



Sharon Colleen Calisto

September 3, 1968 - March 5, 2026

“There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains.”

— Author unknown

It is with deep sorrow, profound love, and enduring gratitude that we mourn the passing of Sharon Colleen Calisto (née Gough) of Grasonville, Maryland, on Thursday, March 5, 2026. Sharon passed peacefully at her home after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Her devoted husband, Rodney, held her hand as she slipped away, and her sister was close by—just as she always had been throughout Sharon’s life.

Sharon was born on September 3, 1968, in Washington, D.C., to James and Eileen Gough. She was raised in Hyattsville—also known as Lewisdale, as those who know will smile and understand. From the very beginning, Sharon possessed a quiet strength, a quick wit, and a heart that leaned naturally toward kindness.

She attended Catholic school for all twelve years of her education, a foundation that shaped her steadfast faith. Sharon’s belief in God never wavered, and she lived that faith through generosity and compassion, always ready to help those in need and to support charities she felt truly mattered. She later earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of

Maryland, College Park.

Sharon began her working life at Shoppers Food Warehouse, where she spent seven years while living in Greenbelt. After she and Rodney settled in Grasonville, Sharon joined the United States Department of Agriculture, where her work brought her into close partnership with the farmers of Queen Anne's County. Through that work, she formed many lifelong friendships rooted in mutual respect and genuine affection. Sharon retired in February 2025, and although she may not have missed the work itself, she deeply missed her coworkers—who made sure she knew how much her presence was still felt and cherished.

Sharon's love for family and friends was unwavering and unmatched. She was a loyal friend through and through, especially evident in the devoted care she gave to her dear friend Julie, whom she visited often after Julie entered a nursing home. Sharon showed up—for the big moments and the quiet ones alike.

Rodney Calisto entered Sharon's life first as a friend. Their relationship was purely platonic in the beginning, filled with conversations about the dates they were having with other people. Then, one day, Sharon realized she had grown quite fond of this "clown," as she lovingly called him, and invited him to join her family on a summer vacation to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. From that point forward, they were inseparable. Sharon and Rodney were married on September 7, 1990, beginning a life together filled with laughter, companionship, and deep devotion.

Together, they embraced life fully—especially their shared love of music and live concerts. Sharon thrived in that atmosphere, the lights, the energy, the joy. She proudly attended approximately 35 Bon Jovi concerts, each one a treasured memory.

Though Sharon and Rodney did not have children of their own, Sharon often said she didn't need them—she had her nieces and nephew and “didn't have to do the work.” She became the beloved “Auntie,” the one they turned to for advice, laughter, and long talks. She was their confidante, their safe place, and their biggest supporter. She adored them as fiercely as they adored her, and they became an inseparable part of who she was.

Sharon's home—affectionately known as the “Boogie Nights House”—was her castle. She loved her house, her pool, her garden, and especially being near the water. She found joy in putting around her home, caring for her beloved cats, and soaking in the simple pleasures of everyday life. Her love of the Chesapeake Bay often had Rodney taking her out crabbing at 5 a.m. on a Saturday—something Sharon truly loved. Crabbing on the bay was her happy place.

Sharon lived life on her own terms—fully, honestly, and with heart. She showed us all how life should be lived.

She will be mourned, missed, and loved for a lifetime. Sharon's beautiful smile and contagious laughter could light up any room. Her presence was a gift, and her memory will be honored and carried forward with love forever.

Sharon was preceded in death by her father, James V. Gough. She is survived by her loving husband, Rodney Calisto; her mother, Eileen E. Gough; her sister, Barbara G. Paul (Peter); and her cherished nieces and nephew, Lauren Paul, Sarah Paul, Allison Calisto, and Peter J. Paul (Jennifer).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD 21619

Tribute Wall

TP

“ Dear Sharon: Have a wonderful trip to your dream and heaven world. You deserved it all. 🙏

Thinh Pham - March 17 at 11:55 AM

TF

“ The McQuillan Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



The McQuillan Family - March 16 at 06:16 PM

KK

“ I had the pleasure of working with Sharon for 14 years in Centreville. She could always bring laughter and fun to the workplace, especially on a rough day. You could tell she really enjoyed her time spent with family as we often had conversations about recent beach trips and visits to lacrosse games to watch her nephew and nieces play. Her service to the QA Ag community will be deeply missed. Rest easy now my friend. I know heaven has a warm white sandy beach with Bon Jovi music for you.

