



Cherol Diane Brown

April 17, 1946 - November 19, 2022

Cherol Brown, 76, of Oskaloosa, passed away on November 19, 2022, at the University of Iowa hospital in Iowa City. She has been cremated, as was her wish.

Cherol Diane Brown, daughter of Glen Lavern and Jean (Brubaker) DeGeest, was born on April 17, 1946, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She attended Oskaloosa High School and graduated with the class of 1964. After high school, Cherol attended Northeast Missouri State University, transferred to William Penn University, and ended her education at the University of Connecticut. She received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1976. She received her Master's degree in Special Education at the University of Iowa in 2000.

Cherol married William Paradis in 1966 and divorced in 1977. She then married Daryl Brown in Cody, Wyoming, in 1980.

Her most excellent source of joy was her pursuit of higher education and the knowledge she attained from the many jobs she held unrelated to teaching. She was a Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha NU Chapter member for many years. After many different jobs through the years, she taught special education at Tri-County School in Thornburg, IA, from 1997 – 2014 before she retired. She was a lifelong learner and passionate about completing a New York Times crossword puzzle daily. Her favorite flowers were: lilies of the valley, violets, and furry four-legged ones. Perhaps the best way to understand who Cherol was, is to listen to the poetic lyrics of songs written and performed by Bob

Dylan, who helped give her the wisdom to live in this constantly evolving world.

Cherol is survived by her husband Daryl, a daughter Dawn (Mike) Janos of Preston, CT; two grandchildren, Sean and Grace; three brothers, Mark (Joyce) DeGeest of Oskaloosa, Randy (Cristine) DeGeest of Oskaloosa and Leo Greg (Linda) of Taos, NM.

Cherol was preceded in death by her parents.

Cherol's life will be celebrated in the warmth of Spring 2023. Her place of memory will be Bellefontaine Cemetery near Tracy, Iowa. Memorials may be directed to Mahaska County Homelessness Coalition or Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cherol Diane Brown*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Cherol was my high school classmate who always made me and everyone laugh. At our 50th high school reunion...we still had laughter.*

She will be missed. My deepest sympathy to all of her family.

Cheryl Van Zetten

Cheryl Van Zetten - December 13, 2022 at 10:35 PM



“ *I am so sad. I met Cherol when I was in high school. I went to Newton and she of course was in Oskaloosa. We had lost touch over the years but reconnected on FB. When visiting Iowa, a couple of years ago we even made a stop to see each for an hour or so. She was still a lovely funny caring person. What a special lady who will be missed by so many that she touched and helped over the years. Prayers to the family. florette "mulbrook" melton.*

florette j melton - December 13, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *I met Cherol while we both worked at the Hull House back in the 70s. We both went into teaching later in life. It was always fun to spar over the spelling of our names. You will be missed Cherol.*

Cheryl Benson - December 09, 2022 at 07:28 AM

EW

“ So very sorry to hear of Cherol's passing. We were neighbors and I have fond memories of when our kids were little. Condolences to the family and may she rest in peace.

Emily Wallace - December 02, 2022 at 06:43 PM

DS

“ Cherol has been a friend since high school. Our friendship has mostly been on Facebook for the last several years, but I would sometimes see her when I came back to Iowa for a visit. We were polar opposites when it came to politics, but we were both teachers and we focused on what we had in common. I had just heard from her 3 days prior to her death. I knew nothing of any health issues. I am so sorry, Daryl. I will be praying for you and all her family.

Donna Hayes Shedd - November 28, 2022 at 09:00 AM

DS

They needed to include my maiden name on this. I was Donna Hayes.

Donna Hayes Shedd - November 28, 2022 at 09:03 AM

JB

“ Cherol & I worked together at Wiggs Milky Way while we were in high school. So sorry to hear of her passing; and condolences to all her family. Cherish the memories.

Jean Binns - November 28, 2022 at 08:20 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear the Cherol has passed and want to extend sincere sympathies to Daryl and family.

Jill (Nuckolls) Van Weelden - November 28, 2022 at 08:13 AM

CE

“ Sorry for your loss. She was great lady and a class mate.

Cheryl Eissens - November 23, 2022 at 02:57 PM

CE

I am in shock. We corresponded frequently and she never hinted any health problem.

Connie Eberline - November 24, 2022 at 08:02 PM