



## Sheila Ann Cameron

June 9, 2015

Sheila Ann Cameron, an Air Force wife who protected the home front with humor and grit, died Tuesday, June 9, after a battle with cancer. [L] [SEP]

Sheila was born in Palm Springs, California and the spirit of the Golden State remained with her through many adventures. A graduate of Palm Springs High School, Sheila moved to Denver, Colo. in 1963, where she met Air Force Lt. Allan Cameron, who would become her husband of 51 years.

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Over that half century, Sheila managed her household with a not-so-quiet determination, including the years her husband was deployed to Vietnam and the Middle East. She oversaw moves to six different Air Bases providing the foundational support that enabled her husband's rise to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. [L] [SEP]

In her life, Sheila was best known for her practicality, generosity and love of family - which was not limited to blood relations. She developed lasting friendships that survived her many moves with music and laughter. Sheila had a near photographic memory and a keen eye for detail, which helped her bring past events to life and keep visitors laughing into the early morning hours. Each visit or conversation with Sheila began where the last one ended, regardless of how much time had passed between them. [L] [SEP]

A mother to three and mother figure to many, Sheila opened her home to nieces and nephews, cousins and friends and Colombian exchange students. She provided them a warm and welcoming home away from home to start new lives and they all became "family by heart." Sheila didn't hesitate to share her opinion. Anyone who thought they had a problem figured out probably hadn't talked to her yet. More often than not, though, her practical common sense proved true and the advice was well placed.

After her diagnosis, Sheila remained determined to live her final months on her own terms -- with humor and grit and liberal doses of advice. She never stopped sharing her opinion, or making sure her household ran smoothly. "Dear God, give me strength, I can't die now,"

she said at one point. "None of them know what the hell they're doing."

Sheila is survived by her husband Allan; daughters Shannon and Shea; son Sean (Connie); grandchildren Kyle (Candice) Beatty, Connor Beatty, Elizabeth and Colleen; great-grandchildren Hailee and Abigail Beatty; and brother Steven (AJ) Reilly. She is predeceased by her brother Michael Reilly.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 12th 2:00 PM at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home, 180 Church Street, Marietta GA 30060.

Interment will be the following day at the Georgia National Cemetery, 1080 Veterans Cemetery Road, Canton, GA 30114.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

You can mail, call or click on the link below to make donations in memory of Sheila Ann Cameron, Wounded Warrior Project, 3343 Peachtree Rd NE #M20 Atlanta, GA 30326. 404-974-9234 or <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

[www.mayeswarddobbins.com](http://www.mayeswarddobbins.com)

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# Cemetery

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**Georgia National Cemetery**  
2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane  
Canton, GA, 30114

# Events

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<b>JUL</b>	<b>Memorial Service</b>	02:00PM
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	Historic Marietta Chapel	
	180 Church Street NE, Marietta, GA, US, 30060	

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home** - July 12, 2015 at 07:18 AM



“ Wonderful celebration of a lovely and much loved lady. Sheila rest in peace.

**Susan Ragland** - July 12, 2015 at 01:58 PM



“ Beautiful celebration by Paul and everybody. And lovely for those of us overseas to be able to join in as it were.

**Mairead O'Rahilly brosnan** - July 13, 2015 at 04:54 PM

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“ Col. Cameron, we are so very saddened by Sheila's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. May God bless you all with comfort, strength, and "peace that passeth all understanding". We know that your memories of Sheila will bring you many smiles and laughter in the coming years.

God's blessing always,  
David and Dawn Lokey

**David & Dawn Lokey** - July 11, 2015 at 08:38 AM

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“ Blushing Lilies was purchased for the family of Sheila Ann Cameron.



July 02, 2015 at 09:54 PM

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“ Just reading the obituary brought back spot on memories of my "adoption" into the Cameron Clan. I was one of those orphans dropped into the arms of this red headed beauty. I was not from some foreign land across the oceans but from the neighborhood a few block away in Howland Ohio. Through a strange fate, my father's ("Uncle Ted")second wife Bonnie(Sheila's cousin) connected me to Sheila and the family and I was plopped like a seedling into the Cameron family living room. Over and over again I would tell my grandparents or mother drop me at Cameron's house dad will pick me up there, today ,tomorrow or next week.

During my turbulent childhood I always sought for stability, something neither of my parents had much of. My grandparent's home and the Cameron's home were the only islands of normalcy I was graced to have in my life at the time. When I would enter the house and walk through the hallway to the kitchen and turn the corner, I'd see the bright red head of Sheila sticking up from her throne in the family room. A measured voice would welcome me and I would sit down in her court and she would always without fail make me feel at home. She was the queen that ruled the house and Al was her King. Despite only one of them wearing official attire it was obvious that this woman in short white shorts was anointed with the grace, beauty and power of a true queen.

Not only did Sheila welcome me into her family, she gave me insight into seeing my father through someone else's eyes. The joy my father would bring to the "royal court" when he walked into visit and pick me up was unmistakable. Knowing what good people all of the Cameron's were made me realize that my father had an amazing gift, a charisma that very few people had and I am grateful to have been able to see my father, who past away ten years ago, as they saw him. If he were with us today, it would be very hard for him to not stop crying for the loss of a dear friend.

To Al Shannon, Shea and Sean I am saddened for your loss and hope that each day moving forward you see your wife and mother in all of the loved ones around you she influenced so much. I am grateful to all of you to have let me grow up with you and share so many of my best childhood memories with you.

All of my love from my father, my family and I goes out to you.  
Aloha!  
Scott



Scott Swartz - July 02, 2015 at 03:07 PM

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“ The photo is how Sheila looked when she moved to Denver and stayed with us for a little while until she got an apartment of her own. It's a tired old cliché, but she really was a breath of fresh air and made life more exciting and fun for a young "just-teenager" like me. Sheila was totally supportive and always made sure I was included in most of her comings and goings and ready to help me out.

She never really changed, she worked to make sure everyone was ok and having a good time when she was around. I miss her and send my thoughts to Al and her children and grandchildren. God Bless her.

**Jim Ragland** - June 18, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ Sheila was such a great lady. I loved her spirit and her wit. My mother and father adored Sheila. She was a great and fun friend to them. We will miss her greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Diane and Mike Anderson

**diane anderson** - June 19, 2015 at 06:38 PM



“ When you've known someone since 2nd grade and are now in your 70's, what does one say?? We learned to curl our hair together, put makeup on, cook, pledge sororities, did the huckle buck, danced, sang and went through everything together!! At one point we lived next door when our children were growing up and it was a reunion that only God could have maneuvered!! Our friendship never waned and we would call one another on our birthdays. So many memories I can't name them all. To say that I shall miss her and her wit is a great understatement. Part of me went with her and one day we shall have fun together once again. I love you and always will, dear friend. Love to Alan, Shannon, Sean and Shea!! Aunt Nanci

**Nanci McFerran** - June 23, 2015 at 04:41 PM