



Cheryl Owens

January 7, 1961 - January 8, 2017

Cheryl Owens, 56, of Monrovia, peacefully entered the gates of heaven on Sunday, January 8, 2017, at IU Health West Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Undoubtedly, Cheryl's first stop was to ask St. Peter about the quality of sweet tea in heaven and point out that the pearly gates could use a little decorating.

She was born January 7, 1961, in Indianapolis, to Linda (Green) Elliott, who survives. Cheryl graduated from West Newton Christian Academy in 1977.

An active faculty member and 20-year veteran of the Monroe-Gregg School District, Cheryl held many titles at Monrovia including the school nurse, full-time middle school substitute, an aid for special needs, the substitute coordinator for superintendent's office and was currently working in the elementary as a paraprofessional in a kindergarten classroom. Teachers, students, and parents alike can all attest that Cheryl was gifted with a blessing that truly helped comfort children with transitioning to school and ease parents' worries from having their kiddos away from home. Possessing a warm and special presence, she could make everyone around her feel comfortable and at home.

Without a doubt, LOVE played a central role in Cheryl's life. She loved to dance in the kitchen to her favorite music and enjoyed watching the ID

channel and Lifetime movies. The queen of bargaining, she found thrill in striking a good deal. Her negotiating tactics were on point and it was guaranteed she couldn't be cheated for even a penny. To her, it was a challenge and of course, the principal of the matter. Whether it was making someone smile a little bigger or laugh a little harder, Cheryl made an impact on every life that she touched. Strangers did not exist in Cheryl's world and in return she left several footprints and cherished memories with each person she met. A witty, bright, glowing, powerful and fun-loving soul, when Cheryl walked into a room, the dynamic instantly changed.

Beyond all else and with every ounce of her being, Cheryl loved her family and she always made sure to show her love to them in her crazy, perfect way. The quintessential "Mama Bear," Cheryl was fiercely and passionately devoted to God and her family. She was the tireless champion, ultimate cheerleader, and greatest advocate to all of her many loved ones and cherished little people.

Along with her mother, Linda Elliott of Indianapolis, Cheryl is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Mike Owens of Monrovia; daughter and best friend, Kristin Powers (husband, Brian) of Indianapolis, son Mikey Owens (wife, Brittany) of Wilbur; adored granddaughters Ava, Emma and Olivia; sister, Jennifer Floyd (husband, Eric) of Monrovia; nephews and niece, Stevie, Shawn, Devin, Shawn, Josh, Jason and Nicole; canine companions, Brody and Griff.

She was preceded in death by her nephew, Daniel Owens and grandmother, Helen Green.

Devoted to and strengthened by her reassuring faith, she was a life-long member of Charity Church in Indianapolis and was currently attending Grace Church in Camby. In addition, she enjoyed attending Breakfast Club with her

dear friends.

Per her request, Cheryl has asked that you think of her whenever you see a blue jay; knowing the cardinal was more traditional, she deservingly needed something with just a bit more sass.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8pm, on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Funeral Celebrating Cheryl's Life is scheduled to begin at 11:00am, on Friday, January 13, 2017, at the Grace Church, 4172 E. Allison Rd., Camby. Burial will follow in West Newton Cemetery and Pastor David Gibson will be officiating services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Monrovia High School for a Scholarship in Cheryl's memory. To upload a picture on her tribute wall, share a favorite story, send the family an online condolence, sign the online guest registry or light a candle in her memory visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

West Newton Cemetery

6600 Milton Street
Camby, IN 46113

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Church
4172 E. Allison Road
Camby, IN 46113

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda F Elliott (Mom) lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens*



Linda F Elliott (Mom) - January 20, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ *To the family,
Cheryl was a great asset to monrovia, but more importantly she was a good friend. Many fond memories of her. I remember her contagious laugh. Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Duffy Hagist*

Duffy Hagist - January 12, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Owens.*



January 12, 2017 at 01:09 PM



“ 135 files added to the album *LifeTributes*

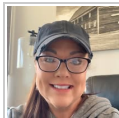


Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - January 12, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ Prayers going up for your whole family. So sorry for your loss.
Melissa Petro

Melissa Petro - January 12, 2017 at 11:54 AM



*The Lord Gained a Beautiful Angel. May You Find Peace and Comfort.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Tiffany & Bill King*

Tiffany King - January 12, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one.
And may the Almighty God continue with you to comfort and sustain
you through this difficult time. (Psalms 55:22)

Mary Ann - January 12, 2017 at 09:55 AM

KP

“ Karen Pierson lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens



Karen Pierson - January 11, 2017 at 02:58 PM

JB

“ Cheryl was a ray of sunshine and made you smile every time that you saw her. What a lovely person... I know that Heaven is a little brighter with her there. Love and blessings to Mike, Mikey and Kristin. Love, Jayna & David Burtner Firestone, Colorado

Jayna Burtner - January 11, 2017 at 02:32 PM

SF

“ Sandra Love & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Cheryl Owens.



