



Cheryl Louise Backstrom

April 5, 1936 - April 30, 2019

Cheryl Louise Backstrom, 83, passed away in the early morning hours on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

She was born in Akron on April 5, 1936, to “mom and daddy” Fannie Lizzie (Mitcham) and Clayton O. Huff. She grew up with her beloved younger sister, Suzanne, in that legendary house on Firestone Boulevard. She was a member of the Garfield High class of 1953, and earned a BA in education from Wittenberg University in 1957. She was a teacher in the Orrville City school system from 1957 to her retirement in 1993, earning a Master’s Degree from Ashland University in 1992.

Never letting a minute go to waste, she traveled the world during her retirement, visiting several European countries, Egypt, and all over North America. She was a Life Master in Bridge, and taught classes in Orrville at Heartland Point. She loved musical theater, reading, and watching Orrville basketball games.

She was reunited in heaven with her parents; brothers-in-law Mo Tipton and Jarvis Cotton; and countless missed friends who were no doubt waiting for her with a cup of coffee and all the news from around Orrville.

She is survived by her sister, Suzanne Tipton of Orrville; daughters, Lynne (Larry) Wagner of Orrville, and Denise (Jim Fitzgerald) Backstrom of Wellfleet, MA; a son, David Backstrom (Deborah Mayo) of Ashland; granddaughters, Allison Wagner of Waverly, Suzanne Wagner of Wooster, and Libby and Caris Wagner, of Orrville; sisters-in-law, Dr. Velma Saire of Sewickley, PA, and Shirley Cotton of Mt. Pleasant, SC; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss her dearly.

“To love another person is to see the face of God.”

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held on May 17, 2019, at Schmid Hall, 501 Hall Street, Orrville, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

A family interment of ashes will take place at the Crown Hill Cemetery mausoleum prior to the celebration.

Auble Funeral Home in Orrville is handling the arrangements. Online registry and expressions of condolence may be made at the funeral home's web site at www.aublefuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to LifeCare Hospice, 1900 Akron Road, Wooster, OH, 44691 or the Orrville Area Boys & Girls Club, P.O. Box 17, Orrville, OH, 44667.

Cemetery

Events

Crown Hill Cemetery

1729 West High St.

Orrville, OH, 44667

MAY **Celebration of Life Gathering** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Schmid Hall

501 Hall Street, Orrville, OH, US, 44667

Comments



“ Marvin Paula Dehart Williams lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Louise Backstrom



Marvin Paula Dehart Williams - May 23 at 06:20 AM



“ She was my wonderful fourth-grade teacher!

Dennis Helmuth - May 05 at 11:52 AM



“ Cheryl could brighten a space just by walking into it. What a joy it was to share that space with her. Lovely, lovey lady.

cindi clark - May 03 at 08:26 AM



“ I had many great teachers in my life, and Cheryl was one of them. But she was more than that. She was special. Special in the way she treated me as a grade school kid, a high school kid, and as a grown man. She made me feel important, something all who knew her might also say. Reading about her passing made me sad, made me pause, and made me appreciate all over again how much she affected and impacted my life. I'll be out of town during her memorial service, but she won't be out of my thoughts. When I walk the beach that day, I'll think of her and smile. She would have wanted that.

Thomas McDaniels - May 02 at 09:44 PM



“ Thank you Thom. Beautiful words

Lynne - May 03 at 05:07 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to Cheryl's family. I will always remember the good times we had while she lived in South Carolina. She was our "social" leader. There was the symphony, brunches, walks on the beach, Downtown Charleston tours..she knew everything about the historical sites and shared that with us. She volunteered at the Charleston Historical Society. Cheryl was the most pleasant person I have ever met. She loved her family deeply and shared many happy times on face book. She always remembered her friends and kept in touch, even when she was busy teaching bridge, etc. I'm sad that she is gone, and I will keep her memory in my heart forever. She was truly a special lady.

