



Cheryl D. Brickey

January 10, 1946 - March 9, 2017

Cheryl Dean Brickey (née Sanford) passed away in Bolivar, Missouri at the age of 71 on 9 March 2017. Cheryl was born in LuVerne, Iowa on 10 January 1946 to Robert and Verna Mae Sanford, and was the beloved older sister to Terry, Dennis, Roxanne, and little Ricky. At a young age, Cheryl's family moved to the Antelope Valley in Southern California, where Cheryl later graduated from Palmdale High School in 1964. As a young woman, Cheryl began her professional life as a secretary at Edwards Air Force Base, California, where she met and later married Worth Gutzwiller. Cheryl and Worth had two sons, Ryan and John, but later divorced. While working as a secretary at Lockheed Aerospace Corporation in Palmdale, California, Cheryl met and fell in love with Roy Brickey. Roy and Cheryl married on 22 May 1976, and joined their families with Roy's children - Roy Jr., Sharon, Katherine, and David.

During Cheryl's professional life, she later served as a Lockheed Martin Skunk Works Security Administrator on the SR-71 and U-2 spy plane, and F-117 stealth fighter programs, and her family is very proud of her service to our nation. Cheryl was also an athlete, outdoor enthusiast, and community servant. Some of Cheryl's favorite activities included softball leagues, camping with Roy and their family, Antelope Valley Ski Club trips, supporting Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, and gardening. In her later years, Cheryl enjoyed volunteer literacy work with California State juveniles, led exercise classes for

older adults, and served in many capacities for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At church, Cheryl enjoyed teaching both young children and her fellow Relief Society sisters. Cheryl especially enjoyed temple and family history work, and sharing this eternal work with her family.

Throughout Cheryl's life, she was an exemplar of President Gordon B. Hinckley's counsel to "Cultivate an Attitude of Happiness and a Spirit of Optimism," and she demonstrated this especially so in her most important role - loving wife and matriarch. Regardless of life's triumphs and challenges, Cheryl remained a devoted family uniter and builder over many decades. Near or far, Cheryl always made family and friends feel special and loved. As a grandmother, Cheryl loved spending time with grandchildren, and especially enjoyed playing games and sending thoughtful gifts. Cheryl loved traveling to visit family and friends, and her adventures took her to many places, including Australia, Germany, Hawaii, Alaska, California, Iowa, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Virginia. Every year, Cheryl and Roy looked forward to hosting family and friends at their beach condo in Oxnard, California. In 2015, Cheryl's adventurous trip to visit family in Hawaii included two-and-a-half hours of zipline at Kualoa Ranch! Cheryl also loved animals. She and Roy welcomed many dogs into their home over many years - most recently Abbott and Patches.

Cheryl was both a teacher and exemplar in life, and in death. With family at her side, Cheryl passed away peacefully in her home, and displayed her indomitable "...Attitude of Happiness and...Spirit of Optimism" until the very end. Cheryl is survived by her husband, Roy Brickey; six children Roy Brickey Jr., Sharon Brickey, Katherine Amato (née Brickey), David Brickey, Ryan Gutzwiller, John Gutzwiller, and their spouses; brother and sister-in-law Dennis & Pat Sanford (née Hughes); sister and brother-in-law Roxanne (née Sanford) and Steve McKinnon; sister-in-law Denice Sanford (née Weatherby); sister-in-law Melody Sanford (née Clay); and many beloved nieces, nephews,

grandchildren and great grand-children. Cheryl was preceded in death by her older sister Carol Sanford, and brothers Terry and Ricky Sanford.

The Buffalo Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will host a memorial service for Cheryl on Saturday, 25 March at 3PM at 1575 Mt Gilead Rd in Bolivar, Missouri. At a later date, interment will follow at the family cemetery in LuVerne, Iowa. Memories and photos of Cheryl can also be shared at <http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com/>. In lieu of flowers and gifts, tax deductible donations in memory of Cheryl can be made to the Humanitarian Aid Fund of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at <https://www.ldsphilanthropies.org/humanitarian-services/funds/humanitarian-general-fund.html>. You may also contact Bishop Dan Goodman at (417) 399-7152 or dgoody24@gmail.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl D. Brickey

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Cheryl D. Brickey

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Aunt Cheryl, I miss you so much. When I was a kid and we went skiing, a lot of times you and I were the only girls so we spent slot of time together. You help be become the person I am today. And I thank you. I love you, and you will forever be in my heart

shalei - April 18, 2017 at 03:55 AM



“ 14 files added to the album Photos of Cheryl



John Gutzwiller - March 23, 2017 at 09:09 PM

JG

“ Dear Mom,
I love you.

I am so grateful to have been able to make the trip to see you when I did. I am more grateful for the 45 years of motherhood you gave me. When I look back at the beginning of as early as I can remember, I think how much we were loved. You were excellent at that. You were not perfect, but probably as close to it as any one human to could be.

