



SHARON E. CONEY

September 25, 1957 - March 29, 2016

Sharon E. Coney, 58, of West Milford, NJ, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

She was born on September 25, 1957 in Elmira, NY to the late John and Elaine (Hayes) Coney.

Sharon grew up in Houtzdale, PA and graduated from Moshannon Valley High School in 1975.

She moved to New York City while attending Parsons School of Design and graduating in 1981 as a commercial artist. She continued to reside in NYC for the next 20 years.

In 1981 she worked for Matsumoto Design as a Package Designer and remained there until 1986.

From 1986 to 1988 she worked for Hasbro, Inc. as a Senior Package Designer, and from 1988 to 2001 she was self-employed as a freelance designer with Sharon Coney Design.

In 2001 to 2012 she was a Package Manager for Toys R Us.

In July 2013 to the present she found her true calling and was the founder , owner / operator of Maggie & Raffy's Canine Camp, located at her residence, where she boarded various animals.

Sharon will best be remembered for her true love of all animals, which included owning her horse Tango for twenty years; as well as her sense of humor.

She is survived by her loving brother Mark Coney and his wife Mary of Mine Hill, NJ, and her cherished niece Kaitlyn Coney of Mine Hill, NJ. as well as many dear friends.

The family will gather for a memorial visitation on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 4pm to 5pm followed by a memorial service to celebrate Sharon's life at 5pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (GPS use 1 Post Place).

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Sharon's name to: West Milford Animal Shelter, P. O. Box 72; Lycosky Drive, West Milford, NJ 07480.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 2. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ When I met Sharon at Grey Dawn Farm, I instantly felt her warmth and goodheartedness. We shared trail rides with the horses plus Allie and lots of laughs. After a while, we went our separate ways but stayed in touch talking about picking out Aussie puppies and where to board our horses. We ended up boarding horses together again recently and shared lots of memories. Unfortunately, it wasn't to last long enough. My sincere condolences to Sharon's family. She was a special person who will be greatly missed.

Sheri Stoesser

Sheri Stoesser - April 01, 2016 at 05:16 PM

SB

“ I first met Sharon when I was a boarder at Grey Dawn Farm. My husband and I had just moved to The USA and joining the group at GDF certainly made my move to a different country very much easier.

What fun we all had together, trail riding, riding in the arena and riding each other's horses.

Sharon was always so warm, so enthusiastic and and so funny. Her laugh would brighten any day.

Her love of animals was amazing, especially her beloved Tango and Allie.

I am so pleased she has spent the last few years working on her passion and the wonderful success she made of Maggie and Raffys Camp.

You will be sadly missed.

Rest in peace,
Sharon and Steve Burt.

Sharon Burt - April 01, 2016 at 12:12 PM

MM

“ *My prayers to Sharon's family. She was a caring person and a lovely neighbor. Her love for animals was her passion. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Marlena and Donny Meletta

Marlena Meletta - April 01, 2016 at 09:55 AM

SV

My deepest sympathy to Sharon's family and friends. She was a wonderful person who cared deeply for all animals. My dogs absolutely adored her. I would tell her that when she came for them they could care less if I was around. We use to laugh about it all the time. We will miss her greatly! Sharon be happy ,now you can breathe. Stephanie, Buddy and Maddie Valos

Stephanie Valos - April 02, 2016 at 01:45 PM

SK

“ *May you rest now free from pain and worry. You will be missed by many especially Tango, Maggie and Raffy, but in spirit never far away from those you love....still caring and watching over them.*

May peace be with you now and forever more.

Susan Krosnick - April 01, 2016 at 07:15 AM



MD

“ My husband and I met Sharon when volunteering at the West Milford Animal Shelter a few years ago. Soon after we brought our anxious Shepard mix, Cali, to her, desperate for a dogs sitter who could handle her. Sharon soon became the only other person that Cali trusted besides us. She took her in for weeks when our lives were in upheaval. She became our friend. I admired her strength, positivity, compassion, and success of her canine camp. She was a very special person with the most wonderful laugh. Rest easy, dear Sharon, we miss you.

Meghan DeMaio - March 31, 2016 at 09:40 PM

CA

“ Sharon worked at Toys R us while I was at the Canadian office. I only worked with her a short time but she made me feel so welcomed. Always helped and was such a team player. We continued to talk after toys r us and she always had something nice to say. I wish her peace in heaven and hated to hear her in so much pain. Rest in peace my friend

Carm - March 31, 2016 at 06:43 PM

JD

“ Sharon was a regular part of the Thursday a.m. dog care team at the West Milford Animal Shelter, as I am. She was good company and a terrific dog handler. I miss her terribly and will hold her in my memory until we meet again.

Janet Donaldson

Janet Donaldson - March 31, 2016 at 04:23 PM

ZU

“ I have known Sharon from a Pet Sitters Facebook page. She helped me out so much the very first time i posted something more than a year ago - i live in NJ as well and have a pet sitting business. She was always very kind, helpful and her big heart for animals was amazing. Sharon, you will be missed by the entire community!!!

Zue - March 31, 2016 at 02:47 PM

CO

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Corinne - March 31, 2016 at 01:08 PM

SK

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Sunny Kim - March 31, 2016 at 12:28 PM

CS

“ My condolences to Sharon's brother and sister in law and friends ~ Sharon was in my professional pet sitting group on Facebook. We became kindred spirits, talking most nights even though I am in CA and she in NJ! She was the kindest woman ~ I so admired her strength in every aspect of how she handled life. The world lost an angel on Tuesday and heaven gained an angel. I want to thank the woman who took Sharon's dogs/and horse and is giving them such a loving home, that is the greatest gift to Sharon. I miss her terribly ~ nights are way too quiet that she is not there to chat with about our careers, and life. Rest in peace sweet friend ~ you were loved by MANY.

Carrie Seger - March 31, 2016 at 12:05 PM

CB

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Corinne Brown - March 31, 2016 at 10:24 AM

CB

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Corinne Brown - March 31, 2016 at 10:21 AM

EM

So sweet, cuddling one of Nina's puppies !

eleanor monahan - April 02, 2016 at 12:26 PM

LR

“ *Dearest Sharon,
I really have no words. I will miss all of our FB
conversations and calls about dogs and
horses. Your gentleness with the animals and
your love for people....something many
animal advocates do not have. I know how hard it was for you to
leave Tango, Maggie and Raffy but you will meet again. You're an
angel watching over us all now. Rest in sweet peace. <3*



LISA ROSE RUBLACK - March 31, 2016 at 09:53 AM

EM

“ *A very caring lady, who loved her dogs &
those she cared for at the WMASS. She
worked so hard on her dream for a dog caring
camp, which was a success.*

*Free from pain , she is now a special angel watching over her dear
Maggie and Raffy and her horse, Tango. Sharon will be missed by
some many.*

Eleanor Monahan



Eleanor Monahan - March 30, 2016 at 07:18 PM



I met Sharon at WMASS. She was friendly, kind, and just one of those people you click with right away. I worked with the cats at the shelter, but Sharon managed to make her way over by the cats whenever she was in working with the dogs. When she told me about her home based business of boarding dogs in a home environment, I loved it! I went to her website and read all about Maggie and Raffy and the role they each had "Maggie is my social director because she has an unbelievable talent for making sure a group of dogs will all play "nice" with each other." "Raffy earned the title Public Relations Director due to his perseverance in "hugging" people as soon as he meets them". I embraced everything about this way of boarding dogs so much I decided to help promote her business. For an entire month I ran blog posts every week, written by Sharon, in my e-newsletter. Her love of working with animals had always been her dream. I have the utmost respect for her energy and patience it must have taken to do what she did! What a beautiful soul. Sharon, I'm glad you got to follow your heart and live your dream. You are going to be missed by so many. Rest in peace.

