



**HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY  
TO**

**Sharon Stein**

**We swim everyday, my darling mermaid,  
I am wishing you a perfect 70th Birthday.**

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**Bob Dopp**

You have been part of my life  
For nearly a third of my breaths.  
They have been my  
Happiest and my dearest yet.

Together we have explored the  
World and savored many lands.  
Together we have laughed and cried  
And walked and wandered and swam.

You are my guide, my advisor, my inspiration,  
My advocate and my passion.  
Together we have prospered beyond  
What I could ever have imagined.

Over these 70 years you have touched so many souls  
With words of wisdom to millions communicated.  
Written words, TV stage set, so many friends  
And with those we met on fabulous trips you facilitated.

We have shared our lives for nearly 20 years  
Building this home into a private garden paradise.  
You attract friends like bees to a flower  
And bring warmth to my heart like a constant sunrise.

I will love you forever and a day  
I love life with you in every way.  
We swim in this water-planet my darling mermaid,  
I am wishing you a perfect 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Love Always, Your Bobby

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### Kevin, Mamico and Luca

#### Grammy

A poem in 3 voices

(Luca)

cherries in the pool  
leaping onto the dolphin  
and you  
exercising as you float  
in the water  
from the kitchen  
the scent of stuffed cabbage

(Mamico)

your explosive laughter  
the serious look in your eye  
    when you shop  
the tenderness you have for  
    Luca  
the wisdom that you share with me  
    freely, happily  
the pride in being your daughter

(Kevin)

the lesson you taught me  
slowly,  
in action not words,  
that life is not easy  
there are no short cuts  
there is the hard work of watching  
your children make mistakes  
the pressure of deadlines  
a certain number of words  
on paper every week  
the small pinpricks of having to do this  
and having to do that  
but also the joy that comes from it all  
the special sweetness of a song  
finally played well on an instrument  
    still too large for small hands  
the odd comfort that comes from  
    wiping away tears and finding a smile  
    in a moment of pain  
the surprise of, occasionally,  
finding a shirt folded neatly in a drawer  
    or books marching smartly

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across a bookshelf  
without prodding, without chiding  
ah, is it too much to say  
you taught me  
without saying anything about it  
just what makes a life a life?  
perhaps that is just what parents do  
as natural as breathing  
but even so it does not change  
the awe that I am left with  
in the here and now  
of my everyday  
framed by your love

we love you,

Kevin  
Mamico  
and Luca

### **Dan Stein**

Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mom!

A few first memories, being a curious little boy, I wanted to join in what grown-ups do. You would sweetly indulge me and make me a very, I mean a very sweet milk coffee so I could share your morning coffee ritual with you – those were sweet morning memories.

And almost every evening the kitchen was alive with you cooking up something tasty and nice for dinner. It was especially important to you that our family spent dinnertime together eating a good meal. You recognized the great importance of a regular family meal was to raising children and made it a top priority.

And shopping with you was always a nice surprise, especially when random women would come up to you and ask “are you Sharon Stein?” and then thank you for the work you did.

And the holidays were always alive in our house, as you always invited over friends and family to share the time with us. You never wanted anyone to be alone on the holidays or left out. And you really loved hosting and making everyone happy and comfortable.

Thank you for showing us how to make things sweeter, making a difference in people's lives, and knowing how to make a space warm and welcoming!

Love Danny

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### **Ken**

Dear Mom,

Congratulations on the occasion of your 70th birthday.

So many wonderful years, so many "I Love You's" still to say.

A close friend of mine, a man of some years and knowledge (aka: David Bertrand, who graduated from Stanford University in 1951) commented to me the other day,

"It is most apparent to me that you were raised in an excellent and proper way!"

I laughed and instinctively replied that you would be very happy to know that he observed as much, and that it was in large part my mother who had the responsibility of raising me.

So naturally he asked about you, and about my youth, and of course about life in Michigan.

"Well, my Mother,.. " I started, "She is a powerhouse of a lady with influence running worldwide; even as far as Switzerland and Japan. Her ideas, opinions and activities are highly sought after, even by media moguls such as Bill Bonds of Action 7 News, who was so impressed with her that on live television he professed to be her fan.

My mothers' ingenuity could turn a simple child's clothing sample into a thriving business.

And before there was ever social media, there were her get togethers which offered significant value added to all, yet were provided nearly free to every attendee. (The younger generations won't understand this type of social networking, as it did not require an email or a credit card, but it did require a newspaper!)

Even beyond being practical, and what it took to successfully raise three boys which was hard won, She was so smart to always emphasize and support the importance of higher education."

So now Mom, I reflect on this conversation and can't help but be impressed with you. I am very proud of your many accomplishments, and am forever your little poosoo.

So everyone, a toast to Sharon Stein on her 70th Birthday, and for many more Birthdays to come. With much love from your son Kenneth.

### **Erin Dopp**

Sharon is a loving wife to my father. She's created a beautiful home full of joy and nature, art and adventure. She is highly resourceful, with a quick mind. Intelligent, energetic, enthusiastic. A brilliant artist. And from what I've heard from Dad, a fantastic cook! Sharon has had a fascinating life, full of love and success. May it continue on for many, many more years to come! Happy 70th Birthday Sharon!!!

