



## Sherrod Aurelia McWhorter Hart

October 1, 1959 - December 25, 2019

Sherrod Aurelia McWhorter Hart, age 60, died suddenly on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2019. Sherrod underwent open heart surgery on November 15, 2019 and remained ill in Chattanooga Heart Institute Memorial until her untimely death. Her husband, Brett Hart, her daughter, Allie Heath and her Mother and Dad, Sue Ellen and Jimmy Hammond were with her when she passed away.

Sherrod was born on October 1, 1959 at 12:39 PM in Columbus, Georgia at the hospital where her Paternal Grandfather, Dr. M.R. McWhorter was the Medical Director. Her Grandfather(Mac Mac) delivered her--his first grandchild. She was the light of his life until his death in 1969. Sherrod grew up in Jonesboro, Georgia, attended Clayton County Schools and graduated in 1978 from Jonesboro Senior High where she played the clarinet in the award winning high school marching band. Along with her commitment to the band, Sherrod studied voice under the tutelage of Cheryl Brown, who was at that time noted for her beautiful operatic voice and Christian commitment. Cheryl became Sherrod's mentor.

From Jonesboro High School, Sherrod went to Tift College for Women in Forsyth, Georgia where she excelled academically, musically and socially. Her education at Tift was not relegated to only academics, but to traveling with the well known Tift Women's Choir both nationally and internationally. She was popular with her classmates who elected her to the status of Miss Tift College. When she graduated from Tift, she had earned her B.S. in Early Childhood

Education and a Minor in Music Education.

Sherrod began her teaching career immediately following her graduation from Tift, but her education did not stop when she left college. During her years of teaching, she obtained an MaED in Early Childhood Education from Tusculum College in Greeneville, TN(2003); an EDS in Teaching and Learning from Liberty University (2009); a three year Provisional Certificate in Special Education, and completed Gifted Endowment Classes for certification to provide Instruction for the Gifted.

Sherrod taught in several Fulton County Schools, including the prestigious Heard's Ferry Elementary School in North Fulton County where she was voted by her peers as Teacher of the Year during her first year there. After teaching in Fulton County for 8 years, she and her husband, Brett, moved to NW Georgia where they both continued their teaching careers. Sherrod taught at Center Post School her first year in North Georgia and after its closing taught at Fortune School. Fortune School closed and Sherrod moved with Principal Susan Wells to Rossville Elementary School where she taught a class while organizing the music program for the new Rossville School. She was voted by her peers as teacher of the year in 1993. She ended her teaching career at Chickamauga Elementary School where she taught Kindergarten for approximately ten years. At CES, she was voted by her peers as teacher of the year for her outstanding dedication to her students. Sherrod retired from her teaching career in public school in June of 2015. For several years after her retirement, she taught private voice lessons to young people in her home and drove to Peachtree City, GA to take lessons from the famed Lisa Kelly of Celtic Woman Fame. During the phase of her life as a student of voice with Lisa Kelly, she met and befriended many people both internationally. Sherrod's devotion to God, to teaching and learning, to children and to her family dominated her life. She knew at the age of ten years that God had a special calling on her life. She served God, children, her family and others with gladness and joy. The void Sherrod leaves in the hearts of those who truly and dearly love her can only be filled by The Lord's Tender Mercies and

His Loving Kindness. She lives on in our hearts!

Sherrod is survived by her loving husband of 30 years, Brett Allen Hart, her loving daughter, Allie Heath and a son, Thomas Heath; her Mother and Father, Sue Ellen and Jimmy Hammond; two brothers, Ray (Holly) McWhorter; Trey (Paula) McWhorter; a sister, Ellis-Anne (Jason) Edwards; her granddaughter, Alexis Hart; her niece, Anna (Steven) Hill, several more nieces and nephews and cousins, both maternal and paternal. She was preceded in death by her late Father Thomas Knight McWhorter, Sr.

