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CHERYL ANN (Cherie) LEGATSKI BOUDREAUX Cherie Boudreaux, age 63, of Fayetteville, died July 14th at her home in Fayetteville. She was born, March 11, 1945 in Queens, New York, New York. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mildred and Ted Legatski of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. She was raised in Bartlesville where she graduated from College High School in 1963. In 1966, she graduated from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. She is survived by her husband, Ray, and three sons, J. David and wife, Melissa of Madison, Alabama, Stephen M. and wife, Melissa, of Lowell, Arkansas and Matthew A. and wife, Wendy, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren, Mason, Nathan, Rachel, Madison, Emma, Ray, and Savanna and a brother, Ted Legatski, and wife Marlene of Fort Worth, Texas. For twenty-five years she served beside her husband in the United States Air Force, stationed at twelve bases across the country. Following their retirement from the Air Force, they lived twelve years in Rantoul, Illinois and then settled in Fayetteville. Cherie gave freely of her artistic talents to her church, community, and numerous organizations where she volunteered. She designed a city mural, organized volunteers and led the effort for the City Hall in Lebanon, Illinois where citizens painted individual squares of the design to make the total work. She designed theater sets for community theaters in most communities where she lived, she heralded events with her artwork all over the country and was instrumental in laying the groundwork and developing the historical and interactive displays in the Rantoul Illinois Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum; culminating in her receiving the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award in 2000 for outstanding volunteer leadership by the Illinois Humanities Council. She was an active member and Corresponding Secretary of the BH Arkansas chapter of PEO and was a selfless caregiver to neighbors, community, church, and others; but especially to her family. She was a shining example of what a Mother and Wife should be, always caring,

loving and fun. She cared more for the wellbeing of others than she did for herself. At her passing she was surrounded by her family who will greatly miss and always love her. There will be a celebration of her life at Sequoyah United Methodist Church at 2 PM on Friday, July 18, 2008. Cherie's family will receive family, friends, and guests after her memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sequoyah United Methodist Church or the Arkansas Air Museum. To sign the online quest book go to www.nelsonberna.com Arrangements are by Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville.

LR

Lawrence (Laurie) Thomas (High School Friend Of Ray) posted:

I am very sorry to hear of your loss. In this most difficult time for you and your family, please know that you have many friends over the years that remember you with fondness and will be thinking and praying for you.

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AF

Andrea Savage (Friend Of Ray & Ann B. Fairchild) posted:

Dad sent both the obit and service program. I wish I'd known Cherie; she certainly left a great legacy. Maybe we can connect in Ark. again one day soon.

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BF

Bonnie Williams (Friend) posted:

Cheryl was so much fun and so very talented - she was always laughing and had the most beautiful dark hair. I loved reading her obit as it made me realize how many lives she touched - I am thankful she left such a legacy of talent and love to her family and community. She will be honored at our 50 reunion in 2013.

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TM

Trebor Mckee (First Art Supplier/ Art Mentor) posted:

there are no words to aptly describe or honor the caliber of person you are. thank you for kind words when things weren't so great. thank you for strength and courage, thank you for everything. you are what people strive to become and many fall short.

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KH

Kirk And Cathy Harney posted:

Ray,Sorry to hear about Cherie's passing. She was a wonderful lady and I know she will be missed.Kirk and Cathy Harney

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VA

Vera Little (Acquaintance) posted:

Even though I have not seen Cherie since the farewell party in Rantoul I was saddened to read of Cherie's passing. She was a great and talented person and will be missed by all. I knew her from being head of the volunteers at the Octave Air Museum here in Rantoul and the First United Methodist Church. Please accept my condolences. Vera Little

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SR

Sam Hamilton (Fellow Usaf Retiree) posted:

Ray: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your sons at this time. sam

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CR

Chaddie And Charlie Platt (Rotary) posted:

Boudreauxs - Just a note to let you know we are thinking of you in your time of need. We hope the light of God encircles you as you find strength in each other and the memories of your time with Cheryl. We pray that you find peace - C&C

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MF

Mr. & Mrs, Leonard Wirges (Friends) posted:

Our sincere sympathy and prayers. We always enjoyed Cherie and her spirts - she was a wonderful lady.

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TC

Tom Cornelius (Rantoul First United Methodist Church) posted:

Ray and family, so sorry to hear of your loss.

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BA

Brenda & Mike Runyon (Acquaintance) posted:

Dear Ray and family:We were very sorry to hear about Cheri's passing. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.Brenda & Mike and family

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JA

Janis & Elizabeth Frankie (Acquaintance) posted:

As members of the First United Methodist church in Rantoul, we fondly remember you both and the gifts that you brought to the church.