### **Dana Dopleach**

I hope you have a wonderful pool party - Happy 70th Birthday Sharon!

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### **Adam, Sharon, Jayde**

Sharon,

It's hard to believe it's been just shy of 30 years that you welcomed me into your home,

and trusted me with the safety and corruption of your 3 sons. 🤪

You fed me strange foods like meatloaf and stuffed cabbage, and introduced me to a world where families sit down together, and eat and talk at the same time. Since I only had 2 mothers at the time, it only made sense to take on one more, just in case the other two missed something you knew best.

You and Bob have always made me feel like one of your family, and embraced Sharon & Jayde just the same. For your generous soul, may this birthday be as memorable as you've made all of our lives with your excellent hospitality and mad culinary skills, with your caring nature and your fierce love for all of us whom you've welcomed into your life. Thank you for inspiring us to be happy, and checking in to make sure we are doing well and on track.

You truly deserve to have the best birthday ever!

Much love, from your extra kids,  
Adam, Sharon, Jayde

### **Howard & Sylvia Garland**

When I think of Sharon, I think of her liveliness, intelligence, good problem solving and organizing skills. When Sylvia came to Detroit to meet the family, Sharon not only welcomed her, but took her in hand and taught her the names of all the family members, and who was related to whom. She then quizzed Sylvia, and made sure she had things right. At the time, Sharon was fourteen years old.

Sharon seems to be able to master any subject or technique she puts her mind to and fast. As one example, practically every day at meals, Sylvia and I enjoy the beautiful ceramic bowls she made. She has a great sense of humor and it is fun to be with her. We wish her a very happy birthday.

Love,

Howard and Sylvia

### **Bonnie and Peter**

Wonderful partner to my brother "Bobby" (so good to hear him called that again), great cook, generous hostess, talented potter, wise financial adviser, easy laugh, attentive conversationalist, responsible (and often happy) family member (daughter, sister, cousin, wife twice, mother, grandmother, and all those step-whatever's and in-laws), good friend. Happy birthday, Sharon and welcome to your seventies.

Love, Bonnie



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### Norman and Andrea Stein

Dear Sharon,

What can we say about our favorite sister-in-law on her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday? Let's begin:

1. She is a wife, mother, sister & friend extraordinaire
2. Norman has known her over 55 years. Even though she is his sister-in-law, he considers her his sister, a sister he never had
3. She is the most sociable & hospitable person we know (she has no equal)
4. She is a gracious hostess who loves to entertain (it is in her DNA)
5. She is someone you can always count on to do anything she can to help family & friends
6. She was very welcoming when Andrea came into my life
7. Andrea & I have always known that if needed, she would be there for us
8. She is also a great cook as all her friends & family know

We could go on and on, on how much we love you, but that would take a couple of days. So Andrea & I would like to end with some quotes from Julie Child and some that were attributed to her that we think you might like.

1. "The only time to eat diet food is while you're waiting for the steak to cook"
2. "If you're afraid of butter, use cream"
3. "I think every woman should have a blowtorch"
4. "She attributed her longevity to red meat & gin"

The next two quotes were incorrectly attributed to Child but are so her.

1. A 1956 quote from Harriet van Horne. "Cooking is like love; it should be entered into with abandon or not at all"
2. The true origin of this next quote remain unverified. "The second best way to execute French cooking is to get good and loaded and whack the hell out of a chicken. Bon appetite"

Have a wonderful birthday and great years to come.

Love,

Andrea and Norm

### Mary & Larry Narkis

Sharon is a classy lady with eclectic tastes, a wonderful cook, phenomenal hostess, and someone we are so happy to call our sister-in-law.

Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Sharon!  
Love, Mary & Larry Narkis



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### **Libby Garland**

For my Aunt Sharon on her 70th birthday:

It is maybe not so nice to say this, but we all have relatives who are a little bit boring; for kids, especially, it is confusing to know what you are supposed to even do with or say to these boring relatives, and why you have any obligation at all to kiss them at family gatherings or send them thank-you notes for the inevitably boring gifts they may send your way. Aunt Sharon, I am glad to say, was so completely nothing like those relatives. She always stood out to me, even when I was small, as fabulously not boring, the relative that gave unfailingly thrilling gifts (a super soft red flannel nightgown that was my very favorite birthday gift one year, which I wore and wore until I outgrew it so completely that it ripped under both arms; and for my bat mitzvah, a delicate gold bracelet with a tiny diamond that was the most elegant object I'd ever owned, by far) and said wickedly funny things and had excellent ideas about which food was fun to eat and which activities were fun to do.

And it's not just that Aunt Sharon has never been dull that makes her a great person to have as an aunt. It's that she's so generous, too. Visits to her have always been lovely because she is so genuinely welcoming. Once, many years ago, I was traveling for work and got stranded in Cincinnati--no hotel room, no nothing--when a sudden snowstorm buried the east coast. There were a few lone flights to Detroit; I phoned up Aunt Sharon and she said, "Come, of course! We'll pick you up." I did and they did, and so what began as an awful stranded-by-snow weekend ended as an unplanned, very cool visit to Casa Sharon.

