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Cheryl Jean Kelley, 72, Social Worker passed away May 12, 2015 in Tulsa, OK. She was born June 17, 1942 in Oklahoma City, OK to Eugene Noah and Geneva Mae (Taylor) Wise. Cheryl worked at OKC Public Schools as an Elementary Teacher, Child Abuse Prevention Services which is now Family and Children's services as director, Call Rape which is now part of DVIS as director, and helped start Shanti House in the 80's which helped gay men w/ aids. She also spent a lot of time in the medical field helping her husband. Cheryl is survived by her husband, Mark Alan Kelley; daughter, Joy Lyn Kelley; son, Paul Douglas Kelley; granddaughter, Geneva Mae Brasher; grandson, Corbin Asher Kelley; daughter-in-law, Tonia Dawn Gist; honorary grandsons, Mason Harlan McCarthy, and Thomas Grey Gist. She was preceded in death by son, Phillip Eugene Kelley. Memorial Service will be 3:00 PM, Saturday, May 23rd, Community of Christ Church, Tulsa. For those who may be attending the service we ask that you do not wear black and bring a playful spirit.



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KA

Kathleen & Leo Anderson posted:

Page 2 from Kathleen and Leo Anderson....feel so close to both of them.We know, Mark, how much you will miss Cheryl, and we will continue to pray that God will give you the strength to meet the challenges that each new day brings. Cheryl will be remembered by both of us with joy that we were friends, so many wonderful memories of times spent with both of you, and much love for the many kindnesses you showed to so many people--and that surely included us. Cheryl will be deeply missed by so many people, but the good memories of times spent with her and with you, Mark, will remain with us forever. You both truly lived your Christian lives rather than just talking about it.Much love to you and Joy and Paul, and may God hold you in the palm of His hand as you go through this temporary parting with your loved one.Kathleen and Leo Anderson

May 22 at 2:12 PM

JK

Joy Kelley posted:

Oh I love these.

May 22 at 12:02 PM

JK

Joy Kelley posted:

I love the pics. Thank you

May 22 at 12:00 PM

GB

Geneva Brasher posted:

Naveda, You are invited to eat with us at 1 pm.

May 22 at 8:41 AM



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KA

Kathleen & Leo Anderson posted:

My husband, Leo, and I are fortunate to have known and been friends with both Mark and Cheryl for the 33 years we lived in Tulsa. They were both so friendly and outgoing that even when we first met them, we felt as if we'd known them for years. We went to their home for numerous meetings, covered dish dinners, or just to visit with them and other good friends, and we always felt so welcome. We all four served on the Zionics Relations Committee years ago, and that always included a meeting at the home of one of the members of the committee, followed by a dinner. One night the meeting was at our home and it was short, so we broke out the croquet game and set up some horrible obstacles to make it more difficult. By the time we were finishing the game, it was almost totally dark, which made it all the more challenging...and fun. We discussed stopping the game, but Mark assured us it should definitely be finished...even though we had to do it with flashlights. And as we recall, he MAY have been in the lead!! Cheryl just laughed and shook her head as the game continued. Our neighbors told us later it sounded as if we were having so much fun they almost came over. You could always count on lots and lots of laughs when you were with Cheryl and Mark. But if the subject being discussed was a serious one, you knew you had their full attention and received good advice when it was needed. They truly cared about people, and even though they both led such busy lives, on every occasion when we asked one or the other of them to do us a favor, we KNEW we could count on a "Sure, I'd be happy to do it." When someone was sick, they would frequently be the first people to turn up with a meal fit for a king, and you just hoped you had room enough in your refrigerator for all of it. For several years, we four and the Buchmans prepared a meal once a month for the older members of the congregation, and it was called Young At Heart. We would meet for dinner the night before to discuss the preparation of the meal, how much food we should fix, whether or not the muffins should contain jalapena peppers!!!!, and what activity was going to follow the meal. All six of us were working full-time jobs during those years, but the time we spent together preparing the meal and cleaning up afterwards was actually fun...even if one didn't enjoy cooking. I remember on more than one occasion sitting with Cheryl discussing something that was a concern to me, and you always knew you had her undivided attention. And as someone else mentioned, no subject was off limits. Even if we disagreed, there was never a minute of anger or judgment shown by her. We simply agreed to disagree, and a minute later we would be laughing about something silly. We remember with much happiness the years when several weeks before Christmas names provided by Cheryl would be hanging from a Christmas tree at church, and people would go forward to take a name from the tree. Each tag had a short list of gifts the person needed or wanted for Christmas. A few times there weren't enough names on the tree for all those who were drawing a name. But we could always count on Cheryl to come up with more names of people for everyone who wished to provide gifts. Then the Sunday before Christmas, all the gifts would be carried up and placed under the tree at church. It was always one of the highlights of the Christmas season for Leo and me. We were friends with Cheryl and Mark for the 33 years we lived in Tulsa, and we kept in touch by email with her and occasionally phone calls during the 5 years we've lived in Independence, MO. Even when Cheryl became ill, she always had the same hearty laugh when we talked and told us over and over how much she missed us. The same can be said about how much we missed spending time with her and Mark. Health problems on our end prevented us from visiting Cheryl, but we assured her that she and Mark, as well as Joy and Paul, were in our prayers daily. And keeping in touch frequently by email was a big help and always made us still fee



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KA

May 14 at 8:18 AM

TD

Tracy Durland posted:

My heart is Blessed, I feel you here, Surrounding us with the love, honesty & compassion that you always gave myself & My children. You taught me to trust again, To love myself for my mistakes, flaws & To stand tall & Be proud. I forever gained a friendship, family & unconditional love. I am forever grateful. You have not left us, I hear your guidenance & Feel your beautiful soul present. Another amazing Angel on our side. I love Mark, Joy is a blessing & Anyone who had you there loves you endlessly. Oh Lord, Bless the tears, the pain & Allow everyone to see you still daily, For your holy spirit is here. Much love & Prayers.