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GA

Geoffrey Sinclair (Acquaintance) posted:

Ray: I'm so very sorry about Cherie. I will always remember her kindness and graciousness to me when I visited Rantoul on business during your tenure there.The first time I met Cherie she was undergoing chemotherapy for a recent bout with breast cancer. She was so brave and upbeat about the outcome and so personable even though I'm sure she wasn't feeling her best.That was many years ago. I hope in the ensuing years she enjoyed good health and the two of you had many wonderful times together that will help to sustain you in your loss.I will keep you and your family in my prayers.Mary RennerSpringfield, Illinois

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MC

M Ichael Farr (Cousin) posted:

Ray and boys, so so sorry to hear about Cherie. I was certainly blessed our families grew up together in Bartlesville. Even though she was a few years older, I fondly remember when she lived in Bartlesville for a few years with the boys while you were overseas. Wonderful memories. My thoughts are with you.

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JF

Jim & Karen Snyder (Friends) posted:

Ray & Family:Our hearts are heavy w/ sadness of Cherie's passing. Cherie was such a generous, thoughtful person, going out of her way to make people feel comfortable w/ her friendliness & kindness. She added her artistic flair to whatever she did and she carried it off so effortlessly! If she believed in something, she gave it her all: artistically, financially, her patronage, and w/ her time, so generously!You & Cherie were a loving couple and were always there to support each other. You could tell how much she loved her family. As the saying goes, "There's a special place in heaven for the mother of 3 boys". The 7 grandchildren had a special place in her heart. Cherish all your memories!We fondly remember all the work, civic, church activities we spent time together doing while you were in Rantoul. You both are inspirational to our lives. Cherie made the world a better place; a role model for all!Our deepest sympathy. God bless all of you,Jim & KarenChris, Patrick & Matthew

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TA

Tim & Joni Tadlock (Aquaintance) posted:

We were very saddened to her of Cherri"s passing. I am sure she will be missed by all who new her. She was one of a kind. Talent and a special spirituality that was truly blessed. Tim and I always looked upon you two as wonderful role models in our church. It was a very sad day when you left Rantoul, but not as sad as this news was to everyone here in Rantoul. She left a mark on lots of people and will never be forgotten. Our prayers are often at our little church for you and your family. Live each day in the knowledge that we will all be united again someday. Till then, follow that path that Jesus would want you to follow. God Bless you and and your boys. Love and hugs, Joni & Tim

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DF

Debbie (Coffin) Newton (Friend) posted:

During the time that I worked with Ray at Chanute, I knew Cherie and enjoyed our conversations together. I wish I would have realized that she lived in Fayetteville. I was there visiting last week and I would have stopped in to see her. Cherie was a very caring and loving woman who will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Her dedication to those she loved and causes she was committed to, will always be rememberd. Thank you for the memories Cherie! My thoughts and prayers will be with Ray and his family.

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JA

Justin & Maris Kneeland (Aquaintance) posted:

Cherie was a great person that I only knew shortly but made a great impression on me while working at the Museam and Rotary club. YOu will miss her greatly but also rejoice she is home with the Lord.Justin & Maris

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AF

Anne Kreyssig (Friend) posted:

My deepest Sympathy to all.

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MA

Michelle Higuera (Acquaintance) posted:

Ray,I am so saddened by your loss. I pray that as you go through this difficult time in your life that there is only one set of footsteps - as God is carrying you.God Bless,Michelle

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KA

Ken Beth And Vicki Smith (Friends & Associates) posted:

Ray,You are very much in our thoughts and prayers. We remember how fondly you always spoke about Cherie and how concerned you were when she first encountered her health issues. It was only within the past few days that we thought about you and reminienced about the times we worked together. May you now find peace and comfort and God bless you and your family.Ken Beth and Vicki Smith

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MA

Marcia Stratton (Acquaintance) posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss.

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PF

Polyconversions, Inc. / Smith Brothers (Friends) posted:

Our sympathy to you and your family Ray.Sincerely.

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CA

Carol A Pring (Acquaintance) posted:

My deepest sympathy to Ray and his family. Cheri was a lovely talented lady. Everywhere that she was involved reflected her artistic talents. She was always cordial to those she met. I always enjoyed being near her and am saddened knowing that I might have seen her again on a return visit to Rantoul.My Deepest SympathyCarol Pring

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LW

Laura Webster posted:

Ray, I am so sorry to hear of Cheri's death. She was such a help to Bev Funke and me when we were setting up the historical booklet of our church here. Her artistic talents were unbelievable. I know your family and also your church will miss her sweet personality and talents.Take care.Laura Webster

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CF

Chuck Culver (Friend) posted:

Ray -God bless you and your family. Although my family and I are away today, I wanted you to know that you and your family are in our prayers and will be in our prayers.Chuck, Barbara, Laura, Jenny, and Emily

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PF

Phil & Diane Herbert (Friend) posted:

I'm so sorry. We had some wonderful times together, especially the singing.

