

In Memoriam for our Member who has Passed



*Like branches on a Tree, we all
grow in different directions; but
our roots keep us all together.*



*Marian
Coats*

Member of Coleraine Historical Society: 25 years

Positions held in CHS:

President 1996 – 1999

Recording Secretary 2002 – 2004

Corresponding Secretary 2009 – 2012

Trustee 1994 – 1995 and 2004 - 2005

Obituary

MARIAN MAY SHAD COATS July 8, 1958 – July 7, 2020 (Age 67)

Marian May Coats – loving Daughter of the late Frances and Albert Shad; devoted Mother of Daniel Coats; beloved Grandmother of Jonathan Coats and Jaclyn Coats; dear Great- Grandmother of Leland; and cherished Sister of the late Dick Shad, Larry Shad, Alan Shad, and Steve Shad – Passed away July 7, 2020 at the age of 67, one day shy of her 68th birthday.

Marian loved to travel; She especially loved going to places full of untouched natural beauty. She was a lifelong advocate for animal welfare and donated her time and effort to the cause. Marian also loved local history and worked for the Coleraine Historical Society. She adopted many cats and dogs who all lived long, happy lives. Marian was a loving mother, grandmother and sister who will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Memorial donations may be sent to the ASPCA, PO Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090 or the Coleraine Historical Society, P.O. Box 53726, Cincinnati, OH 45253. A visitation will be held Friday, July 17, 2020, from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. at Paul R. Young Funeral Home (Mt. Healthy), 7345 Hamilton Ave. Mt. Healthy, OH 45231.

Marian May Coats, daughter of the late Frances and Albert Shad; mother of Daniel Coats; grandmother of Jonathan Coats and Jaclyn Coats; great-grandmother of Leland; and sister of the Dick (deceased), Larry, Alan, and Steve Shad.

Marian joined The Coleraine Historical Society around 1990 and became a long-time member, holding various offices and positions during her tenure:

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| ◆ Committee for the Annual Memorial Day Service May 19, 1991 at Dunlap Station Cemetery. | ◆ Membership Committee from 2004-2006 |
| ◆ Trustee from 1994-1995 | ◆ Nominating Committee Chairperson in 2010 |
| ◆ President from 1996-2000 | ◆ Corresponding Secretary from 2010-2013 |
| ◆ Secretary from 2000-2004 | ◆ Taste of Colerain Booth Chairperson in 2011 |
| ◆ Membership Committee from 2000-2006 | |

Marian was the quintessential "doer," that person that every volunteer organization cherishes. During her tenure with CHS, Marian served on many committees, worked at events and/or helped to plan them.

She will be especially remembered for:

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| ◆ Oct 2000 and 2001 - Worked at Taste of Colerain booth. | ◆ April 2004 - Served with Larry Shad and Dennis Mason of Colerain Township, and Crosby Township Trustee Dennis Storer as part of a committee to study the feasibility of saving the old New Baltimore bridge. Built in 1915 following the floods of 1913, it was scheduled for demolition since the new Ross bridge was open for traffic across the Great Miami. |
| ◆ June 2002 - Submitted article to Ancestor's Corner about the Shad family. | ◆ Introduced the need to find a permanent place to house and display items donated to the Society over the years. |
| ◆ In contact with The Coleraine Historical Society in Ireland as the societies traded our newsletters (The Pageant) for their Bann Disc. | ◆ 2011 - When the project asking for volunteers to assemble playground equipment was announced, she volunteered to be in charge of collecting the food for the couple hundred volunteers at the construction of the playground at Wert Family Park, located on Galbraith Road and Firshade. |
| ◆ 2002-2003 - Served on the Heritage Memorial Park Commission during Colerain Township's Bicentennial and assembled the contents of the time capsule buried in the Park to be opened in 2044. | |

In 2013, Marian's other interests took her time and she decreased her activities with the Society.

After her "retirement" from her position at Verizon, she did many volunteer duties for Colerain Township, including coordinating help for the construction of the Township's new playgrounds. She also did a variety of part-time jobs for the Township.

Because of her work ethic, she accomplished all of this, raised a son, and adopted many stray dogs and cats which she loved and cared for.

In the Feb. 1999 Pageant, she wrote in her "Word from the President" column:
"As I begin the final year as president of The Coleraine Historical Society, I have been reflecting on where we have been and what we would like to accomplish by the turn of the century. We had given a new look to The Coleraine Pageant, with new articles and information. We have participated in a few community activities such as the celebrated dedication of the new Colerain Township Administration Building, and the Memorial Day Ceremony at Heritage Park. We had fun with an ice cream social at the annual memorial ceremony at The Coleraine Historical Cemetery. We have had some great programs, picnics, and Christmas parties courtesy of our program committees."

"Marian will be missed by all, especially her family, as I, her older brother, represent the family" - Larry Shad
Thank You, Marian, for your dedication and service to The Coleraine Historical Society!

In Memory of



Marian May Coats

July 8, 1952 ~ July 7, 2020

