



Cheryl Ann Oechsner

July 5, 1946 - August 10, 2022

Lexington, MI - Cheryl Ann Oechsner passed away into eternal rest surrounded by her loving daughters and daughter-in-law on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Cheryl was born in Springfield, MA on July 5, 1946, to her late Mother Pearl Felt. She is survived by her two daughters Heather Oechsner (Debbie Akers), Rebecca Oechsner (Tim Ragazzo), her Granddaughter Kaleigh McCall, her Brother Gordon Felt (Ann) her Cousin Guy Falkenheimer (Maria), Goddaughter Andrea Falkenheimer (Clay Cunningham) and several beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Alfred F. Oechsner in 2013.

Cheryl pursued her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse and graduated from Samaritan School of Nursing in 1983, after having been a homemaker and raising her two daughters. The physical demands of nursing had taken its toll and she left nursing and began a 20 year career with the New York State Legislature. She retired from the New York State Senate in August 2021 to pursue yet another dream, living in a lake house. She was able to see her dream come to fruition and moved to Lexington, Michigan to live on Lake Huron only days after she retired.

Cheryl loved water, being near, in and on it. She spent many years as an officer of the Crescent Boat Club where so many fun times and cherished memories were made with her family. She enjoyed camping, fishing, boating,

gardening, and even dabbled in beekeeping. Many family vacations were spent in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, one of her favorite places and she loved to have adventures of which she had many with her daughters and granddaughter, especially in the Adirondack Mountains. She also served as an officer with the Brunswick Elks Lodge #2556 until she moved to Michigan but remained a member.

Cheryl requested no formal services but there will be a celebration of life in the summer of 2023 in New York TBD. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's Lights of Hope at this web address: action.fightcancer.org/goto/beccaLOH

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Linda Sylvain lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Ann Oechsner*



Linda Sylvain - August 25, 2022 at 09:21 AM

LS

I only got to meet Cheryl a handful of times at the Senate but was so impressed by her cheerful and genuine kindness and friendliness. I was most impressed with the loving relationship she had with Rebecca. They did everything together and we're best friends. My heart breaks for you Rebecca and your daughter and the VC rest of your family. So very sorry.

Linda Sylvain - August 25, 2022 at 09:24 AM

AS

“ *Ann Shaw lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Ann Oechsner*



Ann Shaw - August 23, 2022 at 07:48 PM

DP

“ *Cheryl is the very best friend a gal could ask for & I will miss her dearly. From day one nearly 40 years ago Cheryl treated me like family & I cherished every minute of it. She leaves me with many beautiful memories & I will miss her terribly. Sending prayers of comfort to Rebecca, Heather & Kaleigh. I love you all.*

Deirdre Petrie - August 23, 2022 at 07:21 PM

RK

“ *Robyn Kearns lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Ann Oechsner*



Robyn Kearns - August 23, 2022 at 03:03 PM

RK

Rebecca and family. I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. May you find comfort in the memories you shared with your mom, accept my sincere condolences.

Robyn Kearns - August 23, 2022 at 03:08 PM

SS

Sorry for your loss. May she rest in Eternal peace.

steve scarano - August 23, 2022 at 08:23 PM

TS

So sorry Rebecca and Heather on the loss of your Mom. I lost my mom this year in April and miss her every day. Like your mom, my mom was also loved by kids in the neighborhood. Cherish all the great moments you had together. Miss you here in Brunswick Rebecca.

Theresa Sullivan - August 23, 2022 at 08:29 PM