So: Happy, happy birthday, dear Aunt Sharon! May we spend many more fun occasions, planned and/or unplanned, together.

Much, much love,  
Libby

### **Miriam**

Dear Aunt Sharon --

Wishing you a wonderful birthday! Over the years, whether it was on our visits to Detroit when I was a kid or watching you and Bob take our kids swimming in the ocean (somewhat more recently!), I have always appreciated your sense of fun and your incredible warmth. I am lucky to have you in my life!

Lots of love,

Miriam

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### **Alicia & Paul Tisdale**

Clearly, what stands out in my memory was watching and playing with the cutest one-year-old toddler who was just as curious, bright and active as she is to this day. At the time, I was not quite nine years old; we were living at Grandpa and Grandma's cottage on Cass Lake. All fourteen of us lived there every summer. I remember seeing little Sharon marching around outside with a clothesline rope tied around her waste. The other end of the rope was secured to a tree. In this way, there would be no worry that she could run into the water and drown. The rope thing just did not sit right with me. I think Aunt Sylvia was actually relieved that I offered to "babysit" my cute little cousin Sharon. Somehow she must have known that a rope was not a good idea. I cannot believe that Sharon is celebrating her 70th birthday.

Sharon, Paul and I send you all of the best wishes and all that you wish for yourself, all well earned and all well deserved. Happy, Happy birthday and many more happy and healthy ones to come.

We love you!  
Hugs and kisses too!  
Alicia and Paul

### **Lainey**

What a great idea for Sharon's 50th.... oops I mean 70<sup>th</sup> :)

Dearest Cousin (sister) Sharon,  
We'll, finally, we're the same age, wink, wink.  
How lucky we are to have shared our lives together. From Cass Lake to Oak Park and beyond. We've been sisters at heart sharing the good times and the not so good. You are my cousin, my sister, and my friend. We've been each other's listening ear. We've shared advice and laughter and recipes. You're my go to person for all kinds of information. If we ever start a business together the logo would have to be a black patton leather purse.  
I love that we have one another.  
David and I wish you many Happy and Healthy Birthdays.  
I love you,  
Lainey

### **Char Margolis**

Dear Sharon,  
You are our fourth sister! You have always been wonderful to me. One of my first memories of you is sitting on a porch with one of your friends in Detroit singing "I'm going to wash that man right out of my hair". We can't forget all the times you babysat for me in OakPark. You were the cook and I was the taste tester! Sardines and ketchup! Then there were all the times you and cousin Arlene the babysitters would sit on the phone for hours and argue. I'm not sure about what! Remember when they made us stay at the cottage with grandma and grandpa that summer and grandpa chased you around with a broom? When he drove us home he kept yelling at all the people on Woodward for driving the wrong way, when in fact he was in the opposite lane driving towards on coming traffic! We are lucky there wasn't an accident! And then there was the night you were babysitting and

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we decorated Lainey's bedroom with her bra and panties and when she came home wanted to show her date something in her room. Lol! Was that the same night we put cellophane on the bottom toilet bowl rim in her bathroom so when she had to go it would splash up in her face? Poor Ida, she came home before Lainey and used that toilet! When Mom and dad had a card came, we would always raid the kitchen for the best corn-beef sandwiches, potato salad, coke slaw and pickles! Yum! Your friends were always nice to me and so were you! Distance may keep us apart but loving memories last forever! Wishing you a happy, healthy wonderful birthday and always! THANK YOU Bob for doing this! I will always take pride in teaching you how to eat bones!

Love you both!

Charlene

### **Mark Benovic**

"We enjoy visiting with Sharon and Bob each time we trek from Chicago to Savannah. We always look forward to our visits to hear old family stories. I'm so glad Sharon and I reconnected a few years ago. "

### **Irma Jo Dopp Sutton**

Happy Birthday Sharon – you YOUNGSTER!

Love,

Mom Jo

### **Debra Schleich**

Happy 70th Birthday Sharon! I have always looked up to you, and really enjoyed seeing you when I came to Atlanta. You're house is such a warm, welcoming home filled with love! You and Uncle Bob have been such role models to me--examples of two classy, educated, worldly, artistic, kind hearted, loving people, surrounded by the warmth and riches of family and deep lasting friendships. And we share a passion for travel! I truly hope your birthday is special, and hope to come for another visit soon. Sending lots of love from Colorado!

Love,

Debbie

Debra Schleich

### **Tom Armstrong**

It has been wonderful for Anne and me to get to know Sharon and to watch a great partnership develop. You're a rare combination, being both artistic and economic partners, and you enjoy life with gusto. We thoroughly enjoy visiting you in Atlanta where Sharon always welcomes us with a delicious meal, a relaxing atmosphere, interesting conversation, and even, on occasion, karaoke for the girls.

We are so glad that Sharon is part of our family and has participated in many of our recent life events. We wish her a very happy 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we hope to celebrate with her in the near future.

Much love,

Anne & Tom

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### **Gody Weniger**

Hello Sharon,

Debbie and I would like to congratulate you for your 70th birthday!