Kim Kempel - March 16 at 04:24 PM

PR

“ Sharon's genuine smile and hearty laugh lit up a room and embraced you with infectious warmth. My heart hurts with this news. My deepest condolences to Rodney, her family, and friends.
Pat Regan

Pat Regan - March 16 at 01:43 PM

SR

“ Sharon Robertson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



Sharon Robertson - March 16 at 10:46 AM

SR

“ Sharon Robertson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

Sharon Robertson - March 16 at 10:46 AM

SI

“ Stephen I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

Stephen I. - March 16 at 10:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

March 16 at 10:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

March 16 at 09:56 AM

TF

“ The Nichols Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



The Nichols Family - March 16 at 06:32 AM

TF

“ The Nichols Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

The Nichols Family - March 16 at 06:32 AM

MR

“ Michael & Shawn Ruddo purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



Michael & Shawn Ruddo - March 15 at 05:08 PM

MR

“ Michael & Shawn Ruddo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

Michael & Shawn Ruddo - March 15 at 05:08 PM

TF

“ *The Consoli Hurley Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.*



The Consoli Hurley Families - March 15 at 03:06 PM

CT

“ *I extend my condolences to the Gough family and friends. We attended Regina High together and graduated in 1986. We had some fun times in school — it was never a dull moment. May she rest in peace.*

Chantel Trent - March 15 at 01:16 PM

EM

“ *She was a beautiful and smart young woman! Went to Regina with her. Very sad news! Thinking of her family!*

Erin Mullinix - March 15 at 11:25 AM

ML

“ *Just wanna offer my condolences to Sharon's family. We attended Regina High School together (Class of 86). We also shared the same birthday 9/3/68. Sharon may you rest in peace & may God comfort your loved ones during this difficult time.*
Michelle Linder



Michelle Linder - March 15 at 10:30 AM

TF

“ The Paolucci Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



The Paolucci Family - March 14 at 12:04 PM

TF

“ The Paolucci Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

The Paolucci Family - March 14 at 12:04 PM

OT

“ O'Barr Construction Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



O'Barr Construction Team - March 14 at 08:38 AM

OT

“ O'Barr Construction Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

O'Barr Construction Team - March 14 at 08:38 AM

LR

“ Luke and Melissa Real purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



Luke and Melissa Real - March 14 at 08:33 AM

LR

“ Luke and Melissa Real planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

Luke and Melissa Real - March 14 at 08:33 AM

WW

“ Weaver Farms (rick weaver) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



Weaver Farms (rick weaver) - March 13 at 01:51 PM

JM

“ Julie M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

Julie M. - March 13 at 08:33 AM

BM

“ Brian M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

Brian M. - March 12 at 08:36 PM

TF

“ The Jupitz Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



The Jupitz Family - March 12 at 07:18 PM

TF

“ The Jupitz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

The Jupitz Family - March 12 at 07:18 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Sharon Colleen Calisto



June Clark - March 12 at 07:13 PM

RB

“ Sharon made a huge impact on me as I started my career over 20 years ago and I have never forgotten her. She instantly became a friend and we laughed so much at work. We laughed until it hurt!! We would always check in on each other year after year. Sharon will be deeply missed but her memories will live on. <3

Rebecca Briggs - March 12 at 03:49 PM

NF

“ NRCS State Office Friends purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



NRCS State Office Friends - March 12 at 12:28 PM

NF

“ NRCS State Office Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

NRCS State Office Friends - March 12 at 12:28 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

March 11 at 08:42 PM

FA

“ From Brad and Frances Albaugh purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



From Brad and Frances Albaugh - March 11 at 08:35 PM

FA

“ From Brad and Frances Albaugh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

From Brad and Frances Albaugh - March 11 at 08:35 PM

AF

“ Alesia and Gary Boucher and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



Alesia and Gary Boucher and Family - March 11 at 05:23 PM

AF

“ Alesia and Gary Boucher and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

Alesia and Gary Boucher and Family - March 11 at 05:23 PM

AB

“ Rest in peace Sha-Rona. Your gift of lighting up every room you enter will be missed. Your mom, your dad and Barbara were like a second family to me growing up. You and Julie made my childhood filled with laughter and love. Sending my condolences to Rodney, Barbara, Eileen, Peter and kids.



