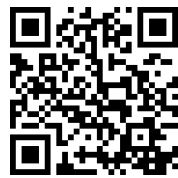




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Cheryl Darlene Breslin passed away on September 5th, 2023. She was born on January 3rd, 1947, in Vancouver, Washington, to Trygve and Ruby Hagen. She had one younger sister, Kristy, and they grew up in Orchards, Washington. Cheryl spent most of her free time riding horses and running her barn. Cheryl attended Evergreen High School, where she met her first husband, Dennis Malone, and together they had her only child, Robin. Although life with Dennis was brief, Cheryl was fortunate to meet the love of her life, Christopher J. Breslin. She knew she had met her match in Chris. The couple enjoyed countless parties on their houseboat and traveling with friends. They loved the Columbia River and made it a point to either live on it or have a view of it. In 1978, the couple opened Breslin Pontiac, Olds, GMC with Chris's brother and wife. Shortly after, they moved to St. Helens to manage the dealership, and when Chris and Cheryl became sole owners, they expanded the dealership to include Ford. From then on, Cheryl was very involved in the local community and even served a term on the St. Helens City Council, in 1986. One of her proudest moments was purchasing the family farm, in 1995, and building her dream horse barn on the property four years later. Unfortunately, Chris passed away in 2004, leaving a large hole in Cheryl's life. However, that didn't stop her from continuing their legacy.

Those who knew Cheryl knew that she was a wise, resourceful, and independent business woman. She was also a lover of horses, Elvis Presley, Pepsi, and Benson & Hedges cigarettes. She will be remembered for the immense love she held for her family and her community, but also for the tough love that she gave to keep her loved ones on the straight and narrow. She will be celebrated for her kind heart and was known to give generous donations to those in need. On multiple occasions, she opened her home and barn to horses, dogs, and cats that needed a place to call home. If you were ever in need of assistance or advice, Cheryl would undoubtedly be your first call. She was also a force to be reckoned with when she was passionate about something and



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regularly shared her thoughts and opinions. You always knew where you stood with Cheryl, for better or for worse.

On any given day, you could find Cheryl driving her camouflage side-by-side around town to watch her great-grandson's baseball games, planning a family dinner, or sitting in front of her computer taking care of business. She was a true matriarch in her family and will be missed beyond words. Although saddened by such a great loss, it's undoubtable that she is overjoyed to be reunited with Chris again.

Cheryl is preceded in death by her mother, Ruby Hagen; father, Trygve Hagen; and husband, Christopher J. Breslin. She is survived by her sister, Kristy Gawthorne of Brush Prairie Washington; daughter, Robin Zimbrick (Ed); grandsons, Kyle Stonelake (Andrea) and Austin Zimbrick (Kristen); and great-grandsons, Logan, Landon, and Lincoln.

Cheryl's family has decided not to host a celebration of life, as Cheryl did not like attending them. They would like everyone to remember her in their own way. The family would like to thank the St. Helens Senior Center for their assistance and for the items they provided to help make her final days more comfortable.



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Sarah Warner posted:

As I child I spent numerous fourth of Julys at Cheryl and Chris's boathouse!! Cheryl always making me feel welcome and a part of!! She always had great advice and the love she shared was felt larger than life! She will be missed greatly! I can imagine her,Chris, Diane,Sandy, and papa all catching up together!!! Til we meet again...

October 18 at 8:38 AM



Julie Mccarter posted:

Always a force to be reckoned with, we had lost touch but recently started talking on social media. She always had such wonderful things to say about Molly and how Molly touched her life. I can tell you Cheryl definitely touched ours and came to our rescue when we needed a barn for our horses. She was blunt and sweet at the same time. She had a love for animals and her community, at large! You will be missed, Cheryl! Give Molly a hug, if you can spare one away from Mr. Breslin!

September 14 at 2:52 PM



Linda lit a candle in honor of Cheryl.

Cheryl was an amazing person who I will truly miss. She was very strong willed and always said it like it was. Like it or not. She was amazing business women. She loved her family and always giving to the community and others in need. Truly one who will be missed by many. Special thoughts to all her family.



September 13 at 5:13 PM



Jill Gilbreath lit a candle in honor of Cheryl.

Jill Gilbreath lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Breslin



September 13 at 6:04 AM



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MA

Margie lit a candle in honor of Cheryl.

Cheryl you are gonna be missed so much through out the whole community, I've know you since I was a kid, bought my 1st brand new car from you . I love you honesty that you told everyone of us weather we liked it or not. You would help out anyone in need. I truly thank you for all you have done we love you and may you rest in peace. I'm sure your keeping everyone laughing up there.

September 12 at 3:19 PM



JN

Judy Norgaard lit a candle in honor of Cheryl.

Such fond memories dear friend ♥

September 12 at 3:11 PM



JD

Jim Dillard posted:

My memory is when she and Chris use have big dinners at there boathouse are my family docks. The best part how they made there prime rib. She used help us with the local fireworks and she kept a close look over are docks. I going miss her and now she is up there with her husband and my mom and dad. RIP DB that what my dad and Chris used to call her. I going miss my hugs she used to give me.

September 12 at 2:42 PM

JD

Jim Dillard lit a candle in honor of Cheryl.

Jim Dillard lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Breslin

September 12 at 2:34 PM



DF

Donna & Forrest lit a candle in honor of Cheryl.

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September 12 at 9:46 AM





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Donna & Forrest posted:

We are so saddened to hear about the passing of Cheryl. An accomplished businesswoman and leader in our community she will certainly be missed. She and Chris had important roles to play in the business community and made St. Helens a better place to live.

September 12 at 9:44 AM



Kathy Cooper Ashley lit a candle in honor of Cheryl.

Kathy Ashley lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Breslin

September 12 at 9:12 AM





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



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