Using the words of a wise person. "Seventy is not to write the last chapter of life it is time to write part 2".

We wish a good health and happiness!

Gody and Debbie

### **Michele Saulson**

**Dear Sharon,**

Our paths first crossed 21 years ago, and regardless of a slight difference in age and life experience, our circumstances allowed us to find each other. We forged a unique and seamless bond. While specific memories of that time are now a bit murky, you and I were uniquely close and spent a fair amount of time together. We connected in many ways, shared an interesting sense of humor, enjoyed a little vodka and grapefruit juice (or maybe more than a little) cried a lot, laughed a lot and truly understood where the other was coming from. The pain, fear and loss we shared turned into healing. We both gained so much more from our friendship than any support group or therapist provided. I am eternally grateful that providence put us in the same place (literally and figuratively), at the same time, so that we could wander aimlessly through that journey together. However, I am more thankful that we both were able to overcome tragedy, be open to love and create wonderful, meaningful lives.

When I think of our friendship now, I truly remember your smile and laugh – how I love and miss your laugh! I remember being so impressed with your stock market prowess and the control you were taking over your life. I remember when you first told me about Bob, and am so happy I was part of your life when he came into the picture. It's really unbelievable that you were able to find each other and create such a beautiful life together!! When Eli came into my life, you were supportive and loving. The four of us spent time together and enjoyed guitar on your patio. I loved coming to visit you in Atlanta! Shopping for antiques, laughing, and eating great food – I still remember that trip. I felt so pampered in your home and with you both and knew that I was always welcome. The beautiful butterfly sculpture that Bob lovingly hand crafted for us, proudly sits on the edge of the woods in our yard.

Over the years I loved hearing from you, about everything that was going on in your lives and your travels and hobbies. While Eli and I were busy starting our family, and having another baby and another, and another.....it became harder to keep in touch. I still think of you and wish we could see each other more often. I miss that closeness we shared, but I also feel that the foundation of our friendship is so strong. You are truly a special, one of a kind individual.

Happy and healthy birthday dear Sharon!!!

Xo,

Michele (and Eli, Laela, Isaac, Sophia and Fara!!)

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### **Karen and Robert Specter**

Robert and I are lucky enough to have 45 years of memories with Sharon! We first met her when we lived on Talbot in Oak Park and Sharon was our next-door neighbor. We were new parents and she was the seasoned mom. Our daughter, Alycia would not stop crying until she met Sharon. Sharon had the Midas touch to keep her smiling! We've had years of being shopping buddies (good bargains) and wonderful food. I Love Sharon's mashed potatoes!! She's been Sharon Landers to me in many situations we love her and wish her 70 more happy birthdays!

### **Michael & Janna Kreisberg**

How does Sharon Dopp make so many good friends?

The answer:

" To make a friend, you must first be a friend."

Sharon makes friends by first being a friend and by never knowing a stranger.

FOS (Friends of Sharon) savor the selfless generosity of a brilliant woman who is, effusive, sincere, adventurous, loving, kind, unaffected and bona fide, certified, genuine.

Sharon, you set the bar for being a friend.

We love you,

Happy 70th birthday,  
Michael & Janna

### **Mark Gantz**

Happy Birthday Cheri...my very first girlfriend! You forever changed the significance of "mezuzah" and "Colassus of Rhodes" for me!

Love Ya,  
Mark & Toby

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### **Crawford and Nicole**

I made a small Sharon haiku! Always the best things that pop up first :)

SAVVY, BRIGHT, GRACIOUS  
CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON FOR GREAT FOOD  
"Crawford, EAT SOME MORE!"

Makes me giggle! As a fellow foody, Sharon has never led us astray when it comes to yummy treats. Especially for travel! And of course when we leave the boonies to visit you (our extended family), we can always count on chef Sharon and grill master Bob for delicious snacks and meals- and stuffing Crawford to the gills!

Can't wait to see y'all soon!

Love Nicole/Crawford

### **Al and Aileen Nettleton**

Dear Sharon,

Congratulations on your 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

When we think of you, we remember with fondness our wonderful visits with you and Bob and your wonderful hospitality. You have been so generous in sharing your lovely home, your delightful pool, your tasty cooking, and your time with us.

We think of your artistic flair as potter, designer, and decorator. Your talents have added gorgeous pieces to your home and to your friends' lives. We have enjoyed seeing the development of your work over the years.

But most of all we appreciate all the amazing support you have given our dear friend, Bob, over your years together. You have made us feel a part of your extended family and helped keep our friendship alive. You have supported him through good and difficult times. And, of course, there is your business acumen, which kept him happy in his lab exploring new avenues.

We appreciate being your friend and hope our friendship will continue.

All the best for your coming years!