Sandra Love & Family - January 11, 2017 at 12:15 PM

DB

“ Dan And Wendy Baker lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens



Dan and Wendy Baker - January 11, 2017 at 10:41 AM

MB

“ *Melinda Baker lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens*



Melinda Baker - January 11, 2017 at 05:52 AM

RM

“ *Ruth, Tyra, Lynette, Mary, Cyndi, Deb and Michelle purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Cheryl Owens.*



Ruth, Tyra, Lynette, Mary, Cyndi, Deb and Michelle - January 10, 2017 at 11:05 PM

AH

“ *Ashley Hillman lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens*



Ashley Hillman - January 10, 2017 at 09:04 PM

AB

“ *Ashley Long Bonebrake lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens*




Ashley Long Bonebrake - January 10, 2017 at 06:37 PM

CR

“ *Carla Davis Ream lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens*



Carla Davis Ream - January 10, 2017 at 06:31 PM

 Angie
Bain
Blackledge

“ *Angie Bain Blackledge lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens*



Angie Bain Blackledge - January 10, 2017 at 05:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Owens.*



January 10, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Cheryl Owens.*



January 10, 2017 at 04:00 PM

RG

“ *Reta (Wirey) Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens*



Reta (Wirey) Gibbs - January 10, 2017 at 03:47 PM

RG

What a wonderful person and friend. She will be missed by anyone that ever came in contact with her. I will miss her when I have lunch at school with my Lyla. We always had to share a story and of course a great laugh. Thank you Cheryl for being you. Fly high my friend. Love you and will miss you dearly

Reta (Wirey) Gibbs - January 10, 2017 at 03:49 PM

PM

“ *Cheryl was a very good person. I always got much needed advice from her. May she rest in peace. May her family know she touched many lives..*

Penny. Majors - January 10, 2017 at 03:29 PM

SH

“ Cheryl was very giving, serious when she needed to be, but always with great sense of humor too!! She was a fun loving person, even growing up she had her Crazy ways. Having all us cousin laughing at one thing or another. Or when fighting, chasen them around Grandma Greens house, to see who was giving the first punch, lol. Steve Annes, you can relate. Yes! Cheryl always made sure the kiddos was apart of every gathering. At Christmas she always had a little gift for all the little ones. She made sure her family, not just immediate family had food on the table. Back in early 90's when times were rough for my family and I, trying to live off hubbys income (while I trying to be a stay at home Mom to Tommy/Brittney) she felt the need to bring us groceries, never forgot her generosity. Cheryl Owens you mean more to this family then you'll ever know. Btw, as heading to the barn to feed Precious (my loved horse) yesterday morning, Mon Jan. 9th, 2017, I already seen my first bluejay since yer arrival in heaven,(only 1 day after) and I knew you were there. You will be watching over us. Then I proudly marched to the barn with a song in my head (as most ppl don't know, I don't sing very well, lol) Oh, When the Saints go Marching In, Love & Miss You Cheryl Owens. Can't wait to see you in heaven

Sandy Harrison/cousin - January 10, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ Melissa 'Miller' Walker lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens



Melissa 'Miller' Walker - January 10, 2017 at 12:21 PM

AN

“ Amy Nash lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens



Amy Nash - January 10, 2017 at 12:17 PM

MW

“ David and I were neighbors with Cheryl and Mike in indy years ago. She babysat for our daughter after she was born. We all ended up living and raising our families in monrovia. Cheryl always made you smile and laugh when you were with her. Loved by many! Missy Wood

Missy Wood - January 10, 2017 at 10:36 AM

KM

“ When we first moved to Indiana from Connecticut we were members at Gasburg Baptist church Cheryl along with Frankie Elliot she was a Sunday school teacher in the preschool room she was very kind loving and sweet to my daughter That was over 10 years ago I've seen her time to time and she always had such a sweet smile

kelly mcneil - January 10, 2017 at 10:26 AM

PH

“ My family and hers got to know each other with the boys in School. We sit many of ball games holding down bleachers. I believe we became fast friends. Then I got the chance to work with her when she did Middle School. Thoughts and prayers for the family. She will be missed

Pamela Haltom - January 10, 2017 at 09:14 AM

GF

“ Cheryl's infectious smile and laughter gladdened our hearts every time we met. Moving next door, we were welcomed like we had always been friends. Mike and Cheryl are great neighbors, feeding us frequently during our construction. She will be missed dearly.