A Memorial Service in Honor of Sherrod's Life will be held Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the LaFayette United Methodist Church in LaFayette, Georgia. Rev. Randall Massengale, Rev. Emeritus David Autry and Dr. Ted Scoggins will officiate. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until the service time at the church.

Wilson Funeral Home of Chickamauga, Georgia is serving the Hart Family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

LaFayette First United Methodist Church  
301 S. Main St.  
LaFayette, GA 30728

## Memorial Service

DEC **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ I met and worked with Sherrod at Center Post. She was a talented and gifted lady. She always had a smile on her face and encouraging words for everyone.

Mike Carter - September 29, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ She was one of the sweetest, loving, and kind souls I've ever had the privilege to call my friend, She loved with everything she had and was a blessing to everyone she met!

Rhonda Webb - January 12, 2020 at 10:44 PM

JW

“ This precious lady, was a blessing to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She always had a kind and uplifting word to share. She smiled and shared her joy of life to everyone. She will be missed.



Jeneen Walton - December 31, 2019 at 02:09 PM

JK

“ I met Sherrod on my first trip to Ireland. We instantly had a bond. She was so kind and loving. She always looked out for me and encouraged me. I will miss her dearly.



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**Judith Kennickell** - December 30, 2019 at 05:10 PM

ST

“ Sherry Tate lit a candle in memory of Sherrod Aurelia McWhorter Hart



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**Sherry Tate** - December 29, 2019 at 11:00 PM

SH

*Thank you, Sherry...Sherrod and I will always love you!!!*

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**Sue Ellen Hammond** - January 02, 2020 at 11:37 PM

KK

“ I attended Tift College with Sherrod and she truly was loved by everyone. She was always happy and had the best personality. She was beautiful and talented and we all wanted to be like her. I am so sorry to hear of her passing and wish I had been able to make contact with her in the last few years.

*Kimberley Sculley Kvistad  
Tift College-Class of 1983*

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**Kimberley Kvistad** - December 29, 2019 at 11:05 AM

NG

“ I graduated with Sherrod from Tift College. We were both in the Tift College Choir. She was a beautiful and talented soul!!! My prayers are with her family!!!



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**Norma Jones Greenwood** - December 29, 2019 at 11:00 AM

PC

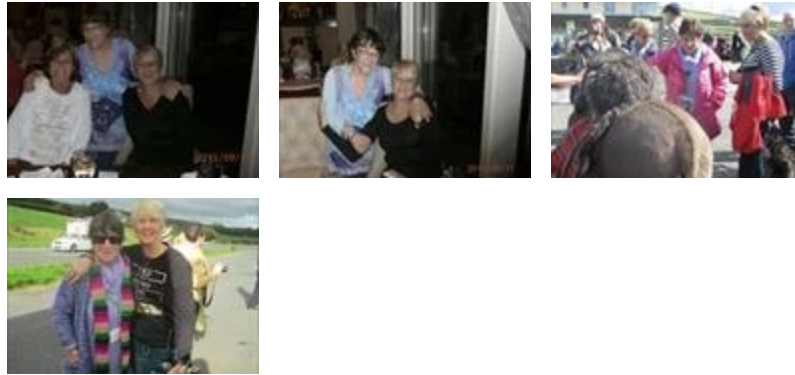
“ Sorry for the loss. I, too, have been touched by Cheryl Brown's beautiful voice and eagerness to teach. She has been informed of Sherrod's graduation into eternity. I would have loved to have known Sherrod in more than passing, and am glad that both of us serve our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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**Pamela Criswell** - December 29, 2019 at 08:52 AM

RP

“ I met Sherrod on Pauls first bus tour of Ireland. I loved Sherrod immediately, she had a lovely personality , full of life, kind and sincere. She had style and grace ,and I could tell she was a disciple of Christ . I'm devastated by her passing and will cherish a gift she gave to me on that trip. Sherrod touched many lives on that tour and we have all been enriched by spending time in her company. My sincere condolences to her family



Rosie Phillips - December 29, 2019 at 01:36 AM

Vanessa  
Thompson

“ What a delightful lady! A joy to know!



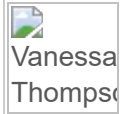
Vanessa Thompson - December 28, 2019 at 10:01 PM

KR

“ Kathy Roberson lit a candle in memory of Sherrod Aurelia McWhorter Hart



Kathy Roberson - December 28, 2019 at 09:27 PM



Vanessa  
Thompson

*Thank you for letting me know this!*

**Vanessa Thompson** - December 28, 2019 at 10:00 PM

DR

“ *Denise (Elliott) Richardson lit a candle in memory of Sherrod Aurelia McWhorter Hart*



**Denise (Elliott) Richardson** - December 28, 2019 at 08:58 PM

SG

“ *My daughter had the privilege of taking private lessons at Mrs. Hart's home just a few years ago. It was so obvious that Mrs. Hart had such a love and passion for teaching children and filling them with the love the God. My daughter and I will always cherish our memories of Mrs. Hart and remember her for the genuine and sincere love and kindness she showed to everyone around her.*

**Shaina Gross** - December 28, 2019 at 08:40 PM

AK

“ *Angela Keller lit a candle in memory of Sherrod Aurelia McWhorter Hart*



**Angela Keller** - December 28, 2019 at 08:31 PM

LL

“ *Lori Lozano lit a candle in memory of Sherrod Aurelia McWhorter Hart*



**Lori Lozano** - December 28, 2019 at 07:25 PM

RR

“ *I am truly broken hearted. I knew Sherrod as a teenager. We were in band together. She was never more than a friend, but I loved her to infinity. You COULD NOT be sad around her, she had a one of a kind laugh. She was the epitome of what a lady should be even at age 16. We lost touch after high school and I only ever saw her one more time at a class reunion, but I never forgot her. Say what you want about Facebook, but that is how I reconnected with her after so many years and also how I found out about her passing. The only comfort to be gained by this is knowing she is truly with God. My condolences go out to her family and I hope God comforts each and every one of you*

**Richard Rambler** - December 28, 2019 at 06:33 PM

SH

*Thank you for your kind words.. she was truly a light in my life!*

**Sue Ellen Hammond** - December 28, 2019 at 08:26 PM

AB

“ *Ann Bunn lit a candle in memory of Sherrod Aurelia McWhorter Hart*



**Ann Bunn** - December 28, 2019 at 05:46 PM

CT

“ Candy Clarke Teague lit a candle in memory of Sherrod Aurelia McWhorter Hart



Candy Clarke Teague - December 28, 2019 at 04:54 PM

PF

“ I never met her. I only knew of her through my dear friend Sue Ellen Hammond, her beloved Mom. She was always glowing about her daughter & family, in what ever they were doing in life. I always had hopes that she & her wonderful family would come out to Vista, CA one day to visit & tour. But now with a heavy heart, instead I am praying for comfort & strength, for her beloved husband & family, & for her mother Sue Ellen & her other Dad, Jim Hammond. We have the comfort of knowing where she is, but not having her here, @ still such a young age.....a horrible loss but Heaven's gain.

Pastor Roger & Janet Friend - December 28, 2019 at 03:40 PM

SH

I love you, Roger and Janet!!!

Sue Ellen Hammond - January 02, 2020 at 11:35 PM

MH

“ I was blessed to sing and praise with Sharrod at Rock Spring UMC.

Michael Henry - December 28, 2019 at 12:51 PM

KB

“ I was honored to have met Sherrod at Lisa Kelly Voice Academy. We went and laughed together! She stood out among others with a magnetic personality that just drew you in. Sing in the heavens, dear one.

*Kim Brockman; Oldenburg, IN*

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**Kim Brockman** - December 28, 2019 at 12:31 PM

VD

“ Victoria Durden lit a candle in memory of Sherrod Aurelia McWhorter Hart



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**Victoria Durden** - December 28, 2019 at 11:27 AM

PB

“ I met Sherrod on the first Byrom bus tour of Ireland and she was a complete delight, full of spirit and laughter. She will be missed by all that she came in contact with. My sincerest sympathies to her family at this time.