Your constant love, guidance, generosity, graciousness, optimism and true can do attitude were exactly what a mom should be. Your mantra – Be Positive and Never give up. I say these very same things and even more so now given the circumstances I find myself in now.

I want to share a story of when Ryan and I were little. You took us camping to Big Rock Creek. You were driving your old green Ford Torino. It was just the three of us – you and two very little boys driving off to an adventure. I remember it was dark when we were driving so you must have started the trip after work on a Friday. The radio was playing “Downtown” by Petula Clark and we were singing along with the radio. You would pump the breaks to the car for certain beats in the song to make things fun. Ryan and I would laugh and try to keep up with you. We were having such a great time that you missed our turn off and we eventually became lost. I only know this because you said it jokingly. We continued to drive through the night trying to find the camp ground and I remember I became very anxious and started to cry. You just kept singing and pumping the breaks and soothing me. We eventually found our way. To this day I have no idea if you were ever scared that night. I will never know because you kept it together. You never let us see you sweat – ever. You were never one of these mothers who would ring their hands and cry and wonder how to solve a problem. Nope, you just would solve the problem!

I am grateful to have some of that in me. Even in the last 10 weeks of your life I know it weighed on you not to be able to be with me when my husband, Mark, died. But, Mom, you gave me the tools I need to one day be human again. People keep asking me how I am

doing it, how do I cope with the loss of a spouse and a mother in a 10 week span? I give them the answer that you would give. I say "I just do" and then I get on with it. Not sure how I do that, but I just do and I know that's because of you.

Our final good bye was everything you always were to me mamma. It was beautiful and sweet and filled with such a deep condensed love. Like I said in our last moments together "it's only painful now because it was so awesome mamma."

Mom, it's also time to come clean since we're being honest. I know that I am your favorite. Sorry Ryan! LOL!!!!

Ryan, you know I am just kidding.

Momma, I love you, your son, John xoxox

John Gutzwiller - March 23, 2017 at 09:07 PM



“*Rising to a higher level, Cheryl gave with love and grace. She lived her beliefs, always willing to share her time and talents in serving others. She was and is a true disciple of Christ. Together, with Roy, she worked to make their home a place of joy and beauty. They worked to bring a spot of heaven to this earth. She, indeed, left those she served with a touch of the Master's hand.*

Toni Brown - March 15, 2017 at 07:50 AM

GT

Such a great lady! She served the Lord with all her might ,mind and heart! She also had a great love for each one of her children and for her husband Roy. Do not worry about her, she is free, happy and busy working for the Lord! However, she will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

Garth & Donna Talbot - April 17, 2017 at 09:20 AM

VH

“ I worked with Cheryl at Lockheed for many years. A great lady who will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family



Vale Hanzel - March 14, 2017 at 08:33 PM

RG

“ Family & Friends,

The Buffalo Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will host a memorial service for Cheryl on Saturday, March 25th at 3PM at 1575 Mt Gilead Rd in Bolivar, Missouri.

To aid planning, please RSVP at <http://evite.me/uGHsnmy3dZ> on or before March 18th.

Ryan Gutzwiller - March 12, 2017 at 10:14 PM

JS

“ I always remembers my aunt cheryl always making the best out of a situation and trying to make it better, and always doing anything she could for her family . I will always remember Tahoe trips you were at , how you helped me to skie , the family holidays at your house . I will miss you a lot but I know you won't be alone you ll have uncle Teri and uncle Ricky to keep you company . Love you .
Your nephew Justin

Justin Sanford - March 12, 2017 at 02:12 PM

MP

“ Cheryl and myself worked together in the Stake Family History Library in Lancaster, California. I looked forward to our Thursdays together. Was sad when she moved away but happy for her joy in moving. Was able to have short visits with her when she would return to Lancaster. Will miss not seeing her again in this life.

Merretta Palmer
sytteller@aol.com

Merretta Palmer - March 11, 2017 at 10:23 PM

SR

“ Cheryl was such a loving and caring person. She was more of a mother to me than a mother-in-law. In addition, she was a wonderful grandmother to my girls and great grandmother to their children. We will miss her terribly!



shari romero - March 11, 2017 at 08:22 PM

SC

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Stefany Chancey - March 11, 2017 at 07:48 PM

SC

I was so privileged to have Cheryl for a step-mom for a few years. She raised two wonderful brothers of mine who I love dearly. My heart is aching right now, but I know she is at peace and with her loving Heavenly Father.

