



Cheryl Kay Reisig

July 19, 1945 - September 1, 2024

Cheryl Kay Reisig, 79, left this life to enter her eternal rest on September 1st, 2024 after a short stay in Pathways Hospice inpatient facility following years of increasingly complex medical issues.

Cheryl was born on July 19th, 1945 to Oswald and Lillian (Stricker) Neu in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, the youngest of three children. The family moved to Portland, Oregon and then to Vancouver, Washington where she graduated from high school before going back to Scottsbluff for nursing school at what was then West Nebraska General Hospital. In Scottsbluff, she met her future husband, Roger Allen Reisig. They were introduced by Cheryl's cousin and Roger's best friend, John D. Schmidt. Roger and Cheryl married on June 8th, 1968 in Emmanuel Congregational Church and moved back to Vancouver to start a family.

In Vancouver, Cheryl did many different nursing jobs at both Vancouver Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital. She worked in the operating room as a scrub nurse and managed the Central Service department for several years, among other positions. She was eventually lured away to work as the head nurse at a nursing home in Richfield, Washington where her Fourth of July celebrations were the stuff of legend.

When her husband received a job offer in Colorado too good to pass up in

1982, Cheryl moved the family to Lamar, in the southeast corner of the state. A competent and skilled nurse and leader, Cheryl quickly found work at Prowers Medical Center, a small, rural hospital. She became the head nurse of the Obstetrics department and delighted in bringing new babies into the world. She also used her free time to found a partnership in Prowers County to reduce the number of teen pregnancies through information and education.

Cheryl and the family once again followed Roger in a move, this time to Fort Collins, Colorado. By this time, Cheryl was disabled from a back injury she sustained on the job. Her work career ended at 45, so she looked toward other outlets for her creativity and drive. She was well known for her knitting and crochet work. Every new bride in the family got a stack of crocheted dishcloths from "Aunt Cheri" and every new baby got a knitted baby blanket. She knitted Christmas stockings and sewed soft children's books which have become treasured hand-me-downs. She also had a side business in Home Interiors and decorated the family home with their items.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents, Oswald and Lillian, and her brother, Ronald. She is survived by Roger, her husband of 56 years, their two daughters, Heidi and Becky, both of Fort Collins, her sister Judy of Lacey, Washington, many nieces and nephews scattered around the country and their children, her godsons and their children and her grand-godchildren in England, all of whom she loved dearly.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no service or memorial. Cheryl has asked to be cremated. If you wish to donate a tribute to her, we would encourage a gift to Pathways Hospice (305 Carpenter Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80525) where Cheryl spent her last days surrounded by love and care. Donations are also welcome at the Food Bank for Larimer County (1301 Blue Spruce Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80524) or NOCO Humane (3501 E 71st St, Loveland, CO 80538) two charities Cheryl held close to her heart.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Just me again. So we found out recently that Josh is married and is a dad! I was ready to text you about it, and then I decided to call you instead. Then I remembered, you wouldn't be able to pick up the phone. I miss our phone calls, more than I would have expected, bc I don't care for talking on the phone. You and one of my relatives are pretty much the only ones I would actually talk to, instead of text. I wonder if you are harassing your family, in a loving way, of course and cuddling your pups. I miss you.

Jeanne Coleman - December 07, 2024 at 04:33 AM

AJ

“ Roger, Becky and Heidi, I send my deepest condolences for the loss of your beloved wife and mother. I have beautiful memories of her. I look fondly at my gifts she made me as a child every year at Christmas. She was a loving and caring lady. I regret falling out of contact this past year. Praying for comfort and healing for you all.
Amy Johnson

amy johnson - September 15, 2024 at 12:29 PM

BR

Amy, it's so good to hear from you, even under these circumstances. We were trying to figure out how to get ahold of you but all we knew was Mom talked with you on Facebook. I don't think she had an address or phone number written down anywhere. Do you have our address?

Becky Reisig - September 20, 2024 at 09:46 PM

AS

“ Dear Roger, Heidi, and Becky- I am so sorry for your loss. We lived nextdoor to each other in Vancouver. On a brutal winter evening, my husband, Chuck, fell on the icy sidewalk, hitting his head. Cheryl came right over and checked him out, easing our concerns. We were so thankful for her taking care of us. She was a great nurse and neighbor.
Ann Sturm

Ann Sturm - September 11, 2024 at 11:20 AM

BR

Hi, Ann, it's Becky. Where in Vancouver were we neighbors? We left when I was 10, so a lot of Vancouver for me is just a blurry mess of young childhood. :)

Becky Reisig - September 20, 2024 at 09:38 PM

NB

“ Dear Roger, Heidi, and Becky,
I was very sorry to learn of Cheryl's passing. I always enjoyed seeing Cheryl in the office and it was very obvious that she cherished her family. I liked talking to her about your family, her nursing career, your little dogs, and books she was reading. She was a wonderful lady. I feel so fortunate to have know all of you and I know you will miss Cheryl. Please take care.
Nancy Butcher

Nancy Butcher - September 10, 2024 at 05:31 PM

BR

Thank you, Nancy.

Becky Reisig - September 20, 2024 at 09:43 PM

CO

“ Roger, Heidi, and Becky. I was both shocked and saddened by Cheryl's death. I have many fond memories of our friendship. I'm keeping you all close in my thoughts and prayers. Cheryl (Burgess) Owens

Cheryl Owens - September 08, 2024 at 05:16 PM

BR

Cheryl, thank you so much for posting. I'm glad you were able to see Mom's obituary. She was very insistent we get it in the Lamar paper and I'm so glad she did. It's so good to see your name here. <3

Becky Reisig - September 20, 2024 at 09:43 PM

JC

“ Roger, Becky and Heidi, I'm so sorry for your loss. Cheryl and I worked different shifts, and honestly, I'm not even sure why we connected as we did, but I'm so glad we did. Cheryl had enough faith in me to take over job that she had at Foothills Gateway and I was honored she asked and trusted me. I'm glad we stayed in touched after I moved out of CO. I'll miss her wit, intelligent conversations, and kindness. She truly was a great person and I miss her.

Jeanne Coleman - September 06, 2024 at 06:10 PM

BR

I forgot that she worked at Foothills Gateway for a while! Thank you for sharing that memory of her.

Becky Reisig - September 20, 2024 at 09:41 PM

JC

She was such a good nurse and person. I miss her a lot. I'm so thankful I have a birthday message she left me on my phone. I hope I never accidentally delete it. I told her if she wasn't a nurse, or stand up comedian she could work "special" phone lines bc of her voice. I often wonder about you, Heidi, and of course, your dad. She was part of my life for over half of it. I wish my friend was still here.

Jeanne Coleman - December 07, 2024 at 04:22 AM

CA

“ *Cale lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Reisig*



Cale - September 06, 2024 at 05:08 PM

CA

“ *I didn't know Cheryl for very long, but a cute memory of her is when she showed off what she had just discovered: press-on nails in all kinds of colors! Lol*

Cale - September 06, 2024 at 05:07 PM

BR

*Don't sell yourself short! You were a longer and truer friend in Fort Collins than a lot of folks. You're practically family. :**

Becky Reisig - September 20, 2024 at 09:40 PM

CA



Cale - June 09, 2025 at 11:07 AM