

### Sharon Edwards Community Fund

The Sharon Edwards Community Fund was established in 2019 by Rita Jackson in memory of Sharon Edwards to help support programs or activities that fulfill charitable purposes. As a lifelong Peru resident and Peru High School Graduate, Sharon was married to her high school sweetheart, Kenneth Edwards, for 55 years and together they raised four children. She was also a grandmother to eight grandchildren.

Sharon was a lively woman who was a good friend to Rita. She spent a lot of her time working with students with special needs as a School Psychologist for Logansport Area Five Joint Special Education in Logansport after earning a bachelor's degree from Indiana University-Kokomo and a master's degree from Ball State University. Upon her retirement in 2006 she loved shopping, traveling, and entertaining at her home. Sharon was heavily involved with many organizations including Tri-Kappa, Peru Public Library Board, a CASA volunteer, the Park Board, Miami County Democratic Party, Miami County Historical Society, and as a host for a monthly book club. All of these activities were to improve the city of Peru and bring people together, which Sharon loved so much.

Sharon is remembered as having a good sense of humor and for always being there for other people. Rita remembers that Sharon always went above and beyond decorating her house for each holiday and was always prepared with a full course meal for their monthly book club meetings. With Sharon around, you never had to worry about if you were supported or not. She was known for always telling Rita, "I have your back," and the impression that she made on so many people in the community will last forever. The commitment that Sharon showed to the community will sincerely be missed.

Many donors came together to contribute to making this fund such a success, and this is a standing testament to Sharon and the commitment that she had to her family, friends and the community. Through this fund, the memory of Sharon Edwards will live on forever and her eagerness to help others in any way will be remembered and highlighted as this fund will continue to aid Miami County for the years to come.