



## Cheryl L. Rowe

January 4, 1966 - August 22, 2022

Cheryl Rowe of Lorton, Va., aged 56, passed peacefully into the afterlife in her home on August 22, 2022.

Cheryl Lynn Rowe was born on January 4, 1966 in Washington, D.C. to Henry and Grace Rowe (nee Byczynski), the second of the two Rowe children, and the only daughter. Cheryl began life in her childhood home of Annandale, Va. She traveled as a child with her family for two years to London, England, and for three years to Okinawa, Japan. She graduated from W.T. Woodson High School (Fairfax, Va.) in 1983, before obtaining a degree in teaching from Marymount College (Tarrytown, N.Y.) in 1987.

Cheryl launched her career by teaching at White Oaks Elementary (Burke, Va.), and taught there for one year, before moving on to service in the federal government. She embarked on her career as a Human Resources specialist with the Department of the Navy, before 'switching sides' to work for the Department of the Army, in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, where she worked for nearly 20 years. Throughout her years of service, Cheryl was always good-natured and willing to help all, professionally and personally. One co-worker fondly remembered the time Cheryl built a Care Package for her young daughter during her stay in the hospital. Cheryl regularly mentored newer employees, showing them the ropes, and how the office functioned, and was regarded as a "trusted advisor" by her boss.

Cheryl lived with her daughter Angelica Rowe in Lorton, Va. from 2001 until the time of her passing.

Throughout life, Cheryl followed her passions. She thoroughly enjoyed taking week-long boat cruises with friends, searching for 'the perfect beach' and exploring many islands in the Caribbean. She was an avid baker and culinary artisan, in charge of preparing the Rowe family favorites (Mom's apple pie, cracker stuffing) during the holidays. She was an avid crafter and amateur furniture builder, delighting family and friends with her creations. One memorable piece she built was a nautically-themed, small circular table, complete with a mariner's compass and roped knots for support. Casinos were a favorite form of recreation for her, where she enjoyed playing the slot machines. She was a thoughtful gift-giver, searching for just the right gift to delight family and friends. Cheryl advocated for charitable organizations dedicated to supporting active and retired members of the Armed Forces.

Cheryl was pre-deceased by her parents, Henry and Grace Rowe (Boothbay, Maine). She is survived by her daughter Angelica Rowe (Lorton, Va.), and brother Christopher Rowe (Ashburn, Va.).

In memory of Cheryl, the family suggests a donation to St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families in Hyattsville, Maryland ([stanns.org](http://stanns.org)). St. Ann's was the organization from which Cheryl adopted Angelica, and it holds a special place in our hearts because of that. Additionally, the Rowe family requests you share a special memory of Cheryl with us. Something that brings a laugh or a smile to your face when you think of her. Please e-mail any memory you wish to share to "[roweangelica403@gmail.com](mailto:roweangelica403@gmail.com)" or "[cbrowe21@gmail.com](mailto:cbrowe21@gmail.com)."

To our beloved mother and sister, may you peacefully rest in the arms of the Lord our God, and be reunited with your loving parents Henry and Grace. Our

hearts ache from your loss, but are forever smiling from all the goofy, funny, heart-warming adventures we shared in life. Eternally in our minds and hearts, we miss you Cheryl.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG **29**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
8710 Mount Vernon Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22309  
<https://www.gs-cc.org/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl L. Rowe

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy for Chris Rowe and Angelica. My fondest memory of Cheryl was just that she was always bubbly and sweet. You're in my prayers. Patricia Duckworth*

**Patricia** - October 08, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl L. Rowe.*



August 29, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Cheryl L. Rowe.*



August 29, 2022 at 07:07 AM

TF

“ *The Regan Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Cheryl L. Rowe.*



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**The Regan Family** - August 28, 2022 at 07:38 PM

FT

“ *RIP Cheryl.*



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**Frank Titus** - August 26, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl L. Rowe.*



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August 25, 2022 at 11:06 PM

WB

“ *Cheryl was a true professional. She was customer oriented and respectful. She will be missed. May She Rest In Peace.*

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**Wallis Berrios** - August 25, 2022 at 01:19 PM

CW

*We remember Cheryl from Marymount College. She was always very kind and sweet. I am so sorry for your loss. 💕*

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**Cari Doyen Weizenecker** - September 06, 2022 at 07:25 PM

JS

“ *What a blessing to the world. Cheryl was very caring and authentic angel who also cared about the well-being of others. I fondly remember our conversations regarding the remodeling plans of a home and look forward to hearing about the vacations and adventures she took and plan to take in the future. Angelica, please find comfort that your mother is now reunited with her other loved one's in heaven. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Juanita S.** - August 25, 2022 at 11:53 AM

KT

*Cheryl and I attended Marymount College together. Quirky and offbeat she marched to her own drummer. Those who got to know Cheryl had the privilege of her friendship and loyalty. Cheryl had a huge heart and navigated her college years from a place of kindness. To this day I cannot look at unicorns or anything purple or lavender without thinking of you. Rest In Peace, old frien.*

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**Karen Timmins** - August 27, 2022 at 09:43 PM

NM

“ *Cheryl was so thoughtful and caring! She was a sage advisor when I came into our office new and spent time explaining and showing me what I needed to succeed AND she totally fueled my obsession with garden gnomes by taking the time to pick the perfect gnomes she gifted to me!*

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**Nicole M** - August 25, 2022 at 10:27 AM

DM

*I came to the job as a result of downsizing and need to keep income. I never thought I would meet this angel who would hear my pain. I thank you who knew her well, that you shared her kindness with us, you, I. May God keep her until we meet again. Amen*

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**Danae R McCain** - August 25, 2022 at 06:43 PM

LB

*Cheryl was kind and helpful to her co-workers and customers. She participated consistently with the Pentagon Chaplain's Office events, and put what she learned into action. She will be fondly remembered. My sympathy to her family.*

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**Laverne Berry** - August 29, 2022 at 03:16 PM