



Cheryl Marie Graykowski

August 26, 1959 - July 17, 2020

Cheryl Marie Graykowski born August 26, 1959 to the late Edmund and Florence Graykowski of Ironwood, MI.

Cheryl was a woman of great courage who could light up a room with her smile and witty humor that proved a joy to everyone she encountered including strangers.

Cheryl was educated in the schools of Ironwood, MI and graduated from Luther L. Wright High school in 1977. Following her graduation in 1977 Cheryl made the courageous decision to serve her country in the United States Army and did so until her honorable separation in 1983. Cheryl's desire to help did not stop there, she later attended Medix and became a certified medical assistant serving under Dr. Stephen J. Margolis and later served in various capacities at local hospitals for some time.

Cheryl loved children and although she had five of her own she took that love and poured it into others as well. Cheryl was affectionately referred to as the "Lunch Lady" by many. She was a mother to children even beyond those she birthed and left a legacy of love with all she touched. Cheryl was so much to so many and though she has made many notable accomplishments her greatest accomplishment was her children Erica, Daniele, Keisha, Anthony, and Little Erica.

Cheryl was the life of the party, she loved music and was a voice for many who would otherwise remain silent. Cheryl possessed a resilience that is unmatched and a zest for life. If there was anything, and I mean anything, that

needed to be said she would say it with a smile. Her warm smiles, uplifting hugs, and joyful jest will be cherished by all she loved as she leaves us with memories we will never forget.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her father Edmund, her mother Florence, her brother Allen, and her niece Aimee. Cheryl leaves to mourn her five children Erica Holmes, Daniele Hill, Keisha Dukes, and her son in love Brandon, Anthony and Erica Lay and her son in love Chris. Her granddaughter Julianna Rawlings, her aunts Carol Erickson and Helen Graykowski, her cousins Jim Graykowski, Lauri Erickson, Lynn, Dan-Jumbo, her father in law David Holmes and her grand-dogs Gizmo, Nora, and Callie. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Cheryl was an amazing woman!. She served her country and her family. She left this world much too soon, in my opinion, but but leaves her children to build on her history.

John Graykoski - April 29 at 11:40 PM

DC

“ Cheryl Marie Graykowski

Dory Cruz - September 23, 2020 at 12:52 PM

LE

“ Cheryl was my cousin and I will really miss her. I have such lovely memories of playing as children and teens (like jumping off Black Harbor bridge when she is afraid of height), talking throughout our adulthood through letters and later phone calls, visiting most recently when she came to Seattle and Albuquerque. Lynn

Lynn Erickson - September 16, 2020 at 01:17 PM

TS

“ Uncle Felix, Aunt Helen, and cousin John

Tribute Store - August 14, 2020 at 04:58 PM

JG

“ Your Aunt Helen and I are deeply saddened to learn of your passing to Eternal Life. Much too early by our standards but trusting Jesus Love in calling you home to be with your Dad, Mom and Alan. Remember us as we do you.

John Graykoski - August 14, 2020 at 04:53 PM

KS

“ To the family I am very sorry for your loss. Cheryl was an incredibly strong woman, my neighbor, and my late fathers very good lifelong friend. She was a ray of sunshine when you didn't think you could go on with your day. I depended on her for so much support when my father died, and she was there no matter how sad she may have been herself. So selfless is another word to describe Cheryl. I don't know what I would have done without her. It is so sad she is gone but let her soul soar and be with with this fine fine planet. May you Rest In Peace Cheryl and the family find peace. With all my love kristy sterbenz(Thiede)

Kristy sterbenz - August 01, 2020 at 01:44 PM

TR

“ Thanks for blessing us with smiles, laughter and especially your friendship! We miss you already our dear friend!

Terra and Morgan Ray - August 01, 2020 at 12:03 AM

TB

“ Hey beautiful. I miss that smile that would light up a room. I love you like your my own mom. Thanks for being a part of my life. You kept me smiling. Now your one of my angels and keep me protected. Love you always mama Cheryl..

Teshia Brace - July 31, 2020 at 09:56 PM

CS

“ I'm so happy I was able to meet my "yooper" friend and spent some time together. I laugh and smile when I think of you. God bless you Ms. Cheryl and your family.

Cindy Sofio - July 31, 2020 at 08:47 PM

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Cindy sofio - July 31, 2020 at 08:40 PM

BB

“ Cheryl was a part of my childhood as she was one of our neighbors. Fond memories with her in a great neighborhood!

Betsy Busakowski - July 31, 2020 at 08:37 PM

DB

“ My deepest sympathy to all. I always loved seeing Cheryl while shopping in Super One. She was always so cheerful and welcoming, and reminded me so much of her beautiful mother Florence. May she rest in peace. I am so sorry for your loss. I know I will miss her smiling face.

Diane Buschalla - July 31, 2020 at 07:58 PM

CD

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences. Your mom will always be a part of you. Prayers extended to you and your family 🙏.

Crystal Day-Black - July 31, 2020 at 07:41 PM

EH

“ Yo my mother would claim to be introverted or “shy” but would know the whole room before she left. ☐

Erica Holmes - July 31, 2020 at 06:25 PM