Glen and Susan Flory - January 10, 2017 at 09:10 AM

MM

“ Mike And Mary Miller lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens



Mike and Mary Miller - January 10, 2017 at 09:03 AM

MM

She was a blessing to so many people with her laughter,jokes and with the special love she shared with many she will be in our hearts forever.

Mike and Mary Miller - January 10, 2017 at 09:09 AM

KB

“ We got to know Mike & Cheryl when our boys were in High School at Monrovia, she was so friendly and kind. Her smile light up the room. Our hearts go out to her family and friends. She will be missed dearly!!



Karen & John Burkhart - January 10, 2017 at 08:46 AM

BT

“ Cheryl was one of those unforgettable people that never met a stranger, always made you feel welcome and laughed at every possible opportunity. Her warmth and friendliness will be missed by all she knew. Keeping the family in our prayers as they cherish all of the wonderful memories of this truly blessed woman. The Trusty and DeWeese Families

Betty Trusty - January 10, 2017 at 07:30 AM

IH

“ Ina Hatley-Gedek lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens



Ina Hatley-Gedek - January 10, 2017 at 07:14 AM

BR

“ Thank you Cheryl for always having a smile on our face, and for being a light in lives of so many students. The Brother's love for you began in Kindergarten, and the joy that you shared continues with them today. May God continue to bless you and your family.



Brandy - January 10, 2017 at 07:05 AM

GB

“ Cheryl was an amazing woman. Her laughter, smile and her personality that so many loved. She made a huge impact on students, family, and friends and we will all never forget her. She would come into the lunch room and we would start talking and by the end of the conversation she would have all of us laughing. That is the type of person everyone will remember. We will miss you Cheryl!

Gwen Van Blaricum - January 10, 2017 at 07:04 AM

DO

“ Cheryl's laughter and hugs will be missed. She certainly loved her family, friends and students. Great memories I will cherish of times we spent together, she was a special lady. May she rest in peace. We will always have those special memories of her, recall them often and laugh till your muscles cramp: she was always making me laugh and brightened my day.
God Bless,
Denise Oxford

Denise Oxford - January 10, 2017 at 06:47 AM

SL

“ She always had a smile on her face and always happy I just found out that she was helping my nephew at school before she passed away he came home yesterday after learning at school that she had passed thus how much she could make a difference in someone's life no matter who they are I got the joy of her helping me in 10th grade for that I will be grateful he was such a sweet loving lady she will be missed dearly.:(my heart is breaking right now for Mikey and the family.

shelly lehr - January 10, 2017 at 06:39 AM

MC

“ I meet Cherly last year at a family get together. She was a great lady we all hit it off like we been friends for years. We were talking pictures of Brittany's & Mickey's girls & Justin's girl also, they saw Santa Claus come in the door, they wanted to go see him, so I told Cherly go ahead I would take there picture with her. She was one great lady. She's really going to be missed. Sorry to her kids husband, family & Grandkids that also are my niece's. My heart goes out to you all. God bless you.
Luv Aunt Maggie & Uncle Buck

Maggie Cranfill - January 10, 2017 at 12:43 AM

MC

“ Maggie Cranfill lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Owens



Maggie Cranfill - January 10, 2017 at 12:34 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Cheryl was an amazing women. Always there when you needed her help at school. She will be greatly missed. May God wrap his arms around her family in their time of need.



Bernadette Blevins - January 09, 2017 at 11:28 PM

PM

Words fail me. (Cheryl would tell you that speechlessness isn't one of my traits.) Such a bright light taken from us too soon! But here is the good news: that light, that cheery presence, that sassiness and sense of humor are not gone. Two whole generations of children--hers and others--will always have blue jays and memories and laughter as her legacy. I was her colleague at school for many years. She never failed to make me laugh, even in tough times. God bless you all in your sorrow. I grieve with you. But she'd be hurt if she thought that all we remember is the sadness. ... "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." ~~Psalm 30:5.

Peggy McNary - January 11, 2017 at 10:17 AM