



Cheryl L Ray

August 6, 1949 - January 3, 2019

Cheryl Laverne Taylor Ray was born August 6, 1949 in Elizabethton, Tennessee. She was the third daughter of six children born to the late George Jr. and Ola Mae Jackson Taylor. Following illness, Cheryl transitioned to eternal life on January 3rd, 2019. Her family was by her side at the time of her passing at Johnson City Medical Center.

Cheryl attended Douglas School in her community and later graduated from Elizabethton High School in 1967. At a young age, Cheryl demonstrated natural talent for creative expression through art. In 1971, she won an art education scholarship award at the Elizabethton Art Show for her piece entitled "Mother and Child". Her work was also on display at the Carroll Reese Museum at East Tennessee State University after winning another award in 1973.

Later in life, Cheryl became a dedicated employee of the Johnson City Medical Center retiring with over 35 years of service. During her tenure, she worked in several departments including the cafeteria and medical records.

Known for her authentic personality and wonderful smile, Cheryl was loved and adored by many. She greatly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren who affectionately called her "Via".

Cheryl leaves to cherish her memory: “her girls” daughters Alicia Ray Saunders and Whitney Ray; grandchildren Kalyna Young, Jerry Saunders III, and Jasir Myrick; sisters Gretchen Taylor and S. Gail Brown (Bobby); brothers G. Benny Taylor (Ruby), Timothy Taylor (Natalie) and R. Jeffery Taylor (Elsie); aunt and uncle Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Jackson and a host of wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family will be receiving friends and expressions of love at her home 610 Hart St, Johnson City, TN.

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Cheryl L. Ray, will be held at 2:00pm, Friday January 11, 2019 at Philippi Baptist Church in Elizabethton, TN. The family will receive friends from 1:00pm until 2:00pm at the church prior to the service.

Tribute Wall



“ I met Cheryl back in 1983. We were instant friends. I am saddened by her passing. May she rest perfectly.
"Jump to it" She was a joy to know. Alisha& Whitney, my prayers 🙏 for you loss.

Gaylle Dike' - March 24, 2024 at 11:05 AM



“ Cheryl L Ray

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ Cheryl Has been my BFF for over 60yrs ... Every time I saw her she had that Beautiful Smile ... I mean Every Time ... I loved her Dearly and she loved me ... I miss you my Friend ... Rest In Heaven ...
Kenneth(uncle Rick)McRath

Ken McRath - January 16, 2019 at 02:26 AM



“ Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray



Mary Rollins - January 15, 2019 at 08:02 AM

DG

“ Cheryl was such a sweet and kind person. She will be missed and our prayers are with you during these dark days.



Deborah Simmons Grey - January 11, 2019 at 08:16 PM

YV

“ Yvette lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray



Yvette - January 11, 2019 at 11:11 AM

YV

“ To Alicia and Whitney - Cheryl's girls - We will miss her dearly. Cheryl, Jeannie Yates and I used to hang out when we lived in the Manor. I will miss her dearly . We love you all. The Font Family/Price Family and Murphy Family.

Yvette - January 11, 2019 at 11:09 AM

TR

“ My sincere condolences to Alicia, Whitney, and family for the loss of your mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Tiffany Ryans - January 10, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Cheryl L Ray.



January 10, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Cheryl L Ray.



January 09, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Cheryl L Ray.



January 09, 2019 at 04:16 PM



“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray*



Elaine Brady - January 09, 2019 at 01:52 PM

DM

“ Debra Mathes lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray



Debra mathes - January 09, 2019 at 11:46 AM

ET

“ EC Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cheryl L Ray.



