

SHARON R. COOK

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Sharon R. Cook, 53, beloved educator at Melrose Elementary, passed away Monday, May 10th. Although Sharon lived in Gainesville since her 1982 graduation from UF, her entire teaching career was devoted to students in Putnam County. Following three years at Beasley Middle School, Sharon came to Melrose in 1985, and quickly became respected, honored and loved by her students, their parents, the faculty, staff, and administration alike. Her compassion and love for children was remarkable.

As Sharon's father was in the Foreign Service, she was born in Okinawa, lived in India, Vienna, VA and Miami, FL.

Sharon is preceded in death by her mother and father Mary Coleman and Harry Richie, Jr., sisters Mary Jeanne, Donna Lee and niece Melissa.

Sharon was a tenderhearted person who worked hard and dearly loved her family. She is survived by her daughter Laura Cook, nieces April and Danielle, and cousin Shirley.

A Memorial Service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose, Sunday, May 17, at or about 6 pm. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Sharon Cook Memorial Fund, care of Melrose Elementary School. Arrangements are under the care of Moring Funeral Home, Melrose, FL.

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