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BF

Brian & Sheryl Fisher (Friends) posted:

Dear Ray,We are so very sorry to hear about Cherie. She was an angel to everyone who knew her....YOUR angel here on earth....and, now, God's angel in heaven. Her beautiful, earthly body has released a lovely, glorious soul that will live, for all eternity, with our Lord.We pray that God will wrap his arms of peace and comfort around you and your family, as you celebrate her life.Hugs from our heart to yours!Very sincerely,Brian and Sheryl Fisher

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PS

Pat & Paul Simpkins posted:

Ray, we think about you with deepest sympathy. Pat & Paul

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EF

El & Mary Pringle (Fumcor Family) posted:

Ray and Family, you have our deepest sympathy and prayers. We know that the Lord heals and fondest memories will prevail. Amen.

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DE

Don Early posted:

Dear Ray,Marini and I are sorry to hear of the passing of Cheryl.I have thought of you many times and remember the budget sessions when we worked to "solve" the many problems on the base. (By the way, the problems have only gotten worse since you left.)Sincerely,Don

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BF

Brent, Donna, And Taylor (Friend) posted:

Cheryl will be greatly missed. Her hard drive and compasion for others have not gone unnoticed. Working with her at the CHanute Air Museum and Air Festivals were always a joy. She and Ray were always unseperatable. God bless.

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SF

Steve & Tina Hudspath (Church Family) posted:

Dear Ray, Cherie will be missed. She made me and our family fell welcomed we we moved here. Thank you for the love that you both showed our family. Keeping you in our prays.God BlessSteve & Tina

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KM

Ken And Mary Coash (Church Member) posted:

Ray,You and your family will be in our prayers during this time. With fond memories of Cherie from church and the museum.Ken and Mary Coash

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BF

Beatrice Estes (Friend) posted:

Ray and family, my prayers are with you at this difficult time."for his anger endureth but a moment , in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning"Psalms 30-5Ray i still have the barber shop.God Bless you and your familyp

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GF

Gussie Desigio (Friend) posted:

Jim and I are so sorry to hear about Cherie's death.I really enjoyed working with her at the Chanute Air Museum. She was such a joy to be around and will be missed.God bless all of you.Sincerely, Jim and Gussie Desigio

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RF

Rosemary Rogers (Friend) posted:

Ray and family, please know that my heart breaks for you and my prayers and thoughts are there for you. Allow the memories flood your mind and hearts and know that the Lord is now holding her in his arms comforting her. - Rosemary

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KA

Kenneth & Carol Potts (Acquaintance) posted:

Ray,Sorry to hear of your loss. Cherie was a very fine person and will be missed.Ken Potts

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RF

Roland & Cindy Jean (Friend) posted:

We will always remember her smile and willingness to help others in whatever way she could. Her art work for the Last Supper celebration at our Methodist Church will continue to inspire many and be a reminder of the part she played in the life of the church.Our prayers will be with Ray and the family.

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MA

Mike And Sue Daugherty (Acquaintances) posted:

Ray and family- Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We were so sadden to hear of Cherie's passing.

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SF

Stan & Grace Hornsby (Friend) posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Cherie's passing. You have our deepest sympathy and we will be praying for all of you.

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DB

Danny & Jennifer Horrell (Friends Of Matt & Wendy Boudreaux) posted:

Mr. Ray, Matt, Stephen, and family.Jennifer and I are deeply saddened by your loss. We had the opportunity to visit with Mrs. Cherie on only a few occasions but each time she was full of spirit and joy. Although we didn't know Mrs. Cherie too well, we know through Matt and Stephen's personalities and through their kindness that she was a special person. Mr. Ray and Mrs. Cherie raised two guys I'm proud to call my friends. Mrs. Cherie, you will be missed greatly by all, even those of us who's lives you touched only briefly or only touched through your children. Jennifer and I send our condolences and our prayers.

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BC

Bennie Butler/Jim Leonard (Best Friend/Partner In Crimes) posted:

What a great friend, wife, mother and human being. A hard act to follow! I have such a hole in my heart and love all of you.

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AR

Allen & Coleen Jones (Co-Worker Of Ray) posted:

Ray, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. Allen& Coleen

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HA

Helen Lewis (Acquaintance) posted:

Dear Ray and Family:I am so sorry to hear of Cherie's passing. I remember her everyday as I walk out of my kitchen to the hallway because I have my numbered painting of Rantoul that Cherie created. My print is 2/50. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you during this most difficult time.With Sympathy & Love,Helen and Ray Lewis

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GF

Gregg & Marcia Roberts (Friend) posted:

Ray, Cherie will be greatly missed and our prayers are with you and your family at this time.Gregg & Marcia

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HF

Harriette Dottery (A Friend) posted:

So sorry for your loss. Cherrie will really be missed. We will keep you and the family in our prayers and on our email prayer list that goes out ot all the members of the church.

