



Sherry Airola

May 29, 2012

1st. LT. Sherry H. Airola USAF (NC) (RET) Sherry Hollaway Airola, 73, passed away after a battle with Alzheimer's disease on May 21, 2012 in Huntsville, Texas. She is preceded in death by her adoptive parents, Fred and Margaret Hollaway. She is survived by her husband of 16 years, Colonel John B. Airola, USMC (RET), three step-sons; former Captain Eric Airola USMC (Denise) of Arkansas, LT. Col. David Airola, USAF (RET) (Stephanie) of Nebraska, former Captain Glenn Airola, USMC (Michelle) of Houston and step-daughter LT. Col. Susan Airola-Skully, USAF (Chris) recently assigned to the Pentagon in Washington D.C. She is also survived by ten step-grandchildren and one step-grandson-in-law. Sherry grew up in Carl Junction, Missouri and after obtaining a nursing degree, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force (Nurse Corps). She served during the Vietnam War era and was medically retired at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas in 1966. She later worked in various nursing positions for the state of Texas and upon her marriage to John in 1995, retired from nursing. Sherry was a friendly, outgoing, pleasant, cheerful person who did much volunteer work throughout her years in Huntsville. A former member of the Ladies Auxiliary, Crabbs Prairie VFD; she also served for many years as the Blood Drive Coordinator for the First United Methodist Church as well as church usher. She worked as a volunteer at the Senior Center of Huntsville taking blood pressure readings for the clients. Her favorite work was with the HEARTS Veterans Museum of Texas in Huntsville where she enjoyed greeting visitors, conducting tours and assisting in other

functions. The family wants to give special thanks to the staff of Green Acres of Huntsville and Thee Hospice of Huntsville. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to: HEARTS Veterans Museum, 463 State Hwy 75 N, Huntsville Texas, 77320 and Thee Hospice, P. O. Box 6548, Huntsville, Texas 77342-6548 or at www.theehospice.com. Services for Sherry will be on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Huntsville with visitation between 10:00 and 10:30. Members of the HEARTS Veterans Museum Association are encouraged to wear their HEARTS Museum shirts or military attire as appropriate. Military honors will be conducted immediately following the service on the church front lawn. Private interment for family and relatives will follow at Resthaven Cemetery on I-45 South in Houston. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Sherry Airola*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I was their maillady for several years and I loved our visits. She had a warm heart and smile :o)It was a blessing to know Mrs Sherry. She is your guradian angel Mr. John. My prayers are with you and family. God Bless you.*

Margie Davis - June 03, 2012 at 04:05 PM



“ *Col. John - Don and I offer our condolences on the loss of Sherry. We only met her one time but she seemed like a very nice lady. Of course, my husband and you worked out together at rehab and he enjoyed your company. Sherry is in a better place now than this old world and I know you will miss her.*

Don & Eleanor McWilliams - May 26, 2012 at 11:16 PM



“ *John, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. This has been a very difficult time for you but you can rest in the thought that Sherry is now at peace. You did your best by her. God be with you.*

LEA - May 26, 2012 at 07:42 PM



“ *Art and I are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Jeannine Jacoby - May 25, 2012 at 09:24 AM

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“ John, I know it has been difficult to slowly lose Sherry to Alzheimers. It was obvious that you gave her great peace and comfort as she would search for you even in her confusion. Sherry left a wonderful mark in this world and her battle is done. She now has real peace. May God bless you and your family.

Trudy Fuchs - May 22, 2012 at 10:41 PM

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“ It was a privilege and honor to care for Mrs. Airola. She brought smiles to all our faces with her humerous antics. After many years serving as a nurse, she wanted to "help us do our jobs" on many occasions.

Col John, our thoughts and prayers are with you. You were such an amazing husband with dedicated second to none. Your gentle care of your wife was a testimony to all to your committment to this precious woman. We continue to be just a phone call away if you need us for anything.

We are all "Aiming higher" having loved and cared for Sherry. God Bless you. Tami J. Dees, RN THEE Hospice and Team.

Tami Dees, RN - May 22, 2012 at 12:35 PM

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“ John & family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for God to give you peace and strength in the days to come. She was a beautiful lady. In Christ.

Linda McKenzie - May 21, 2012 at 07:49 PM