Hugs,

Al and Aileen Nettleton  
Madison, WI

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### **Sandra Craine**

S- swimmer, snorkeler extraordinaire  
H- happy, healthy  
A- artistic  
R- rare gem of a friend  
O- OPHS 64 alumni  
N- numbers maven

Dear Sharon,

What a wonderful coincidence that we connected through Helene Siegel. Who would predict that when I arrived at your door, it opened up a wonderful, caring friendship? Your attributes are many: always willing to engage in supportive conversation, great cook, practical and full of common sense, generous hostess and most important, a true and dear friend. We never run out of topics to discuss whether the subject is books, politics or "problems of daily living". We get along "swimmingly" and I hope I will always be your charter member of our special SSS&S club (Sharon, Sandy, Swim & Schmooze)! I'm so grateful our lives have been intertwined. As we head into a new decade, may you continue to enjoy life, experience good health, and embrace new adventures with Bob.

I cherish our friendship.

Wishing you a beautiful, happy birthday.

Love,  
Sandra

### **Louis Craine**

Dear Sharon,

I always respect your opinion!  
Remember 70 is the new "50"  
Enjoy your special day  
Happy birthday!  
Love,  
Lew

### **Joan Soncini**

Dear Sharon:

Happy happy happy birthday, from Joan and Mario, your Virgin Gorda pals! How many years has it been since we met you and Bob at Little Dix Bay. Oh, haven't we had some great times since then! You are a wonderful, loyal and loving friend! Enjoy your birthday with your terrific (talk about loyal and loving!) husband.

With many many hugs, and...See you on St. Bart's!

Joan and Mario



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### **Shelly and Howe Shapiro**

Dear Sharon,

Welcome to the 70's club. We are so glad that you have become a member.

You and I spoke on the phone before we actually met face to face. Our dear friend Sandra told me that you had a widowed neighbor that was willing to be fixed up. I had a widowed friend whose husband died about 15 years ago. Hence, we made a plan to triple date. You and Bob were kind enough to invite us all over for drinks. We loved you and Bob from the start. You were warm, kind and so much fun. From the moment we walked in, there seemed to be some tension between what I was hoping would be soul mates. We proceeded to dinner in our respective cars with our own widowed friends. Bad karma right there. At dinner the conversation appeared to be getting worse. They each spoke about movies they liked, but the other one panned what the other spoke about. Oy. The four of us split the bill. My gal thought your guy should have offered to pay for her. My thoughts were "why would he"; she could barely throw him a bone.

We did have a lot of fun talking about the evening. Your guy found the most lovely woman and my friend should have realized that he was a great catch. My gal will probably always be alone which is very sad.

The positive of all of this is that we met the two of you.

On this very special birthday, we wish you many more years of good health, happiness and continued fantastic vacations.

Love,

Shelley

### **Maria Arnett**

All my wishes for the happiest birthday!

Just to share, Sharon was the only person in years to get Harvey to eat off campus at Caneel. I am also happy she shared the info for Crosswinds with us.

Love

Maria Arnett

### **Debra Guthrie**

Sharon...hmmm...always brings a smile to my face. Her positivity and welcoming demeanor were my first impressions of her when we met in Caneel several years ago. I will always remember the story of how she embraced Roman in Caneel (a total stranger then) and made him feel loved. Her zest for life is apparent to all that know her. She's a loving, loyal friend that I will always cherish. I am glad that our paths crossed and can be considered a friend. Wishing Sharon a very Happy, Happy Birthday!!

Love, Debbie and Roman

### **Chip & Keith**

Happy Birthday Sharon with wishes for many more to come. When Bob asked for thoughts on Sharon my first one was 'go go'. Not like the boots or singing group but more like Space Mountain; constantly on the move, multi directional, can take curves at a high speed and only stops when need be. Keep changing there, girlfriend! Love, Chip & Keith

## Vignettes, Thoughts and Well-Wishes for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

### **Duane and Patty Tschappat**

When we accidentally ran into the same person that we have never met before on different Caribbean beaches three times in six years, we figured it was time to find out if she was "friend" or "stalker"!!

Sharon, you're always an absolute blast to be around. We always look forward to our chance and deliberate meetings on the beach! It's been an unusual and fun story of how we became friends!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHARON**

### **Tracy Simmons**

I feel so lucky to have met you (and Bob) through pottery. Creating art together... what better way to also create a friendship? The opportunity to get to know you better over the last few months has been a special treat for both me and Brian. You are such a wonderful and smart woman and your marriage to Bob is a great example of true love and a real team. Happy 70th Birthday! We wish you many more healthy and happy years to come ...and we hope we will be part of all those years!

Much love,  
Brian and Tracy

### **Ina and Mike Silver**

Sharon tries to swing from the Chandelier but is too tall!  
ENJOY THE CELEBRATION, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE PICTURES

### **Cindy and Carl Hyman**

Dear Sharon,

Carl and I want to wish you a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Scones with whipped cream at Little Dix....YUM! And, of course, lunch at Hog Heaven looking at the blue Caribbean Sea and Necker Island..... no place like it!

Have a fabulous day. Here is to many more to come!! Cheers!!

Love, Cindy and Carl 😊

### **Cheryl & David Lippman**

Dear Sharon-

The Snorkel Fourkle remains forever young! Happiest of birthdays to you, and may each day end with our salutation to the sunset, ensuring happy days and wonderful times!

