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Sheila G. "Nana" Keim, age 68, of Missouri City, Texas, passed away unexpectedly on July 19, 2014 at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine, FL. A native of Toronto, Canada, she was born to John & Josephine Girvan. Sheila grew up in Canada, Argentina and Pennsylvania, and spent much of her adult life in Tolland, Connecticut. She lived on Hilton Head Island for 10 years and was a resident of Missouri City, Texas for the past 4 years. A devoted wife and homemaker, and a loving mother and grandmother, she was also very active in her community. Sheila had a lifelong habit of putting everybody else first. She loved cooking and entertaining for family and friends and had a wonderful gift of hospitality that made everyone around her feel welcomed and valued. She especially enjoyed hosting parties during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Sheila also had a big heart for everyone and was constantly helping others, in matters big or small. Her involvement in her community included serving with the Junior Women's Club, helping with youth athletics and starting a long running Gourmet Group of 35 years with her best friends. She most enjoyed spending time taking trips with her family and friends, and she loved her dogs. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Bill Keim of Missouri City, TX, a daughter, Kristin McHugh (Robert) of Missouri City, sons: Jonathan Keim (Angela) of St. Augustine Beach, FL, and Jeffrey Keim (Heather) of Newburyport, MA, and grandchildren: Elyssa McHugh, Emily

McHugh, Trevor Keim and Addison Keim. A celebration of Sheila's life and graveside services will be held on Hilton Head Island. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sheila's memory can be made to: Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis, 10866 W. Washington Blvd. #343, Culver City, California 90232. St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was sort of a cousin to Sheila. She was my cousin, Jack Standing’s cousin, the relation being through his mother, Frances, while my relation was through his father, Al. I remember a farewell party at my parents’s house before she moved to Argentina with her family. I think her father, Johnny, was in mining. We cousins were in a room adjacent to the dining room, and we had a food fight with chicken and rice, which was great fun and made a big mess. Her father died in a mining accident in Argentina. When she and her mother returned to the U.S. afterwards, they lived in an apartment on Center St. in Bethlehem, PA. Jo took care of her mother, Mrs. Hamilton, before moving her to the Blough Nursing home. Sheila and I were in the same grade at Hamilton Elementary School, and Sheila taught the class some Spanish words.

Later Jo, her mother, bought a house on Troxell St. (near Catasauqua Rd. in Bethlehem) and ran a hair salon from their house. Sheila went to Catasauqua High School. I went to a school dance with her once. I had an awful time, because no one knew me or talked to me. The highlight of that evening was encountering a girl in the bathroom, who was crying hysterically, because some guy had dumped her. That was my first observation of “young love gone wrong.”

I remember seeing Sheila only a couple times after that. The last time was a dinner party at my parents’ house. We were all grown up, Sheila had married Bill Keim, a Lehigh Univ. grad, and Jo’s health was beginning to fail. I remember that Sheila and her mother had similar temperaments — very nice, very generous, but they did not care to put up with anyone’s crap!

Helen “Muff” Mack - December 27, 2018 at 04:14 AM

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“ *Bill and Family - I just can't believe it!!! Sheila was one of a kind and we so enjoyed the time we traveled and all the time we got to spend with her and with you. Now that Bob's gone, memories and friends are what help me through each day, and I know you have many memories and friends to help you. Thoughts and prayers are with all your family. Love, Barb Brown*

Barb Brown - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM