



Shelia Ann Segerson

October 10, 1944 - March 19, 2022

Sheila Ann Segerson, cherished mother, sister, and educator passed away on March 19, 2022 at the age of 77.

Sheila, or Wild Roze as she joyfully called herself, was truly one of a kind. She burst into this world like an effervescent firecracker - radiant, spunky, and untamed. Sheila was fearlessly independent and relished life, believing all life was miraculous. She was incredibly kind, compassionate, dedicated, and hilarious. Sheila wasn't the life of the party; she was the party.

She was devoted to her daughter, Robyn, whom she raised as a single mother. Together they adored nature, music, movies, and Pancho's cheese dip.

Sheila found her calling as an educator, inspiring lives across multiple generations. She earned a

double major from the University of Kentucky in Special Education and Elementary Education,

and received a Master's degree in Counseling from the University of Memphis. Her teaching

and counseling career included CDC, K-8 Sp.Ed. and fifteen years of teaching third grade before

becoming a guidance counselor. Sheila received numerous awards throughout her career including Recognition of Creative Teaching, recognition of her Contribution to Human Relations, an environmental award from the Shelby County Environmental Improvement Commission, and the National PTA Phoebe Apperson Hearst Outstanding Educator Award in

Washington, D.C.

"Queen Sheila", as she was affectionately called by students and faculty, was passionate about

children and believed teaching was one of the most honorable and important professions.

She

inspired children to develop a quest for knowledge and a love of learning. She taught children to

value themselves and others, and to live by a code of honesty, personal responsibility, and integrity. Sheila was committed to enhancing the quality of education and began workshops on

ADD/ADHD, Conflict Resolution, Food for Thought, and Peer Mediation for students, teachers,

and parents. The Peer Mediation program she developed for K-3 was the first of its kind in the

country. She worked tirelessly leading evening workshops for educators and parents including

Fighting Fair, Wanted: A Well Behaved Child, and The Parent to Parent Workshop. Sheila established a Parenting Center in school libraries where parents could have access to books to

help navigate parental-child communication and connection. She held counseling sessions for

children coping with grief and divorce and shepherded a Self Esteem Team that promoted selflove, problem solving, decision making and goal setting skills. She held Careers on Wheels'

events and created a Recycling Club so children could learn from a young age about the importance of protecting the environment. Sheila was an essential member of Alpha Sigma, a

local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma; International Society for Key Women Educators.

She

recently served as Co-Vice President and hosted many memorable meetings entertaining and

inspiring her sisters in education.

Sheila would often say, "Teaching is not what I do, it is who I am."

Sheila is reunited with her parents, Dr. Edward C. Segerson, Sr. and Ann Foppiano Segerson of

Memphis, and beloved brother - and favorite musician - James "Jimmy" Segerson. She will be

enormously missed by her daughter, Robyn Bliley, son-in-law Chad Wilson, brother Edward

Segerson, Jr. and his wife Lucy, sister Sharon Stuart and her husband Brig, sister-in-law Linda

Segerson, nieces Jennifer Segerson-Reed and Jackie Trainer, nephews Jonathan Segerson and

Christopher Stuart, loved grandnieces and grandnephews, dear friends Linda Bessette,
Laura

Evans, Danielle Murai and Pamela O'Fallin, dog companion Romeo, & family and friends
too

numerous to list but not forgotten.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Details will be
shared

with family and friends.

In lieu of gifts or flowers, please consider donating to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America,
Action Against Hunger - USA, Animal Welfare Institute or Conservation Fund