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DF

Darlene Wilkerson (Friend) posted:

I meet Cherie when we attended several airport functions. I am so sorry to hear of your lose, my prayers are with you and the family.Darlene WilkersonMorrilton Airport Secretary

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DC

Dr. Joe Scheets (Pastor Of Former Church) posted:

Reminder that a lot of us have y'all in our prayers.---Joe.

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CF

Clarissa (Friend) posted:

Dear Ray, I used to have so much fun talking and joking with Cherie. She was always so kind to me. I wll never forget her beautiful smile and artwork. She is surely a treasure to our father. I will pray for you and seek comfort in our fathers words. Clarissa

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GF

Gary And Julie Blodgett (Friend) posted:

Dear Ray and family,We are so sad to hear of Cherie's passing. She was such a wonderful person! I have so many great memories of Cherie and I will cherish them. We had fun being balcony brats at FUMC in Rantoul and helping coordinate the Rantoul Festival. Do you know that I think she bought something from every vendor at the festival?? Such a kind hearted person!! Her artistic talent made Vacation Bible School come alive too. I hate to think about the number of hours she spent on doing these things! She certainly did her part in making this world a better place and hopefully the rest of us can learn from her kindness!Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With Love,The Blodgetts

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EB

Eddy And Shelby Rugg (Friends Of Matt Boudreaux) posted:

Our prayers are with your family.

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KQ

Kathy Quick posted:

Ray,Cherie was a fantastic person who was always giving of herself and her time. She was a great Volunteer Coordinator at the Chanute Aerospace Museum, where she practically lived for years, since she spent so much time there. She will be missed. My sympathy goes out to you and your family.

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JS

Jim Connor (Served In The Usaf With Spouse) posted:

Ray,Cherie was a great lady. I remember her being a great host and a great person at Grand Forks AFB. My prayers are with you and your family.Jim Connor

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JW

Jim & Anne Schmelzle (Ray's Co-Worker) posted:

Ray: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time. Cherie will be missed.Jim and Anne Schmelzle

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BL

Brookstone Assisted Living posted:

Ray and Family-You are all in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this most difficult time. Please know that we are all here for you. God Bless and keep you all.Brookstone Staff

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KA

Kathy Kohl (Acquaintance) posted:

Ray,Cheryl was quite a treasure. When I think of Cheryl Proverbs 31:10-31 comes to mind. I will keep you and your family in prayer during this time.Kathy Kohl

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DF

Darnell Family (Friend Of Family) posted:

Ray and family,Please know that we have been thinking about you for some time and will continue to pray for your family in this difficult time. We will miss seeing Cherie.

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LW

Len & Kathy Hadler (Ray's Former Co-Worker) posted:

Dear Ray and Family,We am very sorry for your loss. We will pray for all of you.Len & Kathy Hadler and Family

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HW

Holly Jones (Ray's Co-Worker) posted:

Ray, I am so sorry to hear of your wife. I pray that you and your family may find peace in knowing that she is with the Lord watching over you as your personal angel.Holly

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JS

Jackie & Shawn Hadler (Former Coworker Of Spouse) posted:

Ray -Thinking of you and your loved ones in this time of need. Our prayers are with you,Shawn and Jackie HadlerRantoul IL

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JV

Jennifer Kobel Foster (Friend/Volunteer) posted:

I am terribly saddened to learn of Cherie's passing. It was always much fun to work her and with her at OCAMF when she was our volunteer coordinator. The Cheap Trick concert will always stick in my mind as a particularly amusing evening. Cherie invited a member of the road crew outdoors if he insisted upon smoking. When he inquired what a sweet little thing like Cherie would do to him if he didn't leave, she smiled sweetly and suggested something not fit to discuss here. Everyone had a good laugh - including Cherie and the roadie. I miss seeing Cherie and Ray and I pray that the family finds peace.God bless - Jennifer

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CS

Charlie Sego posted:

Ray,We suffer in your loss and pray for your strength at this time. God is good and has His perfect plan for all things. He will strengthen you and provide His care for you and your family.

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AR

Allen Taylor (Acquaintance Of Ray) posted:

Ray, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.Sincerely,Allen

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DR

Donald C. Harris (Acquaintance With Ray) posted:

Ray,So sorry to hear of your loss. I always noticed and admired how you and Cherie showed so much affection for each other. I can only hope that these types on notes can help in that loss by letting you know that even in little things people admired her.SincerelyMitch Rose

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cheryl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.

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