



## Rebecca Sue May

February 6, 1951 - December 9, 2020

Rebecca Sharp May, age 69, passed away peacefully Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at her home. Rebecca is preceded in death by her father Stanley O. Sharp and mother Janet Ary Sharp of Wilmington, Ohio. She is survived by her children, Jana (Chris) Holland, Susan (Jason) Schue and Bryan May; grandchildren Joey, Cam and Emily; Brother Robert (Pat) Sharp; niece Jenn Sharp and nephew Jason (Kay) Sharp; as well as many other family members and dear friends. Rebecca grew up in Wilmington, Ohio and graduated from Miami University where she earned her library science and teaching degrees. A recent retiree from Upper Arlington Schools, she taught at Tremont Elementary for many years. Everyone saw that one of her greatest joys was having her grandchildren attend her school. She had a passion for teaching, traveling and reading. Her creative and artistic spirit was beloved by students as she adored all of her "kids" and families. Rebecca was intrigued by French culture and was able to take many special trips to Europe in her lifetime. Throughout the years, Rebecca was also actively involved with Trinity United Methodist church, Pleasure Guild of Nationwide Children's Hospital, and Childhood League. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Upper Arlington Education Foundation or Trinity United Methodist Church. Due to current Covid 19 restrictions, family has elected to postpone services which have been entrusted to Schoedinger Northwest. Please visit <http://www.schoedinger.com> to share a special memory you may have of Rebecca

# Comments

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“ Sending lots of love and support to all of Becky's family. She was part of my work family and I enjoyed all the time I spent with her. She was always willing to jump into activities and taught me so much! Love to all of you!  
Erin May

Erin May - December 22, 2020 at 04:10 PM

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“ I was so sad to see Becky's obituary in the paper this morning. I hadn't seen her in years but have fond memories of her when Jana and my daughter Katie were classmates. She was a special person for sure. My deepest sympathies to all the family.

Margaret Braun - December 18, 2020 at 08:34 AM

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“ My heartfelt sympathy to Jana, Susan and Bryan. I am so very sorry about the loss of your mother. I was a second grade teacher at Tremont and taught in the classroom beside Becky's. Her classroom was always very neat and organized, and her artistic and creative ways were much admired. Her sense of humor brought smiles and laughter to our meetings. My sincere condolences to the family.  
Carolyn Carlson

Carolyn Carlson - December 17, 2020 at 07:12 PM

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“ To the May family,  
  
The Walton family, Sharon, John-Paul and Daniel are thinking of you all during this sad time. Becky was always so patient when Daniel and Bryan played hours on end at the May home. We loved being neighbors with your family and we were all very sad to hear of Becky's death. We share your grief since Eric died in June of this year.

May the Light of Christmas be with all of you.

Sharon and the Walton Family

Sharon Walton - December 12, 2020 at 09:07 PM

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“ I have such wonderful memories of Becky (Mrs. May) being two of my boy's second grade teacher. She had such a creative classroom - the hedgehog, creative crafts and assignments and especially the love of reading. It was her class that my boys learned the love of books. She always went out of her way to have a fun and engaging classroom all while the kids learned so much!! She was a gift to Tremont and all her students and their parents too. I remember how she loved to talk about her family - it was apparent they were the center of her world. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

With deepest sympathy,  
Joan Sorrell

Joan Sorrell - December 12, 2020 at 07:58 PM

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“ I met Becky when we both were members of Pleasure Guild, putting on plays and volunteering for Children's Hospital. We then both decided to join Childhood League, so I worked with her for five more years. Becky ALWAYS had the most welcoming smile, a open ear to listen and her ability to share the JOY she found in life, was inspiring.

Her soft voice comforted many children and adults alike.

I am so sorry for the loss of your mother and wife. The impact Becky made on our world really made a difference to many.

Lynn Matyas

Lynn - December 11, 2020 at 07:51 AM

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“ I am saddened to hear of Becky's passing. Becky was my long-time neighbor in UA, and while in high school, I would often babysit Jana, Susan and Bryan. I will forever remember Becky's sense of humor (what a terrific sense of humor!), and her flair for the fancy things in life. Her kindness and creativity always made me feel welcome in her home. Jana, Susan, and Bryan, you are in my thoughts. Your mother was dearly loved and will be dearly missed. What a wonderful legacy she will leave...

Lauren McClanahan - December 10, 2020 at 02:35 PM

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“ I had the privilege of teaching second graders at Tremont with Becky for many years. She was the "artsy" person in our group of 4 teachers! I know that she touched the lives of so many children and parents during her career and that she will be remembered at Tremont very fondly. My most sincere condolences to her family on this loss. Prayers for strength and healing.

