. Rest in peace.

SUSAN WEAVER, MARCH 5, 2012
Sheila lived her life as example to others. I count myself blessed having served as a teacher while she was the assistant principal at Renner Middle School. May God bring comfort to your family during this time of sorrow.

DEBORAH MOORE, MARCH 5, 2012
May your leadership at Hendrick never be forgotten. You were a wonderful principal and we are thankful for your dedication. You will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing you. May you rest in peace.

MONICA BAREIS, MARCH 5, 2012
I went to highschool with Sheila. She was a sweetheart! May she sing with angels.

CYNDI CLEMMENS, MARCH 5, 2012
You will be greatly missed Sheila! You were such a positive part of two of my
children's lives and I really enjoyed working with you on the PTA. Prayers of comfort going out to your loving family.

TERESA THORNTON, MARCH 5, 2012

I have known Sheila since grade school at St. Cecilia's and have seen her over the years since high school at Bishop Dunne. She was one of the kindest, most caring people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. We will all miss her.

STEPHEN JONES, MARCH 5, 2012

Sheila was a friend and mentor my first few years of teaching. She was always very encouraging and had a positive spirit. I will never forget how much she encouraged not only me, but everyone.

LAURA KUCUK, MARCH 5, 2012

Sheila, It was an honor to work for you at Hendrick during your tenure. I counted you as my boss as well as my friend. You will be missed. My prayers are with your family. Love, Karen

KAREN BERGMANN, MARCH 4, 2012

Rest in Peace, dear Sheila. You are our forever friend.

GARY AND PEGGY WELBORN, MARCH 4, 2012

Sorry for your loss. Thinking of you.

GENE MORRISON, MARCH 4, 2012

I adored Sheila. She was an intuitive and brilliant woman. My last visit with her was only a week ago, and it tugged at my heart like no other before that. No matter how long it had been between visits, we knew right where to begin, and that was always with what was on our hearts. Sheila was passionate, wise, trustworthy, supportive and dedicated. She was able to get the truth out of a student, and could really see through to the bottom of all problems. She didn't often take time for herself, but could always take time for others. I was looking forward to regular contact with her again as she regained her strength, and I am heartbroken that she is gone from us.

BEVERLY WASSBERG, MARCH 4, 2012

What a beautiful footprint you left here on earth!
TOMMY KOKENZIE, MARCH 3, 2012

Dear Sheila: Thank you for your smile during my interview back in 2000, it was for sure an encouragement. Thank you for all of the support at Renner, you were always so professional and personable. I recently sent you a card you probably never received. I wanted to say hi! I wanted to say have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones. You have finished your daily tasks, go to sleep in peace. GOD is awake. (Victor Hugo)

GLORIA PIENAAR, MARCH 3, 2012

Dearest Sheila, thank you for being a good friend and neighbor while we were all growing up on the cul-de-sac. You will be missed. Lindsey, Tim and Alan, you are in our thoughts always. Love, Kerri

KERRI O, MARCH 3, 2012

Dearest Sheila, You don’t know how much you will be missed. You were the very best friend and colleague anyone could have. I'll never forget the hours we spent together working on master schedules and the lunches we had at my house. You have always caused me to be a better, more caring person. I love you as a dear, dear friend and will never forget you.

CAROL FRANK, MARCH 3, 2012

I am without words to express how I feel about losing you. I have too many words for this small place to express how much you were and are loved and respected by so many colleagues and friends. I am proud to have been one.

PATTI HARRINGTON, MARCH 3, 2012