



Cheryl Rae Howe

July 21, 1957 - March 1, 2023

Cheryl Rae Howe, a generous, loyal, and loving, wife, mother, sister, and friend, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Cheryl, 65, was born on July 21, 1957, the daughter of Raymond Archer and Barbara (Barnaart) Fuhrman. She graduated from Charlotte High School and later earned a Bachelors Degree from Western Michigan University in Environmental Science. After school she began working for DEQ where she worked as an Environmental Engineer until her retirement after 35 plus years in 2016. In 1979 Cheryl married the love of her life Donald Howe, and together they created lasting memories as a family. Cheryl's happy place was Disney World, she made many trips there throughout her life. She was blessed to be able to connect and befriend people from around the country on these trips. Cheryl devoted a lot of time to advocating for her interests with Eaton County Indivisible and the March for Science. Her hobbies included crafting, reading, enjoying good food, and being with her two fur babies. Her proudest achievement in life was raising and supporting her daughter Mari.

Cheryl is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Donald; daughter, Mari Howe (husband, David Langley); siblings, Katherine Martin, Paul Archer (wife, Debbie Archer), and Diane Pfeifer; bonus sister, Barb Sweet; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and grandparents, William, and Florence Barnaart.

Friends are encouraged to support Cheryl's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Tuesday, March 7, 2023, from 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services are Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with Laura Cooper officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Cheryl's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the March for Science, or Give Kids The World Village. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

MAR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Cheryl Rae Howe*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 08, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Cheryl Rae Howe*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 06, 2023 at 08:34 PM

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*The world lost a sweet soul.
Rest in peace Cheryl.
My heart felt condolences to her family.*

Nancy Anderson - March 07, 2023 at 10:19 AM

SG

“ Blessings to Don and Mari and the rest of the family. My Hank also send condolences to Gracie and Jeri. From our times in Camp Fire to hanging out at my parents house, to being young and married, then planning reunions, marching on the Capitol and always finding new ways to stay connected- you were my pal and my sister ❤️

Sue Garrity - March 07, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.



March 07, 2023 at 08:18 AM

JC

“ Jon, Abbie, Jen, & the Green Door crew purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.



Jon, Abbie, Jen, & the Green Door crew - March 06, 2023 at 10:58 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 06, 2023 at 08:30 PM



“ *Debbie and Molly purchased the Hickory Farms Savory and Sweet Snacker Gift Basket for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.*



Debbie and Molly - March 06, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.*



March 06, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.*



March 06, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *Joe& Debbie Balaz purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.*



Joe& Debbie Balaz - March 06, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Cheryl on hazardous waste management oversight at a major Michigan chemical company. She was the complex permit expert, and I was on a learning curve. I remember inspection trip meals with her at Pi's Chinese Restaurant in Midland. I changed districts but kept in touch, sharing experiences raising girls in the 80's and 90's. The Covid pandemic kept DEQ retirees from socializing, but we traded Facebook exchanges from time to time.*

We are diminished.

Bill Yocum

William Yocum - March 05, 2023 at 08:15 PM

DS

“ Dave and Jodie Slayton purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.



Dave and Jodie Slayton - March 05, 2023 at 07:05 PM

DS

“ Cheryl was a blessing as a co-worker and friend, whose contribution to the DEQ was great. Her reliability and knowledge made a real difference. We know she will be dearly missed.
Dave and Jodie Slayton

Dave Slayton - March 05, 2023 at 06:58 PM

JJ

“ Jen & Joel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.



Jen & Joel - March 04, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.



March 04, 2023 at 12:41 PM

GW

“ *Cousin Cheryl was my first friend. We were the first two grandchildren on our mother’s side of the family. We were born 15 days apart and I was the oldest. I fondly remember spending time with Cheri when we were younger.*

Cheryl was one of the most the generous and thoughtful individuals I’ve known. She loved her campfire friends and I know a small group of them spoke regularly. She also cherished a few close relationships with a few of her co-workers even after retirement. And she was very proud of Mari.

I know Don and Mari will cherish memories of her forever.

Gail Whiting - March 04, 2023 at 11:44 AM

JB

“ *While working for decades with Cheryl, we became friends and enjoyed daily conversations and often lunches which I cherished. She and I agreed on books and shared lots of books with wonderful discussions after reading for each one. When my Mom passed away Cheryl was very kind and helpful. Very glad I had those many years knowing her. My deep sympathy to her family who she so loved, her many friends, and everyone who ever met her.*



Julie Blanchard - March 03, 2023 at 10:20 PM

CW

“ My sincere condolences to the family and my cousins. Cheryl graciously reached out to me after I lost Jeremy and I was glad I got to thank her for that, not knowing we would lose her soon after. May the time and memories you had with her comfort you during this difficult time.



Carol Wood - March 03, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.



March 03, 2023 at 08:17 PM

GH

“ Cheryl was a very special person-always kind and caring. I was lucky to have worked with Cheryl during her tenure with the DEQ. She was an excellent engineer and she was devoted to protecting the environment. I enjoyed my many conversations and lunch outings with Cheryl. I will miss you my dear friend. RIP.

Ginny Himich - March 03, 2023 at 07:54 PM

GH

“ Ginny Himich lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Rae Howe



Ginny Himich - March 03, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Cheryl Rae Howe.*



March 03, 2023 at 05:34 PM