May 20 at 4:30 PM

DL

Doris Atkins Lovell posted:

Mark, Joy, and Paul,Cheryl is just a Memory away.Do Not Stand By My Grave And Weep Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there; I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sun on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there; I did not die. (Mary Frye)Sending my Love to you, Doris Atkins Lovell

May 20 at 3:21 AM

ME

Martha Ellison posted:

Cheryl and I were young mothers together. It was a great support to have each other. I was extra blessed to have Joy's clothing for Deana and a great couch from Cheryl's parents. Cherished times to remember. Martha Ellison

May 18 at 6:10 PM

EJ

Eileen Jones posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Jean Kelley

May 18 at 3:04 PM



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EJ

Erv Janssen posted:

Mark, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss! I will be out of town Saturday but eager to make contact with you later so we can chat. Erv Janssen

May 18 at 2:16 PM

AF

Adams Family posted:

While I was deployed in Iraq, Cheryl was a mainstay in my life. Providing me with hope and joy and encouragement. She organized through the church goodies for the holidays and was there to listen when I needed an ear. She was always willing to listen and was very supportive of me and our family. Cheryl was a super nice and loving person who will be missed. I'm very pleased to have known her and Mark and they will forever be in our hearts for what they have shared with us but the love they have given us. We will miss you dearly.

May 18 at 8:15 AM

RR

Ron And Teddy Rowbottom posted:

When I relocated to Tulsa area in the fall of 2006 and attended Tulsa central Mark and Cheryl greeted me with their humor and friendship which then extended to Teddy when she joined me later in the year. During the three years we lived in Owasso as a part of the Tulsa congregation Mark and Cheryl became cherished friends even though she referred to us as the "Rockbottoms". Her love was extensive, her kindness was never ending, her faith was strong and her grace towards others was without compare. Heaven has gained a beautiful soul and I am sure that she is working her magic to make heaven a more loving place even though she is missed here. To Mark and Family we send our condolences, prayers and our love. Cheryl will be remembered and missed. Ron and Teddy Rowbottom

May 17 at 12:04 PM



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BP

Betty Porter posted:

Cheryl—one of the first persons I met in coming to Tulsa—SHE INTRODUCED ME TO THE TULSA COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CONGREGATION—SHE AND MARK OFTEN PICKED ME UP TO ATTEND. WE HAD FUN ON INTERNET EXCHANGING NEWS, SILLY SAYINGS I HAVE NEVER KNOWN HER CHILDREN, BUT KNOW JOY, GRAND DAUGHTER WHO IS DELIGHTFUL AND DEAR MARK, IT WILL BE HARD, SPEAKING FROM MY EXPERIENCE, BUT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE SCRIPTURES THAT GIVE US A GLIMPSE OF ETERNITY AND ONE OF OUR NEW HYMNS" "YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY AND BE LED FORTH WITH PEACE. THE MOUNTAINS AND HILLS WILL BREAK FORTH BEFORE YOU, THER'LL BE SHOUTS OF JOY, AND ALL THE TREES WILL CLAP THEIR HANDS WHILE YOU GO OUT WITH JOY—GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN.BETTY PORTER, ELDER IN THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH. ALOHA

May 16 at 12:42 PM

TK

Thelma King posted:

Cheryl was a first class social worker. I know she was a wonderful family person and much more but I knew her as a wonderful social worker who was an inspiration to all of us.

May 16 at 9:38 AM

JK

Joy Kelley posted:

Please post pictures, fond memories, stories, and anything else meaningful. I wan to mention that mom likes flowers but any of the many charities she worked for would love to have a donation in her name. See you on the 23rd in bright colors (some black okay).

May 15 at 3:32 PM

JK

Joy Kelley posted:

Thank you

May 15 at 3:27 PM



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Gary Browning posted:

There are few special people who enter our lives, and remain that special person year after year – such as Cheryl. If there is anything I, or indeed most patients, abhor it is sitting in a doctors office waiting for an appointment. I'm sure somewhere in the millennial hours that a doctor must take – there is a course entitled "How to make a patient sweat in the waiting room." There was never any reason to sweat with the two Kelley at work. Cheryl would punch that intercom and say Dr. Kelley your next appointment is here. And on rare occasions there would be a crisis – that was just a good opportunity for me to spend more time with a most delightful angel of God. Quite literally I would drive down from Bartlesville an hour early to draw swords and do battle with a neat, neat lady. Our hour was filled with laughter and teasing. We had no boundaries. Politics, religion, social issues, and a zillion lighter subjects but, whatever the subject we totally respected the other's position and without a doubt ended up laughing and laughing and laughing. We are the same age, but since I lived by myself she decided to take it on herself to find me a suitable mate. This went on over several months. She would make up resumes of the "attributes of several women and then read each to me and ask which one I would pick. She pulled this twice one me and when I picked the same one, she would be delighted for we had both picked the same fair damsel. I like to think we had a lot in common. I have no doubts where she will be when Gabriel blows his horn, I'll do my best to be there too. I'll miss her standard greeting of "Good afternoon Doctor Browning Sir" A little joke we understood. Thanks for the memories "Mrs Dr. Kelley mam." gary

May 14 at 8:18 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cheryl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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