



## Priscilla Ellen Sawicki

August 14, 2016

Priscilla Ellen Smith Sawicki, 75, passed peacefully on August 14, 2016 at Willow Valley Communities, after a courageous battle with multiple myeloma. Priscilla was born in Detroit, Michigan to Dr. William Shepherd and Rena Stringari Smith. She grew up around the world as the daughter of a U.S. Army doctor. After attending 12 schools in the U.S., Japan and Germany, she graduated as valedictorian of her high school class in Frankfurt, Germany. She then attended Duke University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Education as a Phi Beta Kappa.

Priscilla will be lovingly remembered by her husband and best friend, Charles "Chuck" Andrew Sawicki. They married in Fort Monroe, Virginia on July 28, 1962. This July, they celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. They had four children, Annie, Cindy, Chip and Michael. The family enjoyed a life enriched by travel, living many different places in the U.S. and Canada—including Missouri, Arkansas, Chicago, Toronto, New Jersey, Florida and North Carolina. Priscilla and Chuck moved to Lancaster in November of 2014.

Priscilla took comfort knowing she would be joining her littlest angel, her son, Michael, who preceded her in death in 1973. In addition to her husband Chuck, she is survived by her daughter, Annie, and her husband Marty, and grandchildren Cody and Katie; her daughter, Cindy Sawicki, and grandchildren Mike Kin and Jake Kin of Lancaster; her son, Chip Sawicki, and

his wife, Lisa Sawicki, and grandchildren Zach Sawicki and Trent Sawicki of Charlotte, NC; her brother, Shepherd Smith, his wife, Anita Smith of Virginia, and nieces Laura Dynner of Palo Alto, CA and Lanz Hubbard of Charlottesville, VA, nephew Will Smith of Texas; and sister-in-law, Linda Smith of Virginia. We will deeply miss Priscilla's family stories, smiles, sense of humor, cards on every occasion, pragmatic sensibilities, and, most of all, her compassion and generosity. She will forever be in our hearts.

Priscilla's first career, while raising four children, was teaching elementary school. She taught first, second, and third grade in eight schools for 24 years, touching the lives of her students with her warmth and enthusiastic support, especially to students who required deeper understanding of their learning differences. Her second successful career was as a Real Estate Agent and Broker, winning numerous awards, mostly with Re/Max in Stuart, Florida. Priscilla possessed a sincere interest in the lives of others and positively influenced countless people, in particular individual family members and the young people she mentored. In retirement, she enjoyed volunteering in elementary schools, tutoring immigrants working towards U.S. citizenship, and traveling throughout the world, including 100 countries and all 50 states. Some of her favorite places included northern Italy where her mother lived and her childhood home of Japan. Priscilla's last "bucket list" adventure was a family trip to Rwanda, Africa, trekking gorillas in 2014. Above all things, she loved spending time with her family.

Priscilla's life will be celebrated at a private family gathering. She will be interred with her son in Mississauga, Ontario at a later date. Priscilla was committed throughout her life to making a difference for those around her, especially young people with learning differences and immigrants to our country. In her honor, we hope you will consider continuing her good work of showing generosity to those most in need. For those of you touched personally by the gift of Priscilla's compassion, please "pay it forward" and

show that same compassion to others. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a memorial contribution in Priscilla's name to the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute (c/o LG Health Foundation, 609 N. Cherry St., Lancaster PA 17603).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Priscilla Ellen Sawicki*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Chuck and Family,*

*I was so sorry to read in the Stuart newspaper of Priscilla's passing. Such a lovely woman! Chuck, you may remember our working together on numerous committees for Hibiscus Children's Center. I always enjoyed chatting with Priscilla at the many fund raisers for the Center. My deepest sympathy to you and the family.*

*Molly Hoffman*

**Molly Hoffman** - August 29, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ *We remember with great pleasure the times that you come and visit us in Italy.*

*We spent many beautiful moments together happily.*

*A big hug from all of us, dear Priscilla.*

*Christian, Francesca, Massimo and Arianna*

**Christian** - August 28, 2016 at 05:39 AM



“ *Mr. Sawicki and family,*

*We were so saddened when we heard this news. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*Dr. Scott Davenport, Rachel and staff*

**Rachel Davenport** - August 24, 2016 at 04:05 PM

ES

“ Cici was such a wonderful grandmother. She treated my children, Hunter and Sierra as her own grandchildren. She was so thoughtful and loving and caring. She loved her grandchildren Katie and Cody so much and it was a joy when she came to Alaska to visit. We will all miss her incredible personality and her forgiving heart.

