



SHARON HOPE GITTLEMAN

July 9, 2015

Age 56, of Royal Oak, died July 7, 2015.

The funeral service will be held at
HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

Family Info:

Beloved daughter of the late Fay and the late Max Gittleman.

Devoted sister of Steven Gittleman.

Cherished niece of Robert and Sandra Feldman.

Also survived by other loving family members and caring friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Forever my Celto-Hebraic Princess.*

Peter Rogan - September 16, 2024 at 12:11 PM



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Pete Rogan - September 20, 2022 at 12:01 AM

PR

“Happy Birthday, Sharon. I know you wouldn't believe me, but I think of you nearly every day. When I hear of injustice, or the proud trolling the weak, once again I mourn that you are not here to bring their story out and make the unrighteous tremble in their boots.

But I miss more your indomitable cheerfulness, your love, the feel of your hand in mine. A world passed from me with your passing, and I cannot find another. I am sorry I wasn't there in your final illness. Sorry I didn't even know you had gone until all was over. Sorry the world now is empty of your touch, and deprived of the light that you shone everywhere you went. I have no such light in me to match it. I will remain in darkness without you.

But I care less for this than for all the moments I can hear you reflect and speak truth like lightning. I miss having you in my world, and I mourn that you were taken so early. Your birthday comes and now I remember that I must be sure there are no hazelnuts, and now no chocolate, either. Flowers would have to do, but where shall I bring them? I don't know if you would believe I now remember, but I do.

So I write this note, and place it in the wall, and hope (O, that word!) that somewhere you will read it, and know, and remember. You are missed. Oh, Sharon, I miss you.

Peter Rogan - September 16, 2018 at 04:00 PM

PR

“ *Something else you need to know about Sharon: She could zhagareet. Effortlessly, joyfully, hair-raisingly.*

If you are of a certain age, you will remember the warcry of Xena, Warrior Princess from the '90s TV show. To those who do not, there is a scene in David Lynch's "Lawrence of Arabia" when King Faisal leads his troops out of their mountain fortress to battle the Turks. All the women in the settlement lined the rocky slopes of the way out of the fortress, all of them zhagreeting. An eerie, haunting sound, which once heard cannot be forgotten.

As I recall, I think Sharon first heard zhagareeting when she was in Israel with the family when she was 13. She learned to imitate the sound, to my ear most perfectly. I never heard her at full cry, as she was careful not to make this sound to the unprepared. As it was, when she first demonstrated her ability to my brother, he nearly went backwards out of his chair. How much louder, and more terrifying, she could be I never learned. I used to tell her that with that cry, she need fear no one. All who heard it and knew that they were the target of a redheaded Jewish lawyer-cum-reporter, would know they hadn't a prayer. How I wish I could hear it again. How I miss that incomparable thrill of Sharon zhagareeting.

Ave, my Celto-Hebraic Warrior Princess. The enemies you have left who have heard that sound will live in fear the rest of their lives. Your friends will miss you always.

Pete Rogan - August 01, 2016 at 02:04 PM

PR

“ I still remember our first date, when I surprised her with taking her to the Detroit Zoo and she surprised me with a picnic lunch, a feast of olives, cheese and bread. She was so happy, irrepressibly so, confident and bright and shining, brighter than the sun. She turned to writing when she realized reviewing contracts was boring her and she wanted her voice to be heard and her insights shared. She never lost that confidence, that openness, that reached out to all and cast clearing light in every dark corner it touched. The world sees more clearly because of her. If you knew her, you could not have missed how she could sweep all darkness away. Remember her light, and share it when you can.

Pete Rogan - July 16, 2016 at 08:59 PM