



Cheryl Wilkinson

December 30, 1943 - November 13, 2015

Cheryl Ann Wilkinson, 71, of Moses Lake, Washington passed away on November 13, 2015 following a three week hospitalization in Spokane resulting from a stroke. Cheryl was born December 30, 1943 in Payette, Idaho but lived most of her life in Moses Lake.

Cheryl was known for her commitment to her family and her church. She delighted in the little things of life: wrapping up surprises to put under the Christmas tree, celebrating family birthdays, trying a new recipe, snuggling a baby, or spending time with her grandchildren. As a dedicated teacher, she inspired a love for reading and writing in hundreds of students until her retirement from Moses Lake Schools. Some of her grandchildren speak fondly of learning to read with their Grandma Cheryl.

Cheryl was quick to offer a supportive ear if a friend or family member had a problem or concern. While she could not often solve the problems that came her way, she made your day better by caring and listening. She not only bestowed kindness on her family and friends but remembered to sincerely greet and thank each person that waited on her in a store or restaurant.

Cheryl was perhaps the greatest bargain shopper in the state and was even known to return from vacations with her sister with her suitcase 30 pounds heavier as a result of the treasures she found on sale or the used books she

discovered in a library bookstore. Her shopping style was, "If one is good, two, three, or ten may be so much better."

Cheryl was a collector: clowns, recipe books, t-shirts, photo albums, and in her younger years, stray animals. She once rescued a dog that was scheduled to be euthanized and used for a lab class. Not seeing that there was a place for this dog in the family home, her father took the dog to the pound. Cheryl promptly performed a second rescue of the dog, bailing him out of the pound with her own money. The dog went on to live out his natural days under Cheryl's watchful eye, and she continued to have a love for dogs throughout her life.

Cheryl was intelligent and loved to read. She began and ended every day studying her Bible and praying for her loved ones. Cheryl was a talented writer and loved teaching children to write. She even provided support to other teachers to enhance their capacity to teach writing effectively. While Cheryl never wrote a book herself, her life was a textbook of how to care for others and live with humility and integrity. Cheryl's spark for life and her quiet support of others will be remembered every day by those who loved her.

Cheryl is survived by her beloved husband of 50 years, Edward; three daughters, Chandra Lindberg, Kim Sackmann, and Jamie Wilkinson; her son, Thad Wilkinson; daughter-in-law, Jennie Wilkinson; and son-in-laws, Adam Sackmann and Michael Lindberg; sister, Deborah Fash; and treasured grandchildren, Jessica, Jennifer, Kristyna, James, Jason, Alayna, Kaillyn, Devan, Aiden, Blake, Tristan, Andy, Megan, and Katelin. Her extended family and friends are too numerous list, but are always held dear. Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Phoebe Schmid, her brother, Gary Schmid, and a child, Trish, who died at birth.

Memorial Services will be held on Monday, November 23 at 1:00 p.m. at First

Baptist Church of Soap Lake, 322 Division Street S., Soap Lake, Washington, 98851. Burial will precede the service at 11:00 a.m. at Guarding Angels Cemetery, 2595 Rd L NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Cheryl may be made to: Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center, pregnancywa.org or to Hospice of Spokane, P.O. Box 2215, Spokane, Washington 99210-2215.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

HD

“ Sorry to hear of Cheryl's passing. She was a sweet person and was so good to me and her dad. Was blessed she was part of my life. You are in our prayers at this difficult time. Millie and Homer Didericksen

Homer & Millie Didericksen - December 01, 2015 at 05:45 PM

RT

“ There's going to be a meeting in the air in the sweet sweet bye and bye, I'm going to meet Cheryl over there in the land beyond the sky, Such singing we will hear never heard by mortal ear Glorious I do declare, God's own Son will be the leading one at that meeting in the air Praise the Lord!!!!!!!!!!!! rosemary

rosemary triche - November 20, 2015 at 01:42 PM

MD

“ Gene and I want to express to you how sorry we are for the loss of your wife and mother Cheryl. Forty five years ago Cheryl took care of our son Chris when we were all student's at UW. He loved going to your "house" and playing with Chandy. I always felt all was good when he was with her. Cheryl was a very loving and giving woman and led such an exemplary life. I know how much she will be missed.

