



Cheryl Randall

June 2, 1948 - November 13, 2015

Cheryl Randall, 67, Topeka, went to be with her Lord on November 13, 2015.

Cheryl was born June 2, 1948, in Topeka to G.A. (Scotty) and Elizabeth Ellen Sage Randall. She grew up in the Dover area, graduating from Dover High School in 1966. Cheryl married Steve Mercer in 1967. They later divorced. Cheryl had degrees from three universities: Washburn University, Emporia State University, and Kansas University, receiving a PhD. Her passion was learning and passing that knowledge onto others. Cheryl made that passion her life by being a teacher for many years in the Paxico and Harveyville areas. Her students always remained close to her heart. She later worked for the Department of Education until she retired. Cheryl was a member of the Catholic Church.

Cheryl will be lovingly remembered by her kind heart and generous spirit.

Cheryl is survived by sons, Scott Mercer (Shawna), Topeka, Stephen Mercer (Traci), Des Moines IA; grandchildren, Kelsea Watts, Nathan Mercer, both of Topeka, Jordin Appelhans, Logan Appelhans, Nolan Mercer, all of Des Moines IA; sister, Becky Standiferd (Cary), Topeka; nieces, Ann Reed (Charlie), Lawrence, Karalee Standiferd, Topeka; great-nephews, Aaron, Chase, and Isaac Reed. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Rosalie Kay Randall.

Visitation will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with burial at Dover Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to TARC or Disabled American Veterans, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Dover Cemetery

Dover, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

NOV 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cheryl Randall



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 16, 2015 at 04:31 PM



“ Cheryl Randall

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ While I only knew Cherie for a little over four years, I learned a lot from her and certainly was a very special lady who I admired and liked very much. May God bless her life and her family.

Mark Stephenson - November 18, 2015 at 04:28 PM



“ I Love my Family Tree... I Love you all. My Sweet Cuz Cheryl Randall you will always be Loved by me. It is sad you had to leave us. I know your not hurting anymore and healthy once more. Wonderful Woman I admire. RIP my Sweet Cuz. Love always, Julie Dryden and Family.



Julie Dryden - November 18, 2015 at 12:16 AM

MM

“ Well Lord, I'm a little ticked at you for taking such a beautiful person from this earth before her time. I know you will love her laugh and giving spirit for she always saw the best in people. Lord, be sure you capitalize on her many talents...first as a teacher then as a leader. Cherie had that rare opportunity to help lead and guide our state in a time of accountability when no one else wanted the job. So Lord, be sure you put her in charge of the tough jobs in heaven because I know she can handle them just like she did in her life on earth. Now granted Lord, she wasn't perfect, deadlines weren't always her thing, but she knew how to rely on others to help get the job done. She was a one of a kind friend that you didn't have to talk to everyday, but just knowing she was there was what you needed in a friend. Lord, she loved her family so help guide them through this difficult time. You gained one heck of an angel in Cherie. Our loss on earth is heaven's gain. She will be missed!
Mary Matthew

Mary Matthew - November 17, 2015 at 07:55 AM

JW

“ Judy Welter sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl Randall



Judy Welter - November 16, 2015 at 08:00 PM

JW

Cherie was an inspiration to many educators. She was a rock as she provided expertise and support of the Kansas Assessment system. My respect for her is extended to her family.

Judy Welter - November 16, 2015 at 08:09 PM

PD

“Cherie was an amazing woman! I got to know her when she worked at KSDE and I worked at KNEA. She was such a strong advocate for quality public education, sensible assessment practices, students, and teachers. She always had time to talk, discuss, answer questions and listen to concerns. Kansas students and Kansas teachers all benefitted from her expertise and her compassion and concern. I am proud to have known and worked with Cherie! Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss.
Peg Dunlap

Peg Dunlap - November 16, 2015 at 05:38 PM

TL

I had the honor of working with Cherie in the Wabaunsee East school district. She was an amazing person and the kids loved her. Except for Cherie, the staff was male, and she gave the girls someone to talk to. She also gave me someone to talk to, because she was witty and had the ability to help me sift through my problems. Public school teaching isn't an easy task, and she provided a sounding board, someone to help me see things objectively rather than personally.