Cheryl & David

### **Judy Black**

Sharon has always been there through thick and thin. Always there with a helping hand for the last 57 years. I have always referred to her as my sister from another mother and father! How lucky am I!!!!!! Love, Judy

## Vignettes, Thoughts and Well-Wishes for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

### **Mark & Susan Britaninsky**

Dear Sharon,

Welcome to the 70's Club! I know it wasn't easy to get here. This is a free membership and you can rest assured that your eligibility is your ticket in.

You are a brilliant person with good business acumen. We've always been impressed by your reasoning and knowledge.

Although we haven't been together for a while, we want you to know that the friendship we made a number of years ago is still alive and well. Hoping to see you soon.

Fondly,

Mark & Susan

### **Avra Weiss**

Some of the best and sweetest memories I have of Steins and Weise's together are of us celebrating Seders at our home. The boys - your three and our three - were teens and pre-teens at the time. The fun we all had together around that holiday table was positively joyful, and a smile is on my face as I remember and write about it now. A highlight of one Seder was a lengthy and spirited, back-and-forth "bargaining session" that went on between Les and Danny over the afikomen reward. Danny was a fantastic negotiator for his young age (10 or 11?), and Les was his usual playful self. OMG! - Do you remember what a fun time we had!?

Second major memory: The many months of diligent work that Steins and Weise's put in as co-founders (with others) of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. I am happy to report that our "baby" is still a vibrant, thriving organization! They now meet at Royal Oak Middle School, and have 4 orchestras. At 35 years, it's one of the oldest youth symphonies in the State of Michigan. Imagine that! We can be very proud of what we all accomplished.

Doug Bianchi has been Director of Bands at Wayne State University for 19 years now (per Google), and has an impressive C.V. Remember when we hired him 35 years ago, as he was just starting his career?

Some other names from the past that you may remember: Judy Culler, Leif Buland, Don Veramay, Bill Miller, Harold Vroman, Sharon & Norman Zamczyk, and Cecilia Friedenzohn. (Oh - and let us not forget the notorious Donald Lewsader....)

I just love these little trips down memory lane, don't you?

**Sharon: Have an amazing special birthday - I'll be thinking about you on your big day!!!**

**Love to the whole family (especially YOU!)**

### **Barbara Hoffman**

I only remember fun times with Sharon from our Crystal cruise together to visiting in Atlanta and everything in between. She has always been there with loads of advice for me. So smart!!! Happy 70th

## Vignettes, Thoughts and Well-Wishes for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

### **Laura Stern**

Our early years as parents were enhanced by knowing Sharon and her boisterous family of "boys", Larry included. We were neighbors in the Brookhill neighborhood, and Sharon's home was always open for impromptu visits. Sharon and I walked nearly daily and she was a wonderful listener and problem solver. Together we would wrangle with topics such as my mother-in-law (I still need help as she is 93!), our siblings, her mother, our children, Woodcreek teachers, teenagers, etc. As everyone knows, Sharon is intelligent and outspoken and her advice was treasured and easy for me to listen to.

As Sharon celebrates her 70th, I hope she knows that I treasured her friendship and company, and miss her presence in Michigan. Her unique outlook and gusto for life make her an original and I am so happy to know her and wish her a wonderful 70th birthday.

Love, Laura Stern

### **Nancy Citrin**

One of my favorite memories of Sharon was the day she called me from Detroit to find out about Atlanta since the two of you were moving here. We talked for at least 20 minutes about Detroit, people we knew, sharing thoughts about coming to live in a new city before we finally realized we were cousins and that the two of you would become the first two members our family to move down to Atlanta. Love, Nancy

### **Shirley Mazer**

Sharon was a consumer advocate who appeared many times on the Kelly show in Southfield Michigan. She saved consumers money on special purchases. She prevented the opening of a Kmart store in Farmington Hills by leading a citizen group against it.

Love, Shirley

### **Marty Klausner**

Seven years ago I found myself suddenly widowed. I had not had much interaction with neighbors prior to that. So I was very surprised when I received a phone call from Sharon introducing herself as a neighbor who had heard of the situation. She immediately offered any help she could give-cooking a meal, helping clean out the house, etc.

Although I said I was quite capable of handling the situation, she was insistent that at least I should come to her home for a glass of wine and some nibbles. I accepted because she sounded genuinely concerned and that led to an ongoing friendship that drew me into many social interactions, which have brought me much happiness over the years since.

She has extended a welcoming hand to the rest of my family as well. Her caring nature will always be appreciated. And she has my sincere thanks.

### **Richard Smith**

When Sharon and I buy stock or spend a large amount of money on something we always rationalize it by saying 'it's not going to change our life in any way'... if she hears this she will know its me ...Richard

## Vignettes, Thoughts and Well-Wishes for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

### Nancy Loeb

Here is my poem.

With huge warmth and welcoming smiles,  
I met Sharon early on in my Marty dating miles.  
From Holiday Parties to a swim in the pool,  
Her cooking abilities were quite a well-known tool.  
Sharon's words can be trusted, she says it outright.  
She is personable, kind, and with strength and might.