Elizabeth Smith - August 24, 2016 at 03:03 PM

DK

“ Priscilla was such a wonderful friend and colleague. Her bubbly personality and caring always was an admirable trait of hers. I remember when my son, Michael, passed she helped to comfort me in my hour of need.

That was Priscilla, an outstanding kind and loving person. We shall miss her so much, she was the best in everything that she touched. Love and misss you Priscilla. Donna Kelley, former Realtor of Remax of Stuart.



Donna Kelley - August 23, 2016 at 03:00 PM

LP

“ Lynn Pinkerton lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Ellen Sawicki



Lynn Pinkerton - August 23, 2016 at 10:13 AM

LK

“ Dear Chuck and Family,

*Priscilla was such a positive influence to those fortunate enough to know her. Wonderful memories of both Check and Priscilla come to me every time I pass by the beautiful sculpture donated by them to the hospital. I'll always remember Priscilla's kindness . My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Laurel Kelly*

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**Laurel Kelly** - August 23, 2016 at 05:27 AM

AJ

“ Where to begin ..... Mrs, Sawicki is the mother of a dear friend of mine from 5th grade, Ann.

*Ann and I met played together in Robinson Woods in Charlotte NC. When the Sawicki's moved to Chicago, I can vividly remember my trip to visit Ann. We went to the Zoo and science history museum while enjoying family time at her house. Mrs. Sawicki always made me feel special and loved. It seems like yesterday when we caught up over the phone after she and Mr. Sawicki moved back to Charlotte to live uptown. We planned to get together for lunch or dinner and as It happens too often, we never confirmed a date. I will deeply miss her, especially her tender spirit and brilliant smile! You have forever left a loving imprint on my childhood days. To Ann, Mr. Sawicki and the rest of the family, May God wrap his loving arms around you during this difficult time. Know that I am thinking about you and would love to talk to you. Anne Porter 704 905-6273.*



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**Anne Porter Johnson** - August 23, 2016 at 12:50 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Priscilla Ellen Sawicki.



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August 22, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ Had the good fortune to meet Priscilla through Merrill Lynch when the company had a real estate division in Stuart, FLorida. She later asked me to join her on the American Heart Association Heart Ball Committee which she was chairing. Many wonderful memories of serving on this committee and the AHA Board with Priscilla. A wonderful friend to all who had the privilege of knowing her. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chuck and family members.

*Jan Leighton Bruner*  
*August 22, 2016*

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jan l bruner - August 22, 2016 at 08:09 AM

SJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. Priscilla was one of a kind. Our paths crossed in real estate as two former teachers connected in a new career. I quickly came to admire her integrity, kindness, generosity and caring in all she did. Quality was what I saw. Then I met Chuck through the Notre Dame Alumni club when I took my Dad (class of '35 & '38) to their luncheons. He seemed like the perfect match for Priscilla. They contributed so much to our community in time, talent and resources. Although our paths crossed for a short period of time , they made an indelible impression.  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand until we all meet again.  
Sarah (Bielawny) Johnson

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**sarah johnson** - August 19, 2016 at 01:42 PM

RK

“ Ruth Kramer lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Ellen Sawicki



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**Ruth Kramer** - August 19, 2016 at 08:20 AM

 Susan Andersen

“ Priscilla was a mentor of mine while at RE/MAX of Stuart. She inspired me with many wonderful ideas, always smiling and cheerful, had great insight into people and was always there for you! She left a great legacy among us and will never be forgotten!

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**Susan Andersen** - August 19, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ To Chuck and family, I'm so very sorry to hear about Priscilla's passing. I'll always remember and be grateful for the influence, experience and charitable nature both Chuck and Priscilla had on my life as a young girl. Nothing but kind things to say about both of you. My heart and prayers are with you all and I hope you find peace in her loving memories and she certainly lived a full adventurous life. Respectfully, Lindsey Roessner.

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**Lindsey Roessner** - August 17, 2016 at 06:40 PM

SB

“ Wonderful lady always and such a terrific Realtor Worked together and served together . Prayers to her family

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**sherry busteed** - August 17, 2016 at 06:24 PM

AF

“ I knew Priscilla from the Port Salerno Post Office where I worked for 16 yrs. She was one of the customers who ALWAYS treated me with kindness and I will forever be grateful to her for that. I know she brought many people that same peace and sense of acceptance in life. Priscilla was a special kind of lady. Anita Ford

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**Anita Ford** - August 17, 2016 at 06:08 PM

SH

“ It was our pleasure to have known both Priscilla and Chuck. Two peas in a pod, generous and wonderful folks. An inspiration to us all, our condolences to Chuck and family. Sincerely, Randy, Sheila, Sally and Patrick Ehrenfeld.

