



## Sharon Black

November 8, 1942 - October 3, 2017

Sharon Susan Black (née Castiller) passed peacefully at home in Westerville, Ohio at the age of 74 after 15 painful months of fighting everyone's enemy, cancer. Sharon is survived by her husband, Arthur Black; daughter, Kelli Hays and son-in-law Jim Hays of Worthington, Ohio and son, AJ Black, daughter-in-law Tara Black and lastly, but #1 in her heart, grandson Nathan Black of Roswell, Georgia. She is preceded in death by her father, Heywood Castiller, and mother, Lillian Castiller; brother Leonard Castiller, brother Eddie Joe Castiller and her beloved sister Joan Ecton. Sharon was born on November 8th, 1942 in East St. Louis, Illinois. She graduated from St. Teresa's Academy in 1960. She met Arthur in 1959, they married in 1962 and had Kelli later that year. After moving to Belleville, Illinois, Sharon focused on raising Kelli. They relocated to Columbus, Ohio in 1971 and shortly thereafter she gave birth to AJ. Sharon returned to the workforce in 1977 with Assurex Global, eventually rising to COO and retiring from that post in 2006. She is remembered for having a smile that lit up the room, never meeting a stranger and always remembering everyone's name. In retirement, she developed an interest in studying the Bible with her friends at Grace Brethren. Sharon also loved being a grandparent, affectionately known as "Yaya." A funeral is scheduled for this Saturday, October 7th at 10:30 AM at Rutherford Funeral Home, 515 High Street in Worthington, Ohio. It will be a small, family ceremony. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Mt. Carmel Hospice Foundation, 1144 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or at <https://donor.mountcarmelfoundatio>

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Black

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Thinking of Sharon's family this morning and my memories of her. I will never forget the support she gave me and her brother when he was so ill. She will be missed.

janice castiller - October 07, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ I only had the opportunity to work alongside Sharon for about a year. She was most supportive of me as the new CEO of Assurex (14 years ago) and kept me focused on taking one step at time as I learned the business. She had an uncanny grasp on all aspects of the business and quickly became my trusted advisor and confidant. In our short time working together I saw first hand the strong passion she had for the business and how her hands on approach help lay the foundation that built the company based upon strong values and principles. She loved to laugh and loved the firms that comprised Assurex. Assurex is here today because of Sharon Black. While Sharon may be gone from this world, her legacy will live for many more years to come! God Bless her.

Jim Hackbarth  
President & CEO  
Assurex Global

jim hackbarth - October 06, 2017 at 03:06 PM

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“ Sharon was a wonderful lady with amazing insight and passion for detail. She played a huge roll in the development and success of Assurex Global over many years. Thanks to Sharon for so much giving and may she find eternal, everlasting love in the hands of God.

-Skip & Margie Counselman

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**Skip Counselman** - October 05, 2017 at 01:58 PM

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“ Although I know words offer small comfort in your hour of sorrow, I do wish to express my sincere sympathy to you on the loss of your wife and mother. I worked and traveled with Sharon at Assurex for several years and she was the best.

With deepest sympathy,  
Judy Clarkson

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**Judy Clarkson** - October 05, 2017 at 11:17 AM

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“ Sharon continued as COO after I became CEO of Assurex in 1992. Our relationship was on occasion a bit bumpy. But she taught me a critical lesson in hiring and promotions; you hire and promote more on an individual's character rather than experience. Sharon brought aboard several quality people of high character and they all made dramatic contributions to the company. Thanks for being a great teacher Sharon, rest in peace.

Tom Harvey, retired CEO AssurexGlobal

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**Tom Harvey** - October 04, 2017 at 06:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sharon Black.*



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October 04, 2017 at 05:23 PM