



Cheryl Lynn Novak

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Cheryl Novak Obituary

Cheryl Lynn Novak (nee Ruggles), 79, of Elyria, died Tuesday, June 17, 2025 after a brief illness. She was born January 21, 1946 in Portage Lakes, Ohio and resided in California and Arizona as a child. She moved to Elyria as a teenager and was a 1964 graduate of Elyria High School. Cheryl was a longtime employee of JC Penney Company, Elyria and for 8 years owned The Candy Store on Grafton Road in Elyria. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and enjoyed camping, bingo, bowling, watching the Cleveland Guardians and playing board games and puzzles. She was an avid dog lover, especially her beloved dog, Pinta.

Cheryl is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Richard J.; daughters Brenda M. Leyva (Jose Martinez) of Elyria, Alicia L. (Bryan) Engstrom of Strongsville and Enett M. (Matthew) Moir of Greenville, SC; son Richard W. Novak of Elyria; grandchildren, Kristi, David, Tyler, Emily, Ashley and Connor; great-grandchildren, Travis, Alyssa, Hazel, Myra, Case and Mavrick; brothers, Robert Ruggles of New London, Charles Ruggles of Elyria and John (Beth) Ruggles of Springboro, Ohio; half-sister, Carol Ann (Don) Hosier and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Wilma Ruggles and brothers, Gene, and George "Bill" Ruggles.

Friends will be received Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria. A private interment of ashes will be in Nesbett Cemetery, Grafton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Friendship Animal Protective League, 8303 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria.



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AN

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Cheryl Lynn Novak posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Cheryl Lynn Novak We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

January 29 at 9:42 AM

LF

Love, Your Primrose School Of North Ridgeville Family posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Cheryl Lynn Novak by Love, Your Primrose School of North Ridgeville Family. Plant a Tree We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. May all of the wonderful memories bring you peace and comfort. Love, Your Primrose School of North Ridgeville Family

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RM

Richard And Kayla Martinez posted:

Petals aglow was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn Novak by Richard and Kayla Martinez. Send Flowers Our thoughts and prayers are with you Richard and Kayla Martinez

January 29 at 9:42 AM

YE

Your Colleagues At Sager Electronics posted:

White designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn Novak by Your colleagues at Sager Electronics. Send Flowers Dear Alicia and Family, We are deeply saddened by the loss of your mother. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. With heartfelt sympathy, Your colleagues at Sager Electronics

January 29 at 9:42 AM

CO

Ch Robinson, Independence Ohio posted:

Medium spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn Novak by CH Robinson, Independence Ohio. Send Flowers We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Love from your CH Robinson family CH Robinson, Independence Ohio

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Natalie Wise posted:

I remember working with Cheryl at JC Penny's back in the 90s. What a sweet and kind lady and very funny. I'm sorry to hear of her passing. What a great lady.

July 11 at 2:06 PM



E posted:

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July 5 at 6:03 AM



Gerald Henson posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you for the best of everything. God bless.

July 3 at 6:50 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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