EC Team - January 09, 2019 at 11:42 AM

SS

“ Sandra Stevens/Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl L Ray



Sandra Stevens/Bell - January 09, 2019 at 07:44 AM

DF

“ DEBRA FIELDS-WILLIAMS sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl L Ray




DEBRA FIELDS-WILLIAMS - January 08, 2019 at 02:06 PM

DB

“ *REST IN PEACE CUZ!*



Dr. Jovan Bass - January 08, 2019 at 12:47 PM

 Brenda
Akins
Charles

“ *James and Brenda Charles*



Brenda Akins Charles - January 07, 2019 at 10:32 PM

MC

“ *Hadn't seen Cheryl in many years but will always remember her willing smile and outgoing personality. She will be missed. To the family you have my heartfelt sympathy.*

Margaret Bradley Cannon - January 07, 2019 at 09:23 PM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray*



Louis locke jr - January 07, 2019 at 07:19 PM

WJ

“ *Wilma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray*



wilma Jenkins - January 07, 2019 at 05:48 PM

JS

“ *Jen, Michele & the DoubleTree Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cheryl L Ray.*



Jen, Michele & the DoubleTree Staff - January 07, 2019 at 12:58 PM

GS

“ *Cheryl was always a friend to me. Ron and I ran into her at Woodland Elementary were Cheryl said " we all doing the grandparent thing." I smiled and hugged her as always. she will be truly missed by those of us blessed by her friendship. Our condolences to her family. We are praying that God comfort you.*

Gwendolyn Smith - January 07, 2019 at 11:30 AM

SM

“ Alicia & Whitney you have my condolences. May the Lord's hands of mercy uphold you during this time of bereavement. Your mom beautiful smile will live on in all the people lives she touch. I know I will always remember & love that contagious smile she had. Praying for your strength this week as you prepare to lay your mom to rest. 🙏



sandra McBride Mcrath - January 06, 2019 at 06:07 PM

VH

“ Valerie Hairston sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl L Ray



Valerie Hairston - January 06, 2019 at 02:37 PM

RJ

“ Ray Johnson lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray



Ray Johnson - January 06, 2019 at 01:15 PM

CT

“ Connie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray



Connie Thompson - January 06, 2019 at 01:12 PM

RS

“ *My sister fuzzy used to go by and sit and just have girl talk. She always had the most sweetest smile. Had the best time. She will be dearly missed.* ”

Randy&Esperanza Conley Sr. - January 06, 2019 at 12:41 PM

RS

“ *Randy&Esperanza Conley Sr. lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray* ”



Randy&Esperanza Conley Sr. - January 06, 2019 at 12:38 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl L Ray* ”



Janice wells - January 05, 2019 at 10:23 PM

RO

“ *Raymond & Carol Oxendine lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray* ”



Raymond & Carol Oxendine - January 05, 2019 at 09:48 PM

AP

“ *Ann Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray*



Ann Pritchard - January 05, 2019 at 09:15 PM

AP

So sorry for ther loss of Cheryl! Sending prayers and hugs to you and family. May her wonderful memories help to bring you comfort.

Ann Pritchard - January 05, 2019 at 09:16 PM

KH

“ *Katie Bailey- Hynes sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl L Ray*



Katie Bailey- Hynes - January 05, 2019 at 08:09 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Stevens/Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl L Ray*



Sandra Stevens/Bell - January 05, 2019 at 07:36 AM

MD

“ Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl L Ray



Melvin Drumgoole - January 05, 2019 at 07:21 AM

MD

R.I.P.

Melvin Drumgoole - January 05, 2019 at 07:22 AM

VP

“ Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl L Ray



Viola patton - January 04, 2019 at 08:08 PM

HK

“ Howie & Billie Kemper sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl L Ray



Howie & Billie Kemper - January 04, 2019 at 06:04 PM

HK

“ *Howie & Billie Kemper lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray*



Howie & Billie Kemper - January 04, 2019 at 06:03 PM

MF

“ *Moricina And Gary Fain sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl L Ray*



Moricina and Gary Fain - January 04, 2019 at 05:51 PM

MF

We are sorry for your loss. Keeping the family in our prayers.

Moricina and Gary Fain - January 04, 2019 at 05:53 PM

CB

“ *Charles Bufford lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L Ray*



Charles Bufford - January 04, 2019 at 04:02 PM

CB

Cheryl I will miss you. love charles

Charles Bufford - January 04, 2019 at 04:05 PM