Mary Ann Davis - November 18, 2015 at 06:13 PM

RB

“ My sister Zan and I are Cheryl's paternal cousins, and remember meeting Cheryl at our famous Schmid family reunions, held every 5 years or so. Since Cheryl and Zan were the same age, my older sister has more memories. Just last summer, Zan was able to visit our Schmid relatives, including Cheryl. She was able, along with our Cousins Dena Hunt and Helen Hunt, and Aunt Bernice Burns, to attend the Wilkinson 50th wedding anniversary celebration. I remember visiting her father's home in Lake Moses with my mother Elsie Ford in 1956. We have many fond memories of Uncle Lloyd, Cheryl's father, and her mother Phoebe also. I am not surprised to read what a devoted Christian Cheryl was from reading her obituary. Her parents were also. My husband and I sent our condolences to Cheryl's husband Ed, her children, grandchildren, and friends, and hope that thoughts of her reunion with her parents and brother will assuage some of the grief of these difficult hours. Our prayers are with you. Roberta and Pedro Bulling

Roberta Bulling - November 18, 2015 at 12:54 PM

CL

“ I was so very sorry to hear this sad news. I send my condolences to Cheryl's family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Carol Rodenburg Lawton



Carol Lawton - November 17, 2015 at 01:14 AM

CG

“ I am soooo sad and shocked. Cheryl was a good friend in high school. Even though we didn't see each other much as adults, I always valued her friendship. I am at a loss to comprehend her passing. My love and condolences to Butch and her family.
Coralee Gill

Coralee Gill - November 16, 2015 at 07:10 PM

CE

“ Cheryl and I had been friends since grade school. I felt bad this last few years that we didn't seem to have much time to spend together, but she didn't give up on me. She recently told me she couldn't wait until I retired so we could see each other much more. I can only imagine how wonderful those times together would have been because we could go months without seeing each other, but both agreed it didn't make a bit of difference in our friendship. In my heart, I know she loved and cared about me as much as I loved and cared about her. My deepest condolences to family and friends.
Cheryl Driggs Elkins.

Cheryl Elkins - November 16, 2015 at 01:58 AM

JD

Cheryl, you are my twin cousin. From my first memories I was always told about my twin who was born on the same day & year. I have cards sent for my birthday in my baby book from your Mom. Growing up in ND was far away so I didn't always get to play with you regularly but as I remember we would write letters to one another about our lives. When I was about 15 I came to Moses Lake with my brother Jerome & stayed for two weeks. What a fun time we had. I went home on the bus thinking how lucky you were to live in Moses Lake where those jet planes flew over & broke the sound barrier & look out on that beautiful lake. As we became adults we seldom saw each other but still always greeted one another as Twin. There were the Strom family reunions that we cousins got to see one another & what fun it was to catch up on our lives. Saw you last in Ellensburg @ your brother Gary's memorial. I can't believe you have gone on to be with the Lord so soon. I expected for us to have many more chances to meet. It just goes to show us we never know when we'll be called home. Please my dear cousin as you hold that baby Trish give my Cole a big hug for me. We come from a wonderful close family The Strom's, and you will be missed my dear Twin. My sympathy to Ed & your children.

Judy Strom Dearduff - November 17, 2015 at 02:11 PM

JW

My dear sweet sister-in-law was truly an angel here on earth. My parents often said they couldn't have asked for a better daughter-in-law and they loved her as their own. She was a wonderful friend and when she started dating my big brother, who was also my hero, she would write to me and share some of the fun they had on dates. I never felt like I was losing a brother but like I was gaining another best friend. Cheryl was the most honest, loving, warm, giving person I've ever known. I am so lucky she chose to spend her life with my brother. Cheryl set an example the whole world could learn from and it all begins with love. I hope I live a life that will allow me to see her in heaven. My heart and prayers are with Chandy, Thad, Kim, Jamie and my precious brother Ed (Butch).

Jackie Wilkinson-Clelland - November 17, 2015 at 04:56 PM

CL

Thank you aunt Jackie. I miss you so much right now. My mom was lovely and my heart is broken for my dad. They loved each other so very much.

chandy linberg - November 17, 2015 at 08:09 PM



Tracey
Brown

So many miles separate us and we never had a chance to spend a lot of time together but the time we did have together was very special. Aunt Cheryl, I have always thought of you as a special lady; so kind and soft spoken. I know that you are missed but I pray that God will bring comfort to all those that are hurting and peace in the knowledge that you will be reunited again one day. God Bless you all! Love Tracey Brown Bowman

Tracey Brown Bowman - November 17, 2015 at 08:21 PM



ZJ

I am also a cousin who is about the same age. I always looked up to Cheryl , always so devoted to her faith and family. I am privileged to have attended her 50th anniversary since i live in So. California. My heart is with her family and Many Friends. My Love to all of them. Zan Ford Just , Daughter of Elsie Schmid Ford