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**Sheila** - August 17, 2016 at 02:04 PM

AN

“ *The members of LEADERship Martin County, Class 14, will always remember Priscilla as a kind hearted, peaceful problem solver and generous with her time and financial resources, and especially with children. She was well respected and well loved. May she rest in peace.*

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**Anonymous** - August 17, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *Chuck and your family,*

*We here at the Main Library are all thinking of you and yours. We have always appreciated your support and guidance.*

*Sending our love,  
Lydia Towery  
Librarian  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Library*

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**Lydia Towery** - August 17, 2016 at 08:58 AM

JA

“ *Words cannot express my sense of loss today. I just saw the obituary, and just yesterday in our sales meeting I talked about how amazing Priscilla was in her business and to her clients. I will always remember her intelligence and her generosity. She was always a friend, mentor, teacher and a giver! My hearts and prayers go out to all of you, her family , who I know will forever miss her presence in your lives. She is out of pain and with Jesus. Much love to all of you, Jennifer Atkisson-Lovett and her RE/MAX of Stuart family*

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**Jennifer Atkisson-Lovett** - August 17, 2016 at 07:49 AM

MC

“ Chuck, I'm so glad you and Priscilla has 54+ years together. I enjoyed meeting her while ya'll were in Charlotte and I felt you two were such a great couple. What wonderful memories! You are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care.  
Mimi Curlee

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**Mimi Curlee** - August 16, 2016 at 08:47 PM

DV

“ Annie and Marty,  
Mike and I send our condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Debbie and Mike Venys

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**Debbie Venys** - August 16, 2016 at 08:39 PM

DP

“ Chuck:  
  
So, so sorry to hear about Pricilla's passing. She was a special person, indeed. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
  
Dick and Jann Pahle  
Charlotte NC

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**Dick Pahle** - August 16, 2016 at 11:59 AM

TR

“ Chuck and Cindy,  
Thank you for sharing such a beautiful tribute to Priscilla...you have all been clearly blessed by her life. Holding all of you in my thoughts and wishing you bright spots during this sad time. Warmly, Tracy Cutler

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**TracyCutler** - August 16, 2016 at 11:02 AM

KE

“ To the family of Priscilla Sawicki sorry for the loss of your loved one. May you rely on the God of comfort and all your beautiful memories to sustain you.

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**kennedy** - August 16, 2016 at 10:24 AM

JM

“ Dear Chuck and Family:

*We are greatly saddened by Priscilla's passing. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew her. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Maryann and Jim Mortimer*

*Charlotte ,North Carolina*

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**jim mortimer** - August 16, 2016 at 09:56 AM

PS

“ Dear Chuck, Cindy, Chip and Annie,  
*We are deeply saddened by Priscilla's passing. She was a dear friend!!! As with everything in life she "fought the good fight". Our memories will be cherished forever. A favorite between she and I was how often in Stuart we were called by each other's name. Our initials were the same as well and some folks after realizing there mistake would just say, "oh, PS". Our prayers are with you all. Love, Phyllis & Robert Sippel*

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**Phyllis Sippel** - August 16, 2016 at 09:46 AM

JF

“ Dear Chuck, it was with great sadness that I read about Priscilla's death in the Charlotte Observer this morning. She was such an intergral part of the Irwin Avenue volunteer team from St. Peter's Catholic Church on our campus. Every teacher knew her and had been touched by her kindness, encouragement, and generosity. When Priscilla was on campus everyone knew it and looked forward to seeing her. Children begged to be her mentees and wanted her to help in their classroom. Her spirited humor, knowledge, persistence, and concern for staff and students colored many school days as "happy" for those she touched. She will be remembered and missed by many. I am so grateful and blessed to have known her. My heart goes out to you knowing what a great team you were. Love, Judy Fahl

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**judy fahl** - August 16, 2016 at 08:22 AM

HM

“ Chuck, please accept my condolences on Pricilla's passing. The obituary in today's paper was so touching. You are in my thoughts. Sincerely,  
Henry Michel

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**Henry Michel** - August 16, 2016 at 05:29 AM



Our hearts are with you and all the family at this sad time. But what a pure JOY it was to have known this beautiful person and count her as a friend for many years. Prayers and condolences, along with our love, Mary Christine and Richard

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**Mary Christine Kjellstrom** - August 19, 2016 at 12:54 PM



*Just want to make sure you know that you and Priscilla are remembered for all the good you did at St. Peter's and in the greater community. We had followed her illness and remembered her in our prayers.*

*Ann Weber*

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**Ann Weber** - August 22, 2016 at 02:18 PM