



CHERYL DIANE (KUYKENDALL) MARTIN

October 5, 2023

Cheryl Diane (Kuykendall) Martin was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, and caregiver to her core. She spent 68 years loving and being loved until she was called to Heaven on October 5th, 2023.

Born February 1st, 1955 in Birmingham to Tommy and Patsy Kuykendall; the first of their three children, Cheryl grew up with shining examples of faithfulness in her family and reflected that her whole life. She married Carl “Bud” Martin on August 24th, 1978 and began a 45 year marriage that was blessed with two beautiful daughters and four grandchildren that she absolutely adored. Cheryl and Bud raised Mandy and Lindsay in Pleasant Grove, Alabama where they lived for 25 years before moving to Calera for another 15. Their recent years were spent in McCalla while caring for her parents - a testament to her compassionate heart. Cheryl spent almost 40 years of her life working tirelessly as a nurse, first in cardiac care and ultimately labor and delivery at St. Vincent’s Hospital. She supported thousands of mothers and their babies as well as being a strong, encouraging charge nurse for her coworkers whom she counted as friends. She was ever passionate about education in nursing, always willing to offer sound medical advice, and beloved by all she worked with. If you knew Cheryl you knew she treasured her family. She became “Nana” in 2007 and fervently doted on her grandchildren, beaming with pride in her girls who knew true motherly love because of their own. Cheryl is survived by her husband, Bud; daughters Mandy [Joey] Seales and Lindsay [Tim] Jones; brother Nick [Gayla]

Kuykendall; sister-in-law Wanda [Scott] Kuykendall; grandchildren Charlie (16) and Katie (12) Seales, and Ila (11) and Dottie (7) Jones; nephew Luke Kuykendall and niece Elisabeth Kuykendall. She was preceded in death by her brother, Scott Kuykendall, and her parents. Cheryl will be dearly missed but there remains such comfort in knowing of her assured healing and reunion with those she loved and the God who loved first as her faith has been made whole. Her legacy will live on through her children and grandchildren who have the most precious memories to build their lives upon. In lieu of a memorial service, Cheryl unsurprisingly wanted to be honored by serving others. Donations can be made in her memory through a fund setup in her name by the hospital to which she devoted her working life.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have known Cheryl all of my life. We went to elementary school together as well as church. A very dear friend. She was at the hospital when our first grandson was born. Such a wonderful person. My prayers are with Carl and the girls.

Loretta Rooks - October 19, 2023 at 09:32 PM

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“ I loved Cheryl. I worked with her in L&D at StV. She was the best nurse and friend, but I also know how much she loved her family. It was a blessing to know and love Cheryl. Prayers and love for her entire family.

candy craig - October 18, 2023 at 10:40 PM

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“ I grew up with Cheryl in Fairfield Highlands. We went to school and church together.
Cheryl loved to laugh and we all giggled a lot! Several of us “girls” were just days apart, so from the first part of January until February 1st we were going to birthday parties. She was always so sweet and I’m so sorry to hear of her passing. But... having the gift of knowing where she is, is such a blessing. Know that you’re in my thoughts and prayers.

Janet McLendon Bradley

Janet McLendon Bradley - October 17, 2023 at 10:19 PM

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“ I remember her helping with both my daughters giving birth to my grandchildren, she made it a point to be on duty so she could help having a baby not so scary! We also became close over the years when our families took trips together. I know she is at home and feeling great!

Judy Kelley - October 17, 2023 at 09:17 PM