



## **Sari Lynn Moyer-Plutino**

Sari Lynn Moyer was born to Jack Vernon and Beryl Anne Sharratt on January 7, 1949 in West Yorkshire County, England. Being the youngest of four siblings and the only girl, she was the apple of her parents' eyes and could definitely hold her own against her three brothers. Sari was raised in Yorkshire until about age 14 when her parents joined the British Foreign Service Department. She then moved with them to various embassies around the world, particularly in North Africa. It was in Algiers that she met Richard Garrison, who was an American Marine on embassy duty. They married in Hastings and moved back to the States, where they had two children.

In 1971 Sari settled in Austin, Texas, to be close to her new in-laws. She fell in love with Texas and remained in Austin for many years to raise her family. In 1995 she met her true soul mate, Tony Plutino, through a mutual friend while kayaking on Lady Bird Lake in Austin. While struggling as a single mother, Sari attended the University of Texas and graduated with a perfect 4.0 GPA in 1981 receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and English. She was a whiz at financial matters and worked in this capacity for an attorney, an entire law firm, a CPA, and eventually built her own property ownership and management business. She also worked as Human Resources Director and Contracts Manager for Extend-A-Care. Sari and her husband, Tony bought two houses in Mason, Texas and moved there several years ago.



She and Tony also tried their hands at a Bed and Breakfast business in Mason, called Oakdene Vacation Home, which received rave reviews. Always the entrepreneurs, they also built a business called Llano River Region Adventures renting kayaks and guiding people on the rivers in the Texas Hill Country that she so loved. Sari also designed and led several guided tours of England.

As a concerned and active citizen, Sari was very involved in whichever community she was a part of as a member of many organizations and as a board member for many non-profits. In Austin, she was a member of the Austin Historical Society, an active and vocal participant and officer in the Wilshire Woods Neighborhood Association, a member of the choir and Traveler's Group at St. George's Episcopal Church, an actress with the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin, and a member of the Austin Paddling Club, the Austin Sculling Team, the Sierra Club, and the South Austin Greenway Alliance. At home in England, which she visited at least twice a year throughout her life, she was a member of the Bexhill Ramblers, an organized walking group. In Mason, Sari was on the boards of the Mason County Chamber of Commerce, the Mason County Historical Society, the Mason Square Museum Committee where she was instrumental in the formation of the Mason Square Museum. Sari was also an active member of two book clubs.

During the last twenty years, Sari became more interested in the conservation of Texas rivers and streams. She was a founding member of the Texas Riparian Association and served a term as its president. She also joined several groups to be actively involved in nature interpretation and natural resource preservation, including membership in the Native Plant Society of Texas, certification as a Texas Master Naturalist, in the Western

Edward's Plateau Chapter, certification as a Habitat Steward with the National Wildlife Federation, and membership on the LCRA's Llano River Advisory Panel. A lover of the great outdoors and exploration, she was certified in Swift Water Rescue, PADI open water diving, and sailing. Sari had many adventures kayaking and canoeing, whitewater rafting, rappelling, cycling throughout England, hiking in the Himalayas in Nepal, dog sledding in Minnesota, and even a summer walking the Pennine Way across England.

Having studied abroad in her youth, Sari was also conversant in French, German, and Spanish. In 2002, Sari entered into the Master's Program at Texas Tech University in Junction in the Geography Department. She worked tirelessly on her degree even after her cancer diagnosis and through many tortuous trips to and from England to receive her initial treatments and later at several cancer centers in Texas. This included several surgeries, radiation, and chemotherapy treatments. Over the past few years, it became too overwhelming to focus on her thesis project. However, her professors at Tech recognize her struggle, her passion, and her hard work and have applied to award Sari her Master of Science degree in Limnology this year.

Sari is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Tony Plutino, of Mason, Texas; son, Phillip Garrison, wife Lesley, and grandson Andrew of Round Rock, Texas and grandson Ryan Pizzi of San Marcos, Texas; daughter, LeAndra Luecke of St. Louis, Missouri, and grandchildren Drew and Cameron Luecke of Austin, Texas; mother, Beryl Anne Sharratt of Canterbury, England; brother, Vic Sharratt and wife Sylvia of Westgate-on-Sea, England; brother, Geoffrey Sharratt and wife Jill of Hastings, England; aunt, Frances Hutchinson of Bexhill-on-Sea, England; aunt, Rhona Walmsley and husband Kenneth of Bexhill-on-Sea, England; mother-in-law, Agnes Plutino of Georgetown, Texas; sister-in-law, Suzanne Bjork of Mason, Texas; numerous, much cherished cousins, nieces, and nephews, and countless dear friends. Sari was preceded in death by her father Jack Vernon Sharratt, brother Tony Sharratt, and aunt Kathleen Cheetham.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the Texas Riparian Association, 2210 S. FM 973, Austin, TX 78725, the Mason County Cancer Relay Fund, P.O. Box 1789, Mason, TX 76856, the Mason Square Museum, P.O. Box 187, Mason, TX 76856, or a charity of choice.