



Cheryl Lynae Gilbert

March 23, 1945 - March 16, 2015

Cheryl L. Gilbert, age 69, of Grand Detour died on Monday, March 16, 2015, in her home. Cheryl had cancer, which she defiantly fought, triumphantly outliving her original prognosis by over 14 years.

She was born on March 23, 1945, in Sycamore, IL, the daughter of Clifford and Kathryn (Gustafson) Boehmer. Cheryl married Vincent E. Gilbert on September 4, 1976, in Washington D.C. He preceded her in death on December 17, 2004. She was also preceded in death by her parents, step-mother, Peggy, and brother-in-law, Michael Graham. Survivors include brothers George Ernest (Jean) Boehmer of Wetumpka, AL; John Michael (Jo) Boehmer of Kirkland, IL; Clifford Jerome (Susan Wallace) of Cambridge, MA; her sisters Debita Kay Graham of Saline, MI; and Patricia Ann (Mike) Stark of Hampshire, IL; step-brothers Bill (Hannah) Tucker and Jim (Ann) Tucker, numerous nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews; step-children Byron Gilbert, Brion (Jean) Gilbert, Charles (Josephine) Crossen Jr, Deborah (Scott) Turnbull, and Dorcas (Keith) Vierow; and special friends Rodney (Bud) Denekus and Patty Powers. The family extends a heartfelt thank you to each of Cheryl's kind neighbors and caring healthcare providers. She'll be missed by many, including her little dog, Darla Sue.

Cheryl worked at Howell Pipe Organ Co. in Dixon for 28 years, and worked with Vince tuning organs and pianos. She was the first woman in the United States to become a certified pipe organ tuner and was a member of the American Institute of Organ Builders. Cheryl received many kindnesses over

the years, and truly enjoyed paying it forward (sometimes anonymously).
Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. in the
Jones Funeral Home in Dixon with the Rev. Dr. Vincent Marrandino officiating.
Visitation will precede the service from 10:00 - 11:00 A.M. Burial will be at a
later date in Manhattan, Kansas. A memorial has been established to the
Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation www.themmrf.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
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Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl Lynae Gilbert

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Cheryl Lynae Gilbert

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ I met Cheryl at her brothers home when she was staying with him and my sister Jo. She was always upbeat and appreciative of the help they were giving her. I remember how much she loved her little doggie Darla. She had a quirky sense of humor, will miss that. Loni and Jerry Henning

Jerry and Loni Henning - March 20, 2015 at 01:35 PM



“ I was blessed to know her for a short time but In that time we shared stories while she ate her concrete mixer with extra hot fudge on the side I made sure I gave a lot and if I did t she always let me know. I work at culvers where she came after she had her doctor apt to get her treat. We shared many stories. I always looked forward to her coming in the door. Were going to miss her at Culvers. I'm very thankful she made an impact on my life. My condolences.

Sarah Varju - March 19, 2015 at 10:54 PM

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“ Cheryl was the most caring and giving lady I have ever met. She will always be remembered. We needed more people like her. Not only was she my fav. Person to be around she was my best friend. She'd do anything for everyone before she would even think to do something for her self. You will forever be in my heart. I love and miss you every day.

Kendra Ridenhour - March 19, 2015 at 03:40 PM