



Shannon Marie Martin

April 19, 1986 - July 20, 2023

Martin, Dr. Shannon 37, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Plymouth, Minnesota, entered into eternal life July 20, 2023 following a short illness. Preceded in death by aunt, Barbara Martin and grandmother, Loretta O'Keefe. Shannon is survived by husband, Dr. Stuart Quirk; parents, David and Brigid Martin; brother, Ryan Martin; grandparents, Anthony and Mary Ann Martin; uncles and aunts, Jim Marquardt and Sheila O'Keefe, Diane Martin, Chris Martin, Tim and Sharon Martin; cousins, Sam Marquardt, DJ and Tayvius Martin; mother-in-law, Jean Quirk; brother-in-law, John Quirk; many other family and friends. Shannon loved travel and spent a year in Australia and toured throughout Europe during high school and a college semester in London. From skydiving in New Zealand to riding elephants in Thailand on her honeymoon, she loved to explore and experience what the world had to offer. Fiercely loyal, she was the best kind of friend to lean on during difficulties or to celebrate a joyful moment. She knew from an early age that she wanted to teach and admired her teachers at Sacred Heart Grade School in Minneapolis. Shannon also spoke lovingly of her time at Benilde-St. Margaret's High School where her love of learning deepened and she formed more lifelong friendships. She excelled in higher education beginning with her time at St. Thomas University where she double majored in psychology and business. Shannon went on to pursue advanced training in psychology; obtaining her Master's from Mankato State University and then her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Central Michigan University. She ultimately earned

a tenured position as an Associate Professor in the Psychology Department of Converse University in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Throughout her life, Shannon found joy in learning and committed herself to sharing her love of ideas with her students. She was an organized and accomplished researcher and psychological scientist who crafted multiple publications and spearheaded numerous successful research projects. Besides professional accomplishments, her personal life was filled with interests. Fifteen years of organized dance left glitter, feathers, and sequins in her family home and secured her love of all things pink and rhinestone bedazzled. She studied cooking and loved to apply her skills to organize a party for her large friend group. She shared her home and heart with dogs and cats throughout her life and was never happier than throwing a ball for her border collie Copper or reading a book with the great cat Abigail on her lap. Although she loved flowers very much, we think she might prefer donations to the memorial fund her family and colleagues established in her name. Funds will go to help defray costs for Converse University psychology students to travel to research conferences. Memorials may be sent to <https://www.converse.edu/announcement/2023/07/converse-mourns-the-loss-of-dr-shannon-martin/>. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 17th, 4pm-7pm with prayer service/eulogy at 6pm, at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th & Highway 100, Edina, Minnesota. Interment to follow on Saturday, August 19th, 1pm at Zionsborg Cemetery, Evansville, Minnesota. We will also hold a memorial service at Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina at 1pm Friday, August 25th in the Daniel Recital Hall of Blackman Music Hall. All are most welcome to attend. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Cemetery Details

Zionsborg Cemetery

25415 County Road 56 NW
Evansville, MN 56326

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Chapel Service

AUG 17. 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Shannon Marie Martin in memory of Shannon Marie Martin



Washburn-McReavy - August 09, 2023 at 09:50 AM

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“ Shannon, to me, symbolizes family connection. She lived an extraordinary life and deserves a multitude of accolades, but to Dick and me she represented an important link to our family's younger generation. Her parents remained close to us over the years, but Shannon's presence in our life was an unexpected bonus. When she reached out to Dick for advice in her Psychology career - it pleased him to so much to have this special relationship with her and we were honored and happy to share the happy occasion of her wedding to Stuart. What joy we witnessed that night! Love abounded - family love for this beautiful girl and the new glowing love between Shannon & Stuart. They had such fun together that one couldn't help, but get caught up in it. We walked away from that wonderful evening, carrying all that joy-filled love; it inspires me to this day. RIP, dear Shannon. You are loved and will never be forgotten.

~ Kathie Martin

Kathie Martin - August 18, 2023 at 05:20 PM