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**Pat Berschied** - December 28, 2019 at 12:14 AM

SC

*I first met Sherrod at CES where she taught my grandchildren and she became a part of our lives as well as her husband Brett. I have had the pleasure of meeting Allie and Sue Ellen who were both so much a part of her life. She loved her family so much, and she loved life so much!! She was a true Christian who spread Gods love in everything she did. Prayers for comfort to her family,*

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**Sheryl Cross** - December 28, 2019 at 03:11 AM

GH

“ *What a beautiful tribute and dedication to Mrs. Hart. I knew very little of her educational attainments, musical travels or prestigious teaching posts. What a wonderful, well-lived life. What I did know about her is that she was the friendliest neighbor you could ask for. She always had a smile on her face. Her encouraging words to my children over the years (and to me as well) were always so uplifting. She will be greatly missed!!!*

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**Gary and Faith Hakes** - December 27, 2019 at 06:53 PM

KB

*Ken and I are in disbelief as we were told about the passing of Sherrod. Their family was our first neighbors when we moved to the Windwood Subdivision. Sherrod and Brett came and welcomed us as their neighbors. Sherrod was always with a smile on her face and always had an uplifting spirit. Her kids played with my kids. They looked out for our house when we're out of town as we did theirs. Such a beautiful soul and spirit every time you were in her presents or when you saw her out. Our love, thoughts and prayers to Brett, Tommy and Alli and to the entire family.*

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**Ken & Karen Burse** - December 27, 2019 at 09:48 PM

PM

*May the Lord ease the pain of your great loss with sweet memories. We are so very sorry that Sherrod lost her struggle for life. The world is certainly a poorer place without her.*

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**Pam and Joe Meggyesy** - December 27, 2019 at 10:06 PM

RB

“ My dear friend Sherrod, I will miss you. You were one of the first people I met at the first Lisa Kelly Fan Forum gathering. You were a warm and sweet lady, ever smiling and full of joy. In the years that past, I was lucky enough to get to know you much better. As hard as it is to lose you so soon, it is comforting to know, that God call His Angel home to Him on Christmas Day. Now my friend, You are singing with the heavenly choir.  
God Bless you and Thank you for being my friend.



To Brett and Allie, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers.

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Richard J Burbine - December 27, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of her passing. What a wonderful person she was. She was one of the kindest, most loving, and giving teachers my daughter had. I have always been grateful for her warmth and compassionate spirit. She has left a legacy that inspires us all to give generously of ourselves.

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Andrea Redd - December 27, 2019 at 05:34 PM

TR

“ PS 71:23 My lips shall greatly Rejoice when I sing unto Thee;and my soul,which Thou hast Redeemed. My big sister is now part of the Heavenly Chorus!

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Trey - December 27, 2019 at 04:54 PM

JM

“ We went to school to gather my prayers are going out to her family. God call another Angel home .



John McMillian - December 27, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ Deb & I got to know Sherrod at Lisa Kelly's a few years ago, when we all went down for a Master Class in the summer. We kept in touch, and she was a fantastic, wonderful lady. We were stunned by this news, and wish Brett, Allie, and all of you all of God's Blessings and comfort. God Bless all of you. We'll miss you, Sherrod. Put in a good word for us.

Steve Reasbeck - December 27, 2019 at 01:50 PM

AS

“ In high school we got to shadow a teacher for a day. I knew I wanted to be in her classroom. She loved her students fiercely and without hesitation. She poured so much of herself into them. I was in such awe. I hope someday I am half the teacher and person she was. It's been over 10 years but I remember being in her classroom as if it were yesterday. She will be so missed.



an old student - December 27, 2019 at 12:53 PM

BG

Hearing Sherrod sing while at Rock Spring UMC was always a blessing. She and Brett brought so much joy to our church while they were there. Sherrod will be sorely missed.

Bob Grant - December 29, 2019 at 05:10 PM