

# 2013 Hall of Fame Honoree

*Mary (Greene) Sherlach*  
**Class of 1974**



A graduate of SUNY Cortland where she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in psychology, Mary Sherlach worked as a rehabilitation assistant in a psychiatric facility, and then a psychology assistant in a group home for disabled adults. After having her second daughter, she enrolled at Southern Connecticut State University where she earned her Master's degree and then attained her professional certification in school psychology.

In 1994, she began at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, as the school psychologist. She loved helping children that she said, "needed her most," and also served on the school's crisis intervention team. Colleagues spoke about her dedication to the students she served, one telling how many mornings Sherlach spent in the parking lot, soothing a child who was anxious about leaving her mother. She also spent time in her community, serving on the Trumbull Junior Women's Club, a civic organization.

On December 14, 2012, Mrs. Sherlach made the ultimate sacrifice in trying to protect the children she so loved at Sandy Hook. It is in humble tribute that we will posthumously induct Mary Greene Sherlach into the Vestal Hall of Fame in honor of her lifelong dedication to serving children.