Linda Gordon

Linda Gordon - December 10, 2020 at 01:33 PM

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“ Becky and I were first acquainted through Trinity Methodist Church. Bryan and my son Jeff Mathewson were in Cub Scouts together also. I ran into her a few times when I substituted at Tremont Elem. I was privileged to take care of her grandson Joey in my Home Child Care. Anytime I think of Becky I get a smile on my face. She was a warm, friendly, caring person. She will be sadly missed. A beautiful life taken too soon. God must have plans for her with him.

Carol (Hamilton) Lepsik - December 10, 2020 at 01:06 PM

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“ My heart is broken as I read of the passing of my dear Becky May. I had the gift of having her in my life as a dear neighbor, who created the most stylish UA ribbons and bows and shared with me not only her beautiful children that I often cared for, but her creative talents and her love of teaching. We as a family were so blessed to have our daughter Paige in her second grade class, where she learned to love school and developed her gift of writing and her love of guinea pigs! You have truly touched so many lives and I know how much you children and grandchildren love you, dear dear Becky. Sending you all of our love Jana, Bryan, Susan and Family.  
Amy McCombs Fredrick

Amy McCombs Fredrick - December 09, 2020 at 06:46 PM

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“ Your mom was simply the best. I had the privilege of knowing her before my teaching days as just your mom coming to see her daughter at her first job and then I was able to teach with her at Tremont. Sending your family a lot of love and hugs now.  
Sarah Imes

Sarah Imes - December 09, 2020 at 06:33 PM

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“ Becky was so talented. She was a gifted teacher and selflessly gave to others. My son remembers cooking classes she assembled in her home for children. He still loves to cook and says that she sparked that love.

**Kathy Seibert** - December 09, 2020 at 06:00 PM

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“ I am so very saddened to hear of Becky’s passing. I own the Tremont Goodie Shop and we had a special partnership between my business and Becky’s classroom for many years. She was such a wonderful teacher and she was very creative. She would walk her entire class over to my bakery so they could enjoy a tour. Becky would then refer to that tour all year long when teaching the children - explaining how we used math, spelling, measuring, etc. every day at work. Becky was so very good at motivating all the children in her classes. She will be missed so very much.

**Debbie Smith** - December 09, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ I am sad to hear this. I have many good memories of Becky from Miami U. Including my last summer quarter living with her in an apartment there. She was always such a sweet and thoughtful person. Having recently reconnected with her on Facebook, I was hopeful we might see each other again after the pandemic.  
My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

**Mary Back Chaney** - December 09, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ My son was lucky to have Becky as a teacher in second grade 17 years ago. We still have the pizza box filled with his creations and work! When I was hired at Tremont, Becky met and shared with me her vast knowledge of juvenile literature. I am honored to say I had all three of her grandchildren in my class over the years. When the youngest was in my room, newly retired Becky was a guest reader numerous times. I am sad and will miss her.

**Pam Bergen** - December 09, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ I was lucky to work at Tremont when Becky was there and got to see her “living the dream” of teaching there while her grandkids attended Tremont. It was so sweet to see their quick exchanges in the hallway or after school. When I returned to teach at Tremont after being on maternity leave, Becky was getting ready to retire and gifted me her extensive collection of Caldecott Picture books - every winner from 1938 to present. I have added to the collection each year and will continue to do so while remembering her love of picture books, children, and teaching. I’ll always remember that act of kindness. Becky will be missed.

**Jill Prout** - December 09, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ I “lived” next to Becky at Tremont for years and remember her love of books, music, travel, and art. She was extremely creative and talented. One year, she accompanied my choir kids on a song or two for the Holiday Show. She came to my house for dinners with my French neighbours and had us over to reciprocate. I saw her after she retired whilst I was working at The Seasoned Farmhouse and she was taking a cooking class. She was an amazing lady and will be dearly missed.

**Nancy King** - December 09, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to Jana, Brian, Susan and family. I remember Becky as a great Mother, teacher, cook, love of antiques and all things French. I met Becky through our kids at Barrington. We made a fast connection with our love of cooking and sharing recipes, including our successes and failures. I enjoyed her family stories of their many trips and annual treks in the summer to Michigan. She truly was a gifted teacher and loved her students. Her contribution to Trinity’s Alter Guild provided many beautiful creations with her team throughout the years. A life well lived!

**Corinne Garvey** - December 10, 2020 at 04:47 AM