



Cheryl Jane Melgarejo

June 7, 1946 - February 12, 2023

Cheryl Jane Melgarejo (née Bowers), 76 years old, a longtime resident of Mahomet, IL passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Hobart, IN with her adoring son and loving daughter-in-law by her side.

Cheryl is survived by her son, Jose Luis Melgarejo Jr of Hobart, IN and his 3 children Bianca, Sofia and Luis; daughter-in-law Serena Gilham and her 3 children Adrian, Pacey and Sebastian; step-daughter Patricia (Patty) Melgarejo of Guatemala City, Guatemala and her 4 children Sergio, Lucia, Lessly and Axel; step-daughter Olga (Olguita) Melgarejo of Guatemala City, Guatemala and her 4 children Luis Manuel, Kerim, Jose Andre and Maria Fernanda; brother John Dale Bowers of Georgetown, IL and brother James Robert Bowers of Rochester, NY. Cheryl was preceded in death by her husband, Jose Luis "Lou" Melgarejo Sr., granddaughter Angel Melgarejo, and parents Wynona Jane Bowers (née Johnson) and Dale Gus Bowers.

Cheryl was born on 06/07/1946 in Danville, IL and raised in Georgetown, IL. While working in Chicago, IL, she met and married a man from Guatemala whom she described as "not the perfect man, but perfect for me.". They were married for 49 years until Lou's passing on May 19th, 2019.

Cheryl was a loving mother and grandmother, loyal friend, avid reader, aspiring artist, hiker, gardener and adventurer. She loved to laugh, and nobody enjoyed making her do that more than her son, usually with something highly inappropriate. Cheryl enjoyed life to the fullest and never turned down an opportunity to step out of her comfort zone and try something new.

Cheryl took pride and celebrated every accomplishment achieved by her loved ones, no matter how mundane. If you knew Cheryl, she was your biggest cheerleader.

In accordance with Cheryl's wishes, a celebration of life will be held at the Lake of the Woods Pavilion, 1702 East Prairie View Road, Mahomet, IL 61853, on Saturday, March 4th from 4-7pm. In lieu of flowers, Cheryl asked that donations be made to Autism Speaks, at AutismSpeaks.org. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a special lady Cheryl was and a dear friend to our family. I loved her sense of humor but most of all her compassion. I will always cherish our last conversation just after my little brother Kev passed away; her words came from deep in her heart and that meant the world to me. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and especially with Lou and the grandchildren.*

Debbie' Taylor - February 19, 2023 at 10:06 PM

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“ *Your still the sister I never had. Save me a seat up there dear.*

Shirley Highfill - February 18, 2023 at 01:51 PM

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“ *I worked with her at the Mahomet Citizen newspaper. She made the day very interesting and lots of fun. She was a unique individual, and I treasured her friendship.*

Joyce Livesay - February 17, 2023 at 09:33 AM