Stefany Chancey - March 11, 2017 at 07:51 PM

KM

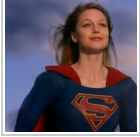
I met Cheryl when I moved to town from Lehi Utah 2 years ago. The LDS church helped me load 2 pods and a truck at that end. The day after I arrived, Cheryl had 15 men herself and 2 female missionaries unload and set up my furniture. That was the loving lady she was. I was also in garden club with her and so enjoyed our conversations on our trips. She was a beautiful lady inside and out, she will be missed by alot of people she touched. Be at peace with your heavenly father

Karen McNickle - March 12, 2017 at 12:40 AM



“ I always remember Cheryl smiling and enjoying life and her family. We were privileged to have known her. Our deepest condolences to all her family. Don & Paulett Woodard

Don Woodard - March 11, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ *My Dear Sister,
My emotions are torn between relief that you are no longer in pain & selfishly wanting you to stay here with me no matter what. I love you "to the moon and back" & always will. Your wonderful hubby took such good care of you. What an amazing, loving, gentle soul. So glad i got to see this side of him. Now I know why you love him so much. That love will live on forever. The love that poured in this week from every corner of the country for you reminds me what a truly wonderful person you are. You get it... the most important thing is love... unconditional, unending love. It's what the Savior taught while on this earth. Love God with all your might, mind & strength; & love your neighbor as yourself. If we can ALL follow that example as you have, there would be no strife, no war, no crime. Be at peace, my sweet, beautiful sister, in the rest of your heavenly family. Thank you for letting me share this sweet, sweet experience with you. It gave me such needed comfort to hear you describe all our family members on the other side of the veil, waiting to welcome you home with loving arms. Can hardly wait for our first heavenly "road trip".
Luv & hugs, Rox*

Roxanne McKinnon - March 11, 2017 at 02:27 PM

PS

“ *My husband Cedric and I both worked with Cheryl for many years at Lockheed Martin. We both were shocked to hear of the passing. She will be missed by a great many people.
Pat and Cedric Schieber*



Pat and Cedric Schieber - March 11, 2017 at 11:00 AM

GW

“ Cheryl is such a loving and giving sweet sister! Always remembering and uplifting people along the way with her smiles, birthday cards and notes. She was an angel here on earth! We all will miss her sweet spirit. Gayle and Paul Waldrep

Gayle Waldrep - March 11, 2017 at 06:39 AM

SJ

“ I really enjoyed working in the Family History Center with Cheryl for many years. We certainly will miss her loving friendship.. Walt and Susan Jackson

Susan Jackson - March 11, 2017 at 02:23 AM

RG

“ Family and Friends,

Many thoughts and memories about Cheryl are being shared via Facebook or other social media. However, some of the family are not social media users. To ensure widest dissemination of your wonderful experiences with Cheryl, please consider posting them to this website instead, where they will be available in one place for many years to come.

Thank you,

Ryan Gutzwiller

Ryan Gutzwiller - March 10, 2017 at 10:20 PM

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“ *Jan Byer lit a candle in memory of Cheryl D. Brickey*



Jan Byer - March 10, 2017 at 10:11 PM

AW

Cheryl...my very special #-1 niece...Love you...always...

Aunt Vera (June) Wolf - April 01, 2017 at 09:50 PM

RG

“ *48 files added to the album Photos of Cheryl*



Ryan Gutzwiller - March 10, 2017 at 09:45 PM

DB

Beautiful pictures. She was an amazing lady, one of a kind who will live forever in our hearts. Much love to the family!

Doris Brickey - March 11, 2017 at 06:04 AM



What a lovely classy lady...my heart goes out to Roy and the family....

Butch Engel - March 11, 2017 at 12:44 PM

HA

“ *What a loss. Cheryl was such a wonderful person. I worked with her and Roy at Plant 10. My condolences to your family and friends.*

Harvey Arkawy - March 10, 2017 at 07:15 PM



“ *We first met Cheryl and Roy when they moved into the house across the street from us in Lancaster. We were not only neighbors but became friends. When they decided to move to Bolivar we were excited for them but sad for us. The street has never been the same. Cheryl gave me some of her iris bulbs from their yard which are now in bloom. I will think of her every time I look across the street at their house and the plants. We are so saddened by her death and our hearts and prayers are with her and the family. I have been reading the tributes to her on Facebook and know how much she is loved. With our deepest condolences and love, The Slater Family Alan, Patti, Eric and Jennifer Slater-Sanchez*

Patti Slater - March 10, 2017 at 06:19 PM

RS

“ *We worked with Cheryl for some of the years she was at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. One thing we could always count on was accuracy and professionalism. After she and Roy retired, we kept in touch and had the opportunity to stay with them and visit when we were in Missouri. Cheryl was always smiling, no matter what was going on. She trusted God and knew that God would always take care of her, Roy and all their family. We always appreciated her annual letter about family, travels and what Roy had been up to. She always loved everyone, showed God's love, believed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and gladly shared her love with one and all. Anyone who knew her was blessed. Rhoda Strother*

R Strother - March 10, 2017 at 01:45 PM