



## Ted J. Shears

March 27, 1940 - April 19, 2016

Ted J. Shears, (b. March 27, 1940) formerly of Fairport NY, passed away peacefully on April 19th.

Ted was a true renaissance gentleman who lived a life characterized by kindness, love, consistency, friendship and adventure. He is survived by his beloved daughter Kimberly and her husband Tom Rocco of Weston MA, his devoted companion Carole Kleinberg of Sarasota, his sister Christine McNamara (Christopher) and brother, the late Jay Shears of Allentown PA, and Gail Melanson Shears of Silverthorne Colorado. Ted was born in Reading PA to Jeanette and Hobart (Ted) Shears. A devoted family man, Ted reveled in the achievements of his daughter Kim, considered Tom to be the son he never had, and called Carole his "Bashert," the love of his life.

A successful businessman, Ted made Wolf's Market on East Avenue a prominent fixture in Rochester NY. He was an ardent Buffalo Bills fan and treasured his Jim Kelly autographed helmet as the jewel of all his possessions. An avid reader and passionate theater patron, he lived a rich intellectual, cultural and social post-retirement life in Sarasota Florida. He particularly enjoyed spending time at the public library, which he considered the most important government entity in this country.

Ted loved all aspects of theater, from Broadway spectacles to fledgling

companies just beginning to spread their wings. He enjoyed opening nights at the Asolo, edgy fringe theater offerings, readings of new plays, post-performance discussions, as well as the symphony, opera and ballet. He was an active participant in Brandeis National Committee study groups, enjoyed a vigorous game of tennis, and thrived on animated conversations with his many friends. His favorite vacation adventures included road trips to presidential libraries, and cruises around the world. Ted considered his volunteer work at the Sarasota National cemetery to be the most fulfilling of all his activities.

Services will take place at the Sarasota National Cemetery on Tuesday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. Donations in his memory may be made to Friends of the Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota FL, 34231, or the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Rd 72, Sarasota FL, 34241. A celebration of his life will take place following the funeral service.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Coming back from a 5weeks trip,I was deeply shocked and saddened to hear about Ted's passing.Peter and I will sorely miss him and he will stay in our heart.Our heartfelt sympathy to everyone who was dear to him.

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**Rena Menzel** - May 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ The many friends of Carole Kleinberg grieve with her. Ted was a very special man and his memory willl live on

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**EVA T. SLANE** - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ As a friend of Kim's, and knowing the person she is, I know that the world has lost a shining star. My prayers and love are extended to your family at this time. Xoxo

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**Theresa Welsh** - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ted will be missed. He was a kind and gentle man who I will always remember fondly and know what a joy th thoughts of his future grand baby brought him in his final days.

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**Erica Bley** - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM