



Cheryl Altadonna

September 23, 1945 - January 21, 2025

Cheryl Altadonna passed away peacefully on January 21, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loving family and dearest friends. She was 79 years old and a lifelong resident of Centralia.

Cheryl was born in Centralia on September 23, 1945, the daughter of Ralph and Vera (Gerstkemper) Johnson. She married Frank Altadonna on February 15, 1969, who survives her.

In addition to her husband of 55 years, Cheryl is survived by her two children; Cary Altadonna (Julia) and Kelly Schwartz (Jeff) of Walnut Hill. Granddaughters Raigen Linton (Jaren) of Cottage Hills, Kenadi Schwartz of Walnut Hill, Andrea Scanlan of Percy, Nikki Groff of Camden, SC, and four great-grandchildren, Promise, Culper, Huxley, and Hunter.

Cheryl is also survived by three sisters, Joyce Engelmann (Bill) of Centralia, Karen Schrader Darwin) of Lebanon, and Kathy Harvey (Gary) of Mt. Vernon, brothers-in-law Jerry (Tami) of Springfield, IL, John(Janet) of Texas, and sister-in-law Brenda of Centralia. She was so fortunate to have Aunt Doris Weihe of Hoffman, and one uncle, Charlie Mordini (Daphene) of Mascoutah. She has many beloved nieces, great-nieces, nephews, and great-nephews.

Cheryl and her family were very fortunate to have friends that became family

including her Vaccaro family, Teresa Olsen (Peter) of Fla, Jo Brewer (Steve) of Ga, Mary Jane Cain (Tracy) of Patoka, Rita Thorne (Woody) of Makanda, and Annette Shores (Steve) of Centralia, two very best friends, Cass Tucker and daughter Kelley Winegarner, Jeanne Anne Horner, and one bonus daughter Kristen Nollman of Centralia.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents , one brother-in-law, Phil Altadonna of Centralia, Fay and Charlie Vaccaro, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Cheryl never knew a stranger and loved to “ chit chat”, as she called it, on the phone. She enjoyed dancing, spending time with her granddaughters, and having lunches with her sisters, Doris, and her best friends. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia.

Cheryl worked for Illinois Bell, AT&T, Besant Electric, Economy, Symons Corporation. She eventually retired from St. Mary’s Hospital emergency room where she was known as “The Princess”.

Services celebrating Cheryl's life will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 28th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia. Visitation will be from 10:00 am until the time of service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Trinity Lutheran School, SMS Hospice, or the charity of the donor's choice. Contributions may be sent to Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, located at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Cheryl's family. Friends and family are welcome to express condolences online by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
201 S Pleasant Ave
Centralia, IL 62801-3666
(618) 532-2614

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Trinity Lutheran Church Centralia

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Cheryl Altadonna* ”



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 27, 2025 at 05:04 PM

DG

Enjoyed their wedding pics - what a beautiful couple!

Donna Gansauer - January 27, 2025 at 11:38 PM

LK

What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady! Fly high sweet lady! You will be missed!

Lori Klostermann - January 28, 2025 at 05:00 AM

DB

Oh my, that was beautiful! What a great tribute to a great gal! ❤️

Dawn Bone - January 28, 2025 at 07:20 AM

JP

What a wonderful tribute.

jane peters - January 28, 2025 at 03:10 PM

JH

So very nice. Sweet girl, you're soaring with the angels!

Jannett S. Hawley - January 28, 2025 at 10:04 PM

SB

Loved seeing pictures of Vera and Ralph bland the family m

Stella Black - January 28, 2025 at 10:59 PM

LM

“ *Deepest sympathy and prayers to Cary Altadonna and family and to Kelly Schwartz and family. May all your wonderful memories give you some peace.*

Linda Moergen - January 30, 2025 at 02:46 PM

SH

“ *My deepest sympathies to Cheryl's family. She was a great coworker in the ER.*



Sue Hohman - January 28, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cheryl Altadonna.*



January 28, 2025 at 05:45 AM

VH

“ *Sending prayers for/with family and friends!*

Vickie & Wayne Houser - January 27, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cheryl Altadonna.

January 27, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cheryl Altadonna.



January 27, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cheryl Altadonna.



January 27, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ Sandra, Cydni and Chris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Altadonna.

Sandra, Cydni and Chris - January 27, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Sandra, Cydni and Chris purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Altadonna.



Sandra, Cydni and Chris - January 27, 2025 at 10:09 AM

RF

“ Randy and Cheryl Ruggles and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Altadonna.

Randy and Cheryl Ruggles and family - January 25, 2025 at 11:40 AM

RF

“ Randy and Cheryl Ruggles and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Cheryl Altadonna.



Randy and Cheryl Ruggles and family - January 25, 2025 at 11:40 AM

BA

“ Brad Bretsch and Melissa Aviles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Altadonna.

Brad Bretsch and Melissa Aviles - January 23, 2025 at 08:41 PM

BA

“ Brad Bretsch and Melissa Aviles purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Altadonna.



Brad Bretsch and Melissa Aviles - January 23, 2025 at 08:41 PM

YH

“ *Your Fave, Hunter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Altadonna.*



Your Fave, Hunter - January 23, 2025 at 06:04 PM

JT

“ *Jenalee Trumbo lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Altadonna*



Jenalee Trumbo - January 23, 2025 at 02:55 PM

SB

“ *Steve and Jo Brewer purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Cheryl Altadonna.*



Steve and Jo Brewer - January 23, 2025 at 12:40 PM

SB

“ *Steve and Jo Brewer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Altadonna.*

Steve and Jo Brewer - January 23, 2025 at 12:40 PM

SS

“ Steve and Annette Shores planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Altadonna.

Steve and Annette Shores - January 23, 2025 at 05:50 AM

SS

“ Steve and Annette Shores purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Altadonna.



Steve and Annette Shores - January 23, 2025 at 05:50 AM

GL

“ Georgia Lambert lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Altadonna



Georgia Lambert - January 22, 2025 at 09:21 PM

GL

Worked with Cheryl at the hospital. Lovely, funny lady. Rest Easy Friend

Georgia Lambert - January 22, 2025 at 09:22 PM

JF

To the family of Cheryl Altadonna you have my deepest sympathy. Know that you all in my prayers.

May God wrap you in his loving arms and comfort you. Continue to stay encourage and hold onto God unchanging hand. I can remember the first I met Cheryl she welcome me into their home with open arms .

The family and I have remained friends over the years. She will be missed but the members will live forever.

Julius Flagg - January 22, 2025 at 11:42 PM

MB

“ *Worked with Cheryl at hospital we all called her princess she was such a sweet lady*



Monica Brown - January 22, 2025 at 09:28 AM

GP

“ *George Proksha lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Altadonna*



George Proksha - January 21, 2025 at 10:52 PM

ML

“ *MaryAnn (Monken) Long lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Altadonna*



MaryAnn (Monken) Long - January 21, 2025 at 09:51 PM

PH

“ *My parents were great friends with Frank and Cheryl. Lots of swimming at the lake and cookouts. So sorry .*



Paula Hays - January 21, 2025 at 07:52 PM