Paula Brennan



Paula Brennan - May 02 at 07:27 PM



“ Lynne & family, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Nada Cosgriff - May 02 at 04:00 PM



“ Thank you Nada

Lynne - May 03 at 05:07 PM



“ Lynne and family so sorry for you loss of your mother my thoughts and prayers are with you



Wendy Amthor - May 02 at 02:02 PM



“ Our sympathy to the family of Cheryl. She was a delightful lady. Always that smile!

shary - May 02 at 11:11 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of your Mother my Dear Friends, I'm always here for you. Love Jeanne (Weaver) Beckett

Jeanne Weaver Beckett - May 02 at 07:02 PM



“ Joy L Becker lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Louise Backstrom



joy l becker - May 02 at 10:23 AM



“ Perfect picture of Cheryl! That is just how I remember her when we taught at Oak Street and would see her at Heartland Point playing Bridge. Always a smile for people. My sympathies to the family. Dave Handwerk

Dave Handwerk - May 02 at 09:01 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers for Cheryl's family. She was a terrific lady.
Julie Leathers Stahl

Julie Stahl - May 02 at 08:50 AM



“ Cheryl was truly a lovely person. Our sympathy to her family in their loss.

Phyllis and John Wiebe

Phyllis Wiebe - May 02 at 08:15 AM



“ LeAnn Benner lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Louise Backstrom



LeAnn Benner - May 02 at 06:06 AM



“ So sorry to hear that Cheryl has passed away. I had the privilege of working with Cheryl for a few years at the former North Elementary School. She always had a smile for everyone. May God give you peace and comfort at this most difficult time.
Debbie Steiner

Debbie Steiner - May 01 at 09:38 PM



“ Jo Stuckey lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Louise Backstrom



Jo Stuckey - May 01 at 07:27 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the Backstrom Family. Prayers that you find comfort in this difficult time.

Jo Stuckey - May 01 at 07:26 PM



“ To Cheryl's Wonderful Family.....You have our sincere sympathy and prayers. Your family and many others have numerous great memories of her life. God's Blessings to each of you. Sincerely, Randall and Marlys Zeigler, Marshallville



The Zeigler's - May 01 at 03:47 PM



“ I'm so happy I got to know Cheryl more after she moved to OrrVilla. Many years ago I had the honor to capture all the fond memories and inside jokes she shared with her daughter, Lynne and her family. It was so much fun as you could imagine! For some reason I remember she hated all things Spearmint! It was just one of those quirky things about her that made her so fun to know. Another great memory I will always have is one I don't think anyone but her and I knew about...I was showing the independent apartment at an Open House for OrrVilla(I was doing Marketing then) when she arrived to see the apartment a little bird started building a nest on the porch light! We both noticed it at the same time and declared that a sign she should move in and call it home! I loved the she was always smiling and that little birds building nests on your doorstep were signs from God that you were right where you needed to be. I'll miss seeing her around. So sorry for her family and my neighbors, Lynne, Larry and family. Love and hugs from all of us Lorson's.

Kristin Kovach Lorson - May 01 at 03:22 PM



“ Thank you Kristin

Lynne - May 01 at 09:36 PM



“ So sorry for your loss! May your memories keep you going. And that beautiful smile!

Barbara Johns Aul - May 02 at 11:40 AM



“ My heart is broken! Cheryl was one of my closest and dearest friends! We exercised together each and every week. We raised our children together and we worked together. She always had a kind word to say and a smile on her face for all she came in contact with! Please know you are all in my prayers at this most difficult time. With sincerest sympathies, Maggie Weeman



Jim Margaret Weeman - May 01 at 03:20 PM



“ Cheryl was one of a kind. I learned to know, love, respect her many years ago as we taught school at Maple Street School. I loved her enthusiasm for life, her excitement, her ability to encourage. One of my favorite! Blessings and sympathy to the family. You had the privilege of having one of the best. She will be missed by all.

Bill and Ruth Kaufman - May 03 at 07:33 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers for your family during this difficult time.



Andrea Hall Dodds - May 01 at 02:16 PM



“ Sending love to Dave, Lynne and all the family.

Mia Bryant - May 01 at 02:00 PM



“ Prayers for all of you as you go through these tough days. In God's love

Sheila Burrows - May 01 at 01:50 PM