My best memory is giving Cherie a sentence to diagram. She and her mother prided themselves on their ability to organize the English language. The sentence started off with a gerund phrase, and then worked its way into oblivion. It was so fun! I remember her running up to my classroom with her results, and this diagram looked like a street map. We were fellow nerds!

Later, I lived next door to Cherie in Harveyville. Cherie was an amazing cook. I remember visiting and she was making a dish that asked for 7 cloves of garlic. She misread, and thought it asked for 7 heads of garlic. It was hilarious when I pointed out that she'd misread. She was so fun. And that was a LOT of garlic.

I moved away from Kansas, and we fell out of touch, but I treasure these memories of Cherie, and I wish she was sitting here next to me.

Ted Lassen
Denver, CO

Theodore L Lassen - February 18, 2021 at 01:48 AM

TM

“ I worked with Cherie at the Kansas State Department of Education for several years. We attended several professional conferences together and shared several meals together. In our deliberations over state assessments and policies, she always strove to do what was best for Kansas children and teachers. Through her generosity of spirit, thoughtfulness, and technical understanding, she helped thousands of people. I'm sorry for your loss.

Tony Moss

Tony Moss - November 16, 2015 at 10:56 AM

BW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Cherie's death. I knew her from her work at KSDE. I got to see her behind-the-scenes work on behalf of students and teachers across the state of Kansas. She was a kind, compassionate, and tireless worker on the behalf of children. Most people will never realize how much good that she did for education in Kansas. Her life and work affected hundreds of thousands of students for good. I will also add she was very intelligent and thoughtful. She approached problems with the idea of finding a solution. On many occasions I saw her reflect upon a situation for a long while before coming up with a great answer for the problem. Her leadership and insight into people made her a valuable asset to the state.

To the family I would leave two verses.

Ps 34:18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies."

Bob Winkler - November 16, 2015 at 08:39 AM

KA

“ Thank you for teaching - you made an impact on me. I grew up to do the things that were important to your teaching writing, communicating, advocating. Thank you for giving me the confidence to make something of myself, and for giving me good experiences at school when home wasn't an encouraging place. You were an excellent, funny, fun and inspiring teacher, Cherie Mercer!

Karmel Addis - November 16, 2015 at 08:27 AM

MB

“ You were always such a beautiful person whom I thought the world of. My favorite memories was the times we all were together at Grandma & Grandpa Shults home. We all have such wonderful memories of family together. Thank you for being such a big part of the reunions in Alma, Ks. too. My love and thoughts are with your family at this sad time. You were such an amazing example for all of our family. THANK YOU.

Marquetta Williams Bayless - November 15, 2015 at 10:39 PM

MB

“ Marquetta Williams Bayless lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Randall



Marquetta Williams Bayless - November 15, 2015 at 10:24 PM

AW

“ Oh, my how shocked and saddened I was to see of Cherie's death in the paper. I knew her as her mother was my dear friend. Such a loving, caring, close family. Mrs. Randall was very proud of her children and grandchildren's accomplishments. My thoughts are with Becky, Scotty and Steven and their families.

Arlene Williams - November 15, 2015 at 05:37 PM

JL

“ What a shock! She will be missed by many... me included. She was always one of the brilliant "sword bearers" quietly battling for the rights of each child to have the best free and appropriate public education. What a shock! She will be missed by many... me included. She was always one of the brilliant "sword bearers" quietly battling for the rights of each child to have the best free and appropriate public education.



Janet Loebel - November 15, 2015 at 11:46 AM

LS

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Cherie and I were great friends for her tenure at KSDE. We recently had dinner together and planned a garage sale at my house and clothes swap. That never happened. If I can do anything, please let me know. She will be missed. Lue Ann Snider

Lue Ann Snider - November 15, 2015 at 11:25 AM