Lots of love,  
Nancy Loeb

### Abbi Greer

I think my favorite memory is just a photo like this :-)

I'm so glad to have you both close to Jemma.  
I'm also glad that she sought my dad out and got him out of the house. And I'm sure that led to him meeting Nancy, even indirectly.  
Love,  
Abbi



### Sara Spitz

Happy Birthday dear friend. I feel as if I have known you forever.  
Sara

### Frieda & Vince Currao

Happy Birthday to our very special friend Sharon. She reminds us of the old New York friends we left behind when we moved to Georgia. She has humor, kindness and personality and we love her!  
Have a wonderful 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Helene Siegel

My fondest memory of Sharon goes back to Farmington Hills.... Warmer middle school. Our boys were in a play called Inside Lester. Sharon worked so hard to make sure everything went off without a hitch. Always the perfectionist. And she makes the best turkey and tenderloin around! ♥X♥X♥X

### Caitlin Churchman

When I think of Sharon I think Kind, Caring, Hospitable, & Generous.  
We LOVE Sharon!!

## Vignettes, Thoughts and Well-Wishes for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

### Jim & Floria Whitcomb

'Truthfulness' and 'Loyalty'

Sharon is true to herself. She is not pretentious and she tells you what she believes. When you talk to Sharon, you know that she talks from her heart. Her life experience makes her an utterly understanding and kind person.

Sharon is an ultimate loyal friend and fans of ours. She is not a fair-weather friend. When you need her, she is always there for you. She listens, she advises, all the while with the Sharon's smile.

Love,

Jim and Floria

**Liz and Randy Schoen**

A message for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



June 22, 2016

### **BOLD WITH A HEART OF GOLD**

Cheers to Sharon Stein on her joyous 70<sup>th</sup> B-day,

For years, a friend and neighbor, living across the way.

We met when your marriage with Bob was young and early,

You witnessed our children grow, neighbors change and

A crime scene next door, an innocent fire or NOT..... Surely?

As gentile Northerners, we're privileged to be included as your friendly token non- Jews,

We have laughed, we have cried, and frequently commiserate on paying our annual homeowner dues!

Most recently, we cherish the hours talking and exercising in the pool,

Forever, Sharon, you will remain our dear friend and will always be cool!

Love, Liz and Randy Schoen

## **Vignettes, Thoughts and Well-Wishes for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

### **Harvey Ruttenberg**

Thoughts about Sharon Stein...

We have known and loved Sharon for several years and have become close friends. Sharon is a fun loving, bright, warm and man can she cook! Bob is a lucky guy And they are a beautifully happy couple.

We always look forward to exciting adventures when everything suddenly blows up. Our famous dinner at Fanous that left all of us laughing for days. How it is possible to run a business, not to mention a restaurant with a bunch of crazy people that could not make a martini, charged us for bottles of wine instead of glasses, continuously served the wrong meals and a waiter that left the restaurant after we gave him our credit cards.

Here's to a grand Lady at 70 that truly lives like she is 40 in every way.

LOL

Harvey and Leah

### **Renee & Maurice Hoelting**

Sharon we became friends not so long ago  
It was a friendship that did not need to grow  
Because we shared so much and a family history  
Each other lives did not seem like a mystery  
You have a kind heart and someone who does care  
And Indian Cuisine we can always share  
You are the go to person on so many things  
You know who to call and whose strings  
To pull to get a challenging problem resolved  
Most time your advice gets the puzzle solved  
We are happy to be here to share your special day  
Maurice and I wish you a very Happy Birthday

### **Judy Harnack**

What can I say about Sharon...she's one of the most caring, thoughtful, considerate, and intelligent people I know. She is always there to help (like you) when someone needs it. What stands out most is how she jumped in and did whatever she thought necessary to help me sell my house - even fire my agent for me! She didn't hesitate to do the "dirty work" that I was avoiding because she knew it was in my best interest. She is an amazing friend. Love, Judy

## Vignettes, Thoughts and Well-Wishes for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

### **Vicky Alembik and Bob Eisner**

Dear Sharon, when the world works right wonderful things happen to good people, you are definitely one of them.

We wish you all the happiness on this very special birthday

You are a great person Sharon, I can't think of a smarter, neater and sweeter person than you are.

Anytime we have needed some great advise you have been there for us, you are always right on.

We appreciate you and Bob so much, whether going out to eat,

Craft shows, swimming and schmoozing we have the best time, we laugh, eat and try to solve the problems of the world.

Sharon, we also love seeing your artwork, both you and Bob are terrific artists with your beautiful garden, pottery, etc

Thanks for sharing with us, for that and much more we are grateful...

Much love, Vicky and Bob

### **Hedy Bornstein**

Seventy years is a long time for you

But we give you credit where credit is due

You had 2 wonderful hubbies and 3 sons in your crew,

We are thrilled to celebrate old age with you!

If your family isn't here, don't distress

We are the people you love slightly less

Behind you we stand to hold you up

As we buy your pottery, if only a cup

You are an addition to a short list of friends

We have Judy to "thank" and email to send.

Your trademark is your cute sack dress

Your cooking is always the absolute best!

Other than conservatives, who else could you hate?

