



Cheryl Ann Bay

September 15, 1953 - January 20, 2024

Cheryl Ann Bay passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at her home after a 13 year battle with cancer. Cheryl was born on September 15, 1953, the eldest of three children to parents Ron and Evon Radabaugh in Clare, Michigan. She took her role as sister and daughter seriously, her love for them was limitless.

Cheryl graduated from Farwell High School in 1971. After her school years, Cheryl thrived on the stage. She took on lead roles in community theater performances, especially enjoying her time at Houghton Lake summer stock, along with CMU and Mid-Michigan Community College performances that included dinner theater at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

Cheryl married her sweetheart and best friend Lynn Bay on July 15, 1972, and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year with their children and grandchildren by their sides. Their love story taught their children that life is truly about experiences and memories, in which moments held most dear are the ones shared with those you love. She was passionate about family and friends but also enjoyed several creative outlets. She was an avid gardener who found respite from the hustle and bustle of shuttling kids with peaceful mornings weeding in the raised flower beds. Cheryl was also an artist with stained glass, participating in several local workshops, special projects for family and friends, and restoring church windows with delicate

precision.

Cheryl was a devoted mother and grandmother, never missing the next sporting event, performance, or awards banquet. She was their loudest cheerleader and greatest advocate, each of her children considered her their best friend. Cheryl was a dedicated friend to many, always taking time for morning coffee talks and garden walks.

Cheryl owned and managed a variety of rental properties in Central Michigan for over 30 years. For her retirement, she worked long days at Birch Valley Golf Course and enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and their impromptu visits on the back deck. Cheryl had a beloved group of regulars there that became integral members of the family business.

When she wasn't working at the golf course, she may have been trying her luck at the slot machines with friends at the casino. The week after Labor Day each year was a protected and cherished time for Cheryl, as it meant spending an extended weekend at Wheatland Music and Arts Festival. You could find her in the same spot each year, sitting with dear friends by the Airstream after working the Spud Crew with CACC, browsing through the artist tents, and dancing late into the night to Cajun music at the pavilion. Her infectious smile, laughter, and light will forever be missed but will surely live on through those she shared life with.

Cheryl is survived by her husband of 51 years Lynn of Lake, MI, her son Jason Bay and fiance Michelle of North Branch, MI, son Joshua Bay and wife Amber of Lake, MI, daughter Lindsey Selby and husband Chad of Rapid City, MI, six grandchildren; Jordan, Keegan, Balin, Braxton, Della, and Ariana, great-grandson Bryson Lynn Bay, her parents Evon and Ron Radabaugh of Barryton, MI, brother Shawn and wife Trish of FL, and her sweet sister Shelly of Barryton, MI.

Honoring Cheryl's wishes, a cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held February 24, 2024 at 2:00pm at the Doherty Hotel in Clare with food and beverages to follow. You are invited to share your memories and condolences online at <https://www.stephenson-wyman.com>. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home in Farwell and Clare.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Doherty Hotel
604 N McEwan St
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-3441

Tribute Wall

AL

“ *Command performance for a real trouper throughout the years that has blessed many of us. The final curtain may have closed but the great memories are still there.* ”

Alan - February 25, 2024 at 01:18 PM

LC

“ *Love you Cheryl purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cheryl Ann Bay.* ”



Love you Cheryl - February 23, 2024 at 08:52 PM

LC

“ *Love you Cheryl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Ann Bay.* ”

Love you Cheryl - February 23, 2024 at 08:52 PM

PF

“ *Patrik and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Ann Bay.* ”



Patrik and family - February 19, 2024 at 01:56 AM

DL

“ Cheryl was always so sweet. I always loved talking to her. She was always smiling no matter how bad she felt and always made me smile and laugh. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

Diana J Schabowski Legros-Lindsey - February 01, 2024 at 02:31 PM

PL

“ So sorry to hear of Cheryl's passing. We had so much fun growing up in the Farwell area and so many memories of our school years. You were always so fun to be around and always so nice to everyone who you came into contact with. You were a special person who we will miss for ever. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lynn and the entire family. Safe travels my friend.

Pat Lafferty - January 27, 2024 at 08:01 PM

JE

“ The earth is a better place because of Cheryl. Those of us who had an opportunity to walk with her are truly blessed. The warmth of your arms around me in June will always be held close. It's time to plant your seeds above now for everyone to share.

JoAnn Evangelista - January 26, 2024 at 09:09 PM

SG

“ To know Cheryl was to love her. Holding you all in my heart.
Sarah Gray (Corky)

Sarah Gray - January 25, 2024 at 10:09 AM

NB

“ Cheryl you will be truly missed! Thank you for always being such a light in my life!



Nicole Barron - January 24, 2024 at 03:11 PM

LA

“ My deepest condolences to your family, Cheryl, as they will surely miss your warm and loving presence. I have so many fond memories of our high school days, where your sense of humor was so delightful and a very real gift.

Lou Ann Ashley - January 24, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Bay.



January 24, 2024 at 08:47 AM

LF

“ Love you guys! The Bauman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Ann Bay.

Love you guys! The Bauman Family - January 24, 2024 at 08:47 AM

PT

“ Cheryl, you were the best! So warm and generous. And that infectious laughter of yours! Miss you!
Love from Patrik



Patrik Tornberg - January 23, 2024 at 05:01 PM

AB

“ Mom, you will be loved and missed every single day! Rest peacefully now, Josh and Amber

Amber Bay - January 23, 2024 at 02:41 PM

DN

My heart breaks for you all! I just loved getting to know her these last few years. I'm so grateful for knowing her and I've sad to see her go.From,Diann Nowland❤️

diann Nowland - January 23, 2024 at 10:14 PM

AB

“ Amber Bay lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Ann Bay



Amber Bay - January 23, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JQ

“ I will always remember Cheryl for her laughter and ability to make friends where ever she went. We had a lot of good times together growing up in Lake, especially in the summer with our friends from the cities. Friends grow apart but the heart never forgets.

Joyce Quick - January 23, 2024 at 01:53 PM

AL

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Alan - January 23, 2024 at 07:07 PM