Zan Just - November 18, 2015 at 01:58 AM



BE

Cheryl was such a special lady to our grandchildren, Pastor Schopf's children. She took them to her home for a special "Friday Kindergarten" just with her and willingly sang a duet with our 5 or 6 year old granddaughter (who had to stand on a stool to see over the pulpit) in church just to bless them and to be a blessing to others. I met her and visited with her only on our visits to Soap Lake to see our daughter, Hannah, but it was very evident that she was a very, very special lady who truly loved and lived her life selflessly. Heaven is sweeter with Cheryl there! May we here on earth follow Cheryl's example. Beth Eddy

Beth Eddy - November 18, 2015 at 07:22 AM

RT

What a lovely lady!! Earth is much poorer because of her passing. I haven't seen much of her in the last few years except for the times we met in Wal mart , Where once again I realized what a very special person she was. Ed and family.I want to tell you of a verse that has been very special to me at these times, Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side With patience bear thy cross of grief and pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide Through every change he faithful will remain, Be still my soul when grief and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall be at last, Thank Jesus for the privilege of knowing this very Christ- like lady Rosemary Triche

rosemary triche - November 18, 2015 at 07:02 PM

DE

Cheryl, you were my role model as a child and my sister friend as an adult. You were a steady beacon in the storms of life. If I could have ordered the exact sister I wanted, I would have described you--kind, considerate, smart, and fun. I treasure the memories we made on our sister-trips: walking in the sunshine on the beach, meandering through local craft shows, discovering bargains at TJ Maxx or Marshall's, using the coupon books you always found to dine at quaint cafes, or choosing a beach pebble or other souvenir as we vowed to remember each other and our fun times forever. Not many of the souvenirs lasted, but the joys of our companionship and the feeling of your love will be bright in my memory forever.

Your little sister, Deborah Fash

Deb - November 19, 2015 at 08:51 AM



I want to express my sympathy to Cheryl's husband and to her children and grandchildren. I am one of Cheryl's many cousins on the Schmid side! Though I live in CA now I lived in WA as a child and we occasionally drove to Moses lake to visit, she was always very welcoming and our visits were very enjoyable. I also remember when they lived in Seattle and Cheryl would bring Chandy over to our house, I think I am only about 8 years older than Chandy and when they came over Chandy and I would play together, while Cheryl visited with my Mom , her Aunt Bernice. Though I haven't seen her often recently I do have fond memories of her and she will be missed. Carol(Burns) Pinnell

Carol Pinnell - November 21, 2015 at 11:36 PM

MB

I am still in shock to hear of Cheryl's passing, we are poorer, Heaven is richer because Cheryl is now there !!! I first met Cheryl and Ed at First Baptist Church in Moses Lake about 1973. She was a wonderful friend, so caring and sincere !! I was Chandys Sunday school teacher, also in Awana group !!! I would love to see you again, Chandy !!! I live near Soap Lake, but am presently in South Dakota with my mother. Am so sorry I missed Cheryl's service. May your memories of Cheryl be a comfort to you all, as you take your grief journey. She is probably feeling sorry for us, still here on earth ! God Bless you all !!

Mary Hansen Brown - November 26, 2015 at 10:02 AM

JR

*Ed and Family
I feel your pain
I share your tears
Cheryl was fun to be with
She had a great laugh
I can hear it now
We spent time at A&W Rootbeer
And Perkins where we ordered coffee even though we didn't like it
Going to Wenatchee for apple blossom
Grand Cooley Dam was the place to go, because it took longer to get there
Then, GI Butch came along and Cheryl fell for him (fell in love that is)
Cheryl was devoted to God, true to herself, caring mother, a wonderful teacher and a special friend
I know God will enjoy her presentence as much as we did
Jean Ramsey*

Jean Ramsey - December 02, 2015 at 03:53 PM

LC

My Aunt Cheryl. I loved you the first time Uncle Butch brought you to Ohio to meet the family. I knew you were a keeper when you didn't run. I did not get to see you enough. I did not get to know you enough. What I do know is that you were probably one of the greatest listeners I have ever met. You were always asking questions about how everyone was really doing and what could she do to help. And this was in Ohio. I can only imagine all that she did there in Washington. I will miss you. But I know that you are in good hands. Uncle Butch, Chandy, Kimmy Jo, Jaime and Thad and your families my heart and prayers are with you.

Love,

Lori Cooper

Lori Cooper - December 17, 2015 at 04:57 PM