



Cheryl Anne Peterson

January 22, 1966 - July 1, 2020

Cheryl always smiled.

Cheryl Anne “Mira” Peterson (nee. Agnew) passed away quietly in her home July 1, 2020 after a long, complicated cancer battle.

She was fifty-four.

Cheryl was born in Burlington, Ontario, Canada to Sheila Margaret Agnew (nee. Kinsella) and Vernon Robert Agnew.

She had a lifelong love of education beginning at M. M. Robinson High School in Burlington and continuing at York University in Toronto and McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. Cheryl studied and earned degrees in History, Political Science and Education.

A hard worker, Cheryl proved invaluable to her father and uncle as office manager at S. N. Agnew Mechanical of Burlington for many years before she began teaching middle school.

She met an American online at the beginning of the internet age. They typed, they talked, they found magic. Presents were exchanged; promises were made. She would come to Indiana to help raise a daughter, Chelsea Ann Snyder (nee. Peterson) and, later, William Michael “Mike” Peterson would take Cheryl back to Canada to care for her loving sister, Karen Lorraine Agnew.

Cheryl and Mike were married October 8, 1999.

After coming to the United States, Cheryl continued her education career joining the staff at Vinton Elementary School in Lafayette, IN.

Soon, she transitioned to another office manager role as Executive Assistant at Mailcode

in Lafayette.

The next move was to Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. She worked for the head of the Krannert School of Business.

It didn't take long for then Provost Tim Sands to recruit her for his Executive Assistant.

President Sands then asked Cheryl to join him in Blacksburg, VA. Where she has remained for the last five and a half years.

Cheryl loved shopping everywhere, swimming at Myrtle Beach and decorating the house she and Mike built near a horse farm in Mountain View. She was an avid reader.

She loved fiercely and loyally all her family on both sides of the international border.

Paul Snyder married Chelsea June 17, 2016...a welcome addition to Cheryl's family.

There are two grandchildren that only call her "Sweetie," a name that began with phone calls from Serenity (10) many years ago and has now been adopted by William (3.)

Goodbye, Sweetie.

We are all better to have known you.

Comments



“ Cheryl was a gem. Her calm and cheerful "can do" approach was an inspiration to everyone that she interacted with. I always felt more hopeful after I spoke with her. Her humanity, warmth, and incredible competence gleamed like gold. I am grateful for her life. She made the world a better place.

Patty Raun - July 06, 2020 at 07:38 AM



“ I'm so deeply saddened to learn of Cheryl's passing. As my former colleague at Purdue, she was incredibly graceful and professional and a role model for me. I checked in with her a few times after she moved to Virginia and she seemed very happy. My sympathies to her family and Tim.

Janice Indrutz - July 05, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ Cheryl and I worked together at MailCode years ago. She was a wonderful person and a fabulous coworker. She will be dearly missed.

Michelle Scott - July 05, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ Truly a remarkable woman. I only got to meet her on a few occasions, but she believed in me, and made sure I knew it. That left an impact. Sending love and condolences to the Peterson family.

Lisa Racek - July 03, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ Definitely a “Sweetie”! Never saw her get upset about anything. Going to be missed! Hope you're in a better place now.
Tony

Tony Peterson - July 02, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ Proud to know and love Cheryl as Mike has been special to me since a toddler. I know how loved she was as Mike that is the guy you are. Love and prayers. “Aunt” Shirley

Shirley Freeman - July 02, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Every time I saw Cheryl she had a smile on her face. She was always a very happy and kind person. And she loved to talk sports. It was a privilege and an honor to know her.

Kevin Kuebler - July 02, 2020 at 09:33 PM