



Cheryl J Forth

June 9, 1947 - May 18, 2023

Cheryl June Forth, 75, of Centralia, passed away at 12:25 a.m. Thursday, May 18, 2023 at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital of Mt. Vernon, Illinois after complications from a surgical procedure.

Cheryl was born in Red Oak, IA in 1947, a daughter to J. Lyle and June L. Jenkins. Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband William E. Simonton.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are beloved husband of 28 years, Ronald L. Forth of Centralia, daughter Lori (Jim) Barkley of Nicholasville, KY; son W. Lyle (Jenny) Simonton of Smithton, IL, stepdaughters Lisa Forth of Lebanon, KY and Sheilah Forth of Centralia, IL, and a sister, Karen Jenkins of Long Beach, CA. Also surviving are grandchildren Brynn and Katy Barkley of Nicholasville, KY; Will and Sydney Simonton of Smithton, IL; and Brandon (Chelsie) Creps of O'Fallon, MO. Cheryl leaves behind one precious great-granddaughter Astrid Creps.

Cheryl continuously doted on her kids and grandkids and was known to always have her camera ready and cookies in her cookie jar. Anyone she met was greeted with pics of her family. She and Ron regularly traveled distances for grandkids' sporting events, performances, and birthday parties. She impacted the lives of all who met her and always lived up to the nickname

“social butterfly” which Ron liked to call her.

When Cheryl was 6 years old in 1953, her family moved to Illinois where she went to grade school and high school in Carlyle, IL, graduating in 1965. She attended Eastern Illinois University for a short time, then returned to the Carlyle area to enter the workforce, ultimately working for Illinois Bell and then AT&T in Centralia as a telephone operator for over 25 years. In 1968, Cheryl married Bill Simonton and had two children. Bill passed away of a chronic illness in 1983. After retiring from AT&T, Cheryl enjoyed working several retail jobs around Centralia where she could continuously meet new people and catch up with long time friends. Everyone has a story of running into Cheryl and spending more time than planned in those stores.

Cheryl spent the last several years of her life enjoying her time with loved ones and long-time friends, especially her best friend and husband Ron. They went on frequent boat rides with their dogs, and nightly car rides to look for deer. Cheryl also cherished her times with many friend groups, including the phone company group and the Class of '65 lunch bunch. Cheryl prioritized helping others, providing food and company to many friends in difficult times, and helping to cook and serve funeral dinners at Calumet Street Christian Church, where she was a long-time member.

Cheryl will be dearly missed by all of her loved ones.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, May 22, 2023 at 12:00 PM at the Calumet Street Christian Church in Centralia with Pastor Anthony Sweeney officiating. Visitation will be held Monday, May 22, 2023 from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Memorial donations in Cheryl's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Calumet Street Christian Church and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of

service to the Forth Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Calumet Street Christian Church in Centralia

Funeral Service

MAY **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

Calumet Street Christian Church in Centralia

Tribute Wall



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



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - May 22, 2023 at 04:02 PM

AL

“ *I have no words for the loss of this wonderful lady! She was a friend to my mother and the mother of two wonderful children that I had the pleasure to care for while she worked at Illinois Bell. Love and prayers to her families... she will be missed 🥹❤️🙏*

Aleta - May 22, 2023 at 01:19 PM

TC

“ *Terry C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl J Forth.*

Terry C. - May 21, 2023 at 08:54 PM

TC

“ *So very sorry for your loss. I always liked Cheryl from the first time I met her and she always seemed to be happy. The world will be a lesser place without her.*

Terry Creps - May 21, 2023 at 08:44 PM

LD

“ So sorry for your loss. Cheryl was a great gal.

Lou Donoho - May 21, 2023 at 12:16 PM

SP

“ I feel extremely blessed to have had Cheryl in my life (although it was always Mrs. Simonton or Mrs. Forth to me). Growing up, I spent many sleepovers with Lyle over at their house, and I can't think of a more kind or caring mother. She always made me feel welcome and oversaw a very loving home. She was also a big dog lover and never failed to have a treat on hand for her little Sugar (a glass jar full that I may or may not have one time mistaken for a deer sausage...). As many of people have already mentioned, she was so friendly and I enjoyed visiting with her when I returned to Centralia. Her smile and infectious laugh will be missed.

Shannon Parker - May 20, 2023 at 10:18 PM

GP

“ George and Patty Pluntz purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Cheryl J Forth.



George and Patty Pluntz - May 20, 2023 at 03:15 PM



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

May 20, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cheryl J Forth.*



May 20, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *I am so, so sorry. Cheryl was a wonderful neighbor when she lived on Holly and continued to be a wonderful friend to my parents over the years. When I came back to visit she always gave great hugs and was always smiling. I'm thankful she's in heaven but so sorry for the loss so many will experience. Prayers are with her family.*

Debbie Chambers Fischer - May 20, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *Cheryl was a wonderful woman and a great woman to know. I met her through the rec center while I was a lifeguard there she would come to our 7:30 water aerobics class. She was always kind to me and had a smile on her face she will be greatly missed*

Samantha Green (Sam) - May 19, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl J Forth.*



May 19, 2023 at 10:02 PM

PB

“ Just loved this sweet lady!! So sorry she has left this world, but has gone to greener pastures, that’s for sure! 🙏❤️😊. Hugs, thoughts, and many Prayers to all! Godspeed!

Peggy Myers Beal - May 19, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cheryl J Forth.



May 19, 2023 at 06:06 PM



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

May 19, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Cheryl J Forth.



May 19, 2023 at 04:49 PM