You're sweet and kind and never irate

What would we do without your opinion or two?

We expect you to stick around till you're 102!

Love and best wishes for a happy 70th!

With Love,

Hedy & Aaron



## Vignettes, Thoughts and Well-Wishes for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**Marcie Merson**

Sharon,

I am so fortunate to have you, my dear cousin, in my family. There truly is a connection that defies time, I am so glad that we got to know each other the past few years. You are wise, practical, kind and of course amazingly artistic. I wish you a Happy and Healthy 70th!! Remember it's the new 40!! :)

All my Love,  
Marcie

**Frank & Bernie**

Happy 45th Birthday, Sharon!

XOX,

Frank & Berny

### **39 well-wishes From Facebook:**

**Bob** Today is my darling Sharon's 70th Birthday! Life with Sharon is amazing with her wit her wisdom and her strong character. My gifts were hand made and the gathering low-key with music, pictures, friends and the pool.  
Happy birthday Sharon!

**Tracy Simmons** Happy Birthday Sharon! Love the pics! Beautiful person ... inside and out!

**Alice Rabideau Krueger** Happy Birthday Sharon Have a wonderful day!!!

**Ona Greenberg Meyers** Happy Birthday Sharon. Many, many more, happy years!

**Judi Diana Adler Scheinfeld** Have a wonderful, & very happy birthday!

**Marcie Merson** Happy Birthday Sharon!!! Enjoy your day!!!

**Linda Hoffman Horn** Happy Birthday Sharon. I hope you have a wonderful day.

**Wilma Zaft Fellman** Happy special birthday Sharon

**Elaine Lippitt** Happy Birthday my dear cousin. Love you

**Lydia Meyers** Great pictures. Happy Birthday Sharon.

## Vignettes, Thoughts and Well-Wishes for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**Brina Helfman Pepper** Happy Birthday Sharon□□□□Wishing you a wonderful day! Love the pictures and the beautiful tribute from your husband.

**Mamico Kotani** Happy Birthday Mom!! Hugs and kisses from Japan.

**Debra S Guthrie** Wishing a wonderful Happy Birthday! XOX

**Penny Feustel** Happy Birthday, Sharon. Love the pictures.

**Jodi Craine** Happy birthday, Sharon!

**Mark Gantz** Happy Birthday Cheri...my very first girlfriend! You forever changed the significance of "mezuzah" and "Colassus of Rhodes" for me! Love ya! Markola

**Marsha Wolf** Gurwich Have a wonderful 70th birthday and many more

**Mark Gantz** 70? I thought you were late 50's! Happy Birthday

**Merry Nogle** What a SWEET tribute. I barely know you yet from the wonderful words Bob speaks, obviously you are a BEAUTIFUL soul. A very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you, Sharon! Thankful I have connected to you, and Bob again, through the world of FB.

**Sharon Layne** Happy birthday Sharon... See you soon!!!

**Karen Spector** Happy happy birthday to our friend Sharon! A wonderful tribute from Bob□ we wish we could be with you today...enjoy enjoy xxxooo

**Victoria Landi Donahue** Happy Birthday Sharon!!

**Jone Webster** How lovely! Bob, you are so thoughtful to prepare this photo montage. Sharon, you beam in every photo!

**Diane Grasse** Happy Birthday Sharon! So happy you and Bob found each other. You are perfect for each other! He's a lucky man and you're a very lucky woman!

**Dana Dopleach** Happy Birthday Sharon!

**Tracey McLaughlin Woomer** Happy birthday Sharon!

**Christine Mac Donald Law** Happy, happy birthday! Beautiful pictures chronicling a wonderful life!

**Susan Dresner** happy birthday sharon! i hope your birthday was very sparkly!

**Sandra Craine** Wonderful celebration!!

**Esther Yang** Happy Birthday Sharon!

## Vignettes, Thoughts and Well-Wishes for Sharon's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**Sara Spitz** Fabulous party to celebrate a big birthday!

**Marc Weniger** Happy birthday Sharon!

**Helene Siegel** What a fabulous party to celebrate a milestone birthday!!! So happy to be included in the birthday bash of the year!!!

**Vince Currao** It was so great to celebrate Sharon's birthday and to be included with her closest friends on this special day. Wonderful party for a wonderful person!

**Hedy Schreibman Borenstein** Hope you have the best 70th year of your life! Your

**Nina Charnoff** Happy birthday Sharon! Your face hasn't changed since you were an infant!

**Hedy Schreibman Borenstein** adorable face, then and now

**Frank & Berny** Thanks for sharing. That Sharon is (whisper it - 70), is hard to believe what with her having the energy and curiosity of someone MUCH younger. Go girl' XOX,  
Frank & Berny

**Elaine Meyerson**

Dear Sharon and Bob,

Thank you for sharing this extraordinary event.

Bob, the photo essay was superb. Sharon, although I am late to the party please do accept my most sincere "Happy 70th Birthday" wishes and congratulations on a life well lived.

Wishing you both the best of health and continued happiness for all eternity.

All my best to you always,  
Elaine Meyerson

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### 43 Likes in FaceBook:

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