Donna Cook - March 31, 2016 at 07:17 AM



Sharon was our daily hiking buddy when we lived in Shady Lake. We had many heart-to-heart talks and when she told me she wanted to open a doggie day care she asked "Do you think I can make it happen? I love animals". Sharon was never one to sit and wait for life to happen, she got to work putting up a fence around the property and renovated her home to accommodate the many dogs she would ultimately care for. Her business, Maggie & Raffy's Canine Camp was born and her love for her work shined through. I miss Sharon but I know she's with Allie and her loved ones in spirit, who were waiting anxiously and in joyous celebration for her return Home. I'm looking forward to continuing our hikes when my work here is done. I do miss you my friend.

Lori Meyer - March 31, 2016 at 10:04 AM

KB

Luckily, a good friend recommended Sharon when my pup was a baby....Ben and I were so spoiled by Sharon. Every animal in her care was spoiled - she was a truly good person and I am so grateful to have known her.

My condolences to her family and all of her friends. She is SO missed already. We lost her way too soon.

Kathy Bisaro - April 01, 2016 at 02:43 PM

DM

I met Sharon in the mid 90s when we rode together in a group lesson at Claremont. We quickly became close friends and over the years we shared many adventures, tears and memories. In addition to dressage lessons and crazy rides in Central Park, we took scuba lessons in NYC and completed our scuba certification during a fun trip to St. John's. On Sharon's 40th birthday we went white water rafting and trail riding in VT. We shed sad tears together when she lost Buzz, Spike and Ally and tears of joy when she found her dream horse, Tango. I'm grateful to have had such a special friend in my life. During her final days she amazed me with her strength and courage. Rest in peace my friend, you will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Deanne McKee - April 01, 2016 at 03:25 PM

RM

Sharon and I met when we took riding lessons in the early 90's at Overpeck Riding Center in Leonia, NJ. There we bonded with several others who are friends to this day--and the horses too. Sharon's Tango is quite a character, opinionated about who handled him and otherwise a sweetheart. He has outlived most of our first horses and provided Sharon a lot of joy. When Sharon founded Maggie & Raffy's Canine Camp, she finally combined her true passion for animals with her daily work. Despite the challenge of round the clock animal care and a start-up business, Sharon was never happier. I am relieved that she is at rest after her difficult illness yet sad to lose her as a friend. She touched so many human, canine, feline and equine creatures during her life. She will be missed. My deep sympathy goes out to Mark, Mary and niece Kaitlyn Coney at Sharon's passing.

Ruth McCormick

Ruth McCormick - April 01, 2016 at 03:25 PM

AH

Mark, we are sad to learn of Sharon's passing. I've haven't seen Sharon for such a long time and it makes me sad to read all the beautiful tributes about this wonderful, caring, beautiful soul I missed out on knowing as an adult. You both were children living next door and then u were gone..we think of your mom and your family when we look back to the beginning of our married life living in the small town of Houtzdale where everyone knew everyone. I miss those days, but I'm so glad I knew you both as children and wish I would have known Sharon as an adult. She sounds like an amazing woman. God Bless you and your beautiful family. Please stop in and say hello if and when you get back to Houtzdale.

*Ralph and Autumn Haines
Duchy, our yellow lab, Sharon would have loved her she is a sweetie.*

Autumn Haines - April 01, 2016 at 04:34 PM

LB

*I met Sharon when we were in need of a dog sitter. She had us come for a meet and greet and from the moment we met, I knew that our pup Molly was going to be in great hands. Molly loved to go to Maggie and Raffy's so much that we started taking her there once a week sometimes twice a week. Sharon was one of those people that made you feel like you knew her your whole life even though we had just met. We became friends. She helped me through a rough time in my life with some very kind words. Sharon I miss our text messages and your wisdom. I am so sorry I did not hear of your passing until now. Rest in Peace you were a kind soul, and have touched many lives!
Lisa A. Belding and Molly*

Lisa A Belding - April 10, 2016 at 06:39 PM