



Cheryl A. (Ballard) Hertel

July 6, 1959 - September 20, 2007

Mrs. Cheryl A. (Ballard) Hertel, age 48, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, September 20, 2007, at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Malone, NY on July 6, 1959, Cheryl is the daughter of Keith, Sr. and Leona (Brown) Ballard. Raised and educated locally, she was a 1978 graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. On June 22, 2002 she married Irving A. Hertel. They were 'true companions' and their union was loving and devoted. Cheryl was employed with the Birnie Bus Corporation as a bus driver for 14 years until the time of her illness. She was a fun-loving, caring individual, always ready to lend moral support or a helping hand when needed. She was self-sacrificing and tended to other's needs before her own. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family. During her leisure time she found pleasure in reading, or playing a good game of cards. She truly liked cooking lunch for her co-workers at Birnie Bus and volunteering her culinary talents for any event that Birnie sponsored. She also valued her participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Cheryl is survived by her husband Irving; her parents, Keith Sr. and Leona Ballard; her sons, Chad Johnston of Utica, Scott Johnston of Ilion, and Andrew Johnston and Gregory Torres, both of Utica; and her grandchildren, A'onna, Noah, Grace, and Linnea. Also surviving are her sisters and brother-in-law, Catherine "Cathy" Ballard of Utica, and Shirley and Matthew Damico of

Selkirk, NY; her brothers and sister-in-law, Daryl Ballard of TN, Keith, Jr. and Dawn Ballard of Deerfield, and Richard Ballard, and Mark Ballard, both of Utica; her many nieces, nephews, and cousins, especially acknowledging her godchild Madison Damico. She also leaves many dear and cherished friends from Birnie Bus, too numerous to mention. She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Richard and Catherine Brown, with whom she shared a special closeness.

The family extends thanks to the nurses and staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, and the 2nd floor Oncology Department, especially acknowledging Dr. Atul Butala and his assistant Michelle for their care and concern.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Cheryl's honor to a scholarship fund for her son Gregory; envelopes will be available at the funeral home or may be mailed to her sister, Shirley Damico, 15 Sandy Lane, Selkirk, NY 12158. Cheryl's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Linda Spratt sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl A. (Ballard) Hertel



Linda Spratt - January 28, 2022 at 02:15 PM

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“ hey mom just wanted to say its been a while since we last talked i just miss how we use to sit on the front porch n talk with bob i pray everyday i will see a sign or hear you say hi but i dont n i know ur watching over me n making me a stronger person i just wish u and grandma were here i love n miss you so much mom i dont know what to say so til next time see later gator

andrew - February 27, 2011 at 07:30 PM



“ Cheryl,
2 years and 3 months since you left us here. God do I miss you so and all the phone chats! Especially Jon & Kate I would love to know what you think about the whole ordeal you were always talking to me about them and got me hooked to the show! I know you are around I can sense you. I hope you are help keeping a close watch over your goddaugther Madison and Bertie Bert.....
As the holidays approach missing hearing all the great deals you would find Christmas shopping.....hoping heaven is treating you like the princess you never got to be here.....miss you and always thinking of you. Keep mom company and don't forget to send the signs so we know you are around. Love your sister,
Shirley###imported-begin##Shirley###imported-end##

December 06, 2009 at 12:32 PM



“ mom its been some time now since the lord took you from us i know it was for the better so you didnt hurt anymore i wish everyday i could see your beautiful smile ur warm loving heart we all miss you but we know ur with us always please keep watching over us we miss n love you so much we know ur watching just keep us strong as we need it love u always mom###imported-begin###andrew###imported-end##

December 05, 2009 at 09:01 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to your family.###imported-begin###Jeff and Cathy Weiss###imported-end##

September 26, 2007 at 09:55 PM



“ my deepest symphany goes out to cheryls family i worked with cheryl a short time at birnie bus she was a wonderful person. she is now one of gods angels. rest in peace. lisa###imported-begin###lisa###imported-end##

September 25, 2007 at 08:06 AM



“ Heaven has just inherited a wonderful beautiful angel.###imported-begin###Kim Martin###imported-end##

September 24, 2007 at 01:21 PM



“ Cheryl. I am sorry to hear of your passing. But happy you no longer have to suffer you were a nice person to work with and the lunches were always filling and good. I enjoyed planning the next meal with you and standing there helping to cook. you will be missed. To the family I am so sorry for your lose. Just know you all are in my prayers. Irv my condolences. ##imported-begin##theresa palmeri##imported-end##

September 24, 2007 at 10:14 AM



“ cheryl,
we talked ,we laughted, and we cryed together, and thats going to be missed , but most of all i,m going to miss a real good friend ,who wiil not be forgotten, love you##imported-begin##colleen metz##imported-end##

September 23, 2007 at 03:19 PM



“ Dear Keith& Leona. We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##James&Sharon Colp##imported-end##

September 23, 2007 at 12:43 PM



“ All our love and support. Cheryl will truly be missed by many. The love, strength and support of your family unit will help all of you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Maureen, Steven and Joseph Fodera##imported-end##

September 23, 2007 at 08:14 AM



“ Shirley,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. John A. Quell Jr.##imported-end##

September 22, 2007 at 10:59 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Cheryl's passing. My deepest sympathies go out to my good friend Shirley and her family.*

*Love,
Meredith##imported-begin##Meredith Macauley##imported-end##*

September 22, 2007 at 08:58 AM



“ *It is still a surreal feeling that my sister Cheryl is gone but I am first thankful that her long battle with the pain is ended and she is in a more peaceful place with a family as big as the one she left here on earth.*

I will miss our long phone conversations about random subjects and how thoughtful she always was about everyone.

And my daughter Madison coming early was the blessing in disguise that I got to share her with Cheryl before she left to watch over her from above as her honorary spiritual godmother.

She truly earned her wings and is now driving that bus of angels around. I can even hear her yelling to Clarence to get on the bus they have work to do!!##imported-begin##Shirley

Damico##imported-end##

September 21, 2007 at 11:41 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Cheryl journeyed a difficult road with true strength and courage. Her reward is Heaven. May God fill your broken hearts with His grace, His love and His peace.

With deepest sympathy##imported-begin##Julie, Michael & Natalie Kachmarik##imported-end##

September 21, 2007 at 08:55 PM



“ I've been getting frequent updates from Cheryl's sister Shirley for months on Cheryl's condition. My father lost his battle with cancer in March and all of the updates were eerily similiar to what we went through. This breaks my heart. I am so sorry for your loss and know that there is nothing I can say to comfort you. I never met Cheryl, but what an inspiration. My love and sympathy to your family at this time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cheryl Stock##imported-end##

September 21, 2007 at 08:48 PM



“ My deepest symphy to all of Cheryl's family and friends. What a valiant battle she fought -- such a determined and courageous woman!##imported-begin##Janice S. Jenny##imported-end##

September 21, 2007 at 07:50 PM