Alesia Boucher - March 11 at 05:19 PM

MM

“ Mari (Mulhare) Marion purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



Mari (Mulhare) Marion - March 11 at 12:47 PM

TC

“ The Gough Cousins purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



The Gough Cousins - March 11 at 12:35 PM



“ *Diana Lagunes lit a candle in memory of Sharon Colleen Calisto*



Diana Lagunes - March 11 at 11:29 AM

KG

“ *Sharon was sunshine in human form. Even from a distance, she had a way of bringing warmth and light into the lives of the people who knew her. Our friendship was long distance, so we didn't get to see each other often, but whenever we did, it felt like no time had passed at all. We could pick right back up where we left off, laughing and talking like we had just seen each other yesterday.*

I feel so lucky and grateful that Sharon was part of my life. She had such a kind, genuine spirit, and being her friend was truly a gift. I will always be thankful for our friendship and the memories we shared. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

I will miss you, my sweet friend



Kirsten Green - March 11 at 09:41 AM

CJ

“ Carrie Jennings lit a candle in memory of Sharon Colleen Calisto



Carrie Jennings - March 10 at 06:09 PM

MM

“ Mary M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



Mary M. - March 10 at 04:00 PM

JR

“ Jenny Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Sharon Colleen Calisto



Jenny Rhodes - March 10 at 07:28 AM

AL

“ Sharon is so loved and her stories were always legendary. Long live Claud.

Alison - March 10 at 07:19 AM

MD

“ Mike & Ellen Consoli, Anne & Jane Doyle purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



Mike & Ellen Consoli, Anne & Jane Doyle - March 09 at 11:00 PM

DL

“ Sharon kept me sane at work for years, she allowed me to cry, celebrate, complain and she always listened to everything and always got me through the tough times. I loved Sharon and her huge loving heart. Her passing is truly a huge loss to the agricultural community (she helped so many farmers) to anyone who worked with her and for all who was her friend. I will miss her immensely and will pray for her peace and painless rest in the hands of our merciful God. Love you Sharon!

Donna Landis-Smith - March 09 at 07:00 PM

SA

“ Sharon was my work BFF. I love her and I will miss her so much.

Sarah - March 09 at 06:13 PM

TK

“ Teresa and Bear Kampmeyer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharon Colleen Calisto.



Teresa and Bear Kampmeyer - March 09 at 03:02 PM

TK

“ Teresa and Bear Kampmeyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Colleen Calisto.

Teresa and Bear Kampmeyer - March 09 at 03:02 PM

TK

“ Teresa Kampmeyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Sharon Colleen Calisto



Teresa Kampmeyer - March 09 at 02:38 PM

AM

Sharon was the wife of my much beloved brother, Rodney. Although I only got to know Sharon late in our lives, I grew fond of her very quickly. Warm, funny and jolly, Sharon had that rare gift of making others feel welcomed and accepted unconditionally. Her kindness to me and my daughter, Emma, was very meaningful to both of us and she will be deeply missed. R.I.P., Sharon Callisto, beloved sister-in-law and aunt. 🕊️🙏🕯️🙏🕊️

Ashley (aka Suzie) Moss - March 10 at 04:12 PM

SD

The world has lost a loving and happy angel. I had the pleasure of working with Sharon at the Prince George's Soil Conservation District for 4 years. She always had a smile on her face, and her upbeat funny mannerisms filled the room. I loved her kindness and looked forward to Monday mornings to hear her funny stories and antics from the weekend. A loving, kind and generous person. She lived life to the fullest and set the example of us all to follow. Rest In Peace Sharon.

Steve Darcey - March 14 at 01:25 PM