

Cheryl Alberta Firing-Kawato

May 21, 1956 ~ March 10, 2023

Cheryl Alberta Firing-Kawato passed away peacefully in Provo, Utah, at the age of 66. Cheryl faced her health challenges with courage and patience but the pain associated with her many surgeries and infection was too much to bear finally taking her on March 10, 2023.

Cheryl was born on May 21, 1956 in Baie d'Urfe, Montreal, Canada to Lars Firing and Alberta Marston. She lived there until moving to California to pursue a career opportunity.

Cheryl enjoyed the companionship of her favorite dog, a wired-haired fox terrier named "Skjeggen." On weekends and summers she spent many wonderful days at the family cabin north of Montreal in Greenshields Point, near Ste Agathe in the Laurentian Mountains. She met her lifelong best friend Annette there where they spent much time together. In the summer they would swim, sail and water-ski on the nearby lake and in the winter they would spend hours skiing, both downhill and cross-country, in the surrounding mountains. Cheryl was accomplished at all these activities.

Cheryl graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from McGill University in Montreal. She began a career acting in various business capacities eventually accepting a job transfer that brought her to Southern California. There she met Jimmy where they worked at the same business.

Cheryl and Jimmy moved to Utah in 2011. In Utah they designed a beautiful yard that would keep them both busy most days weeding and tending to their creation. This kept them outside where it was easy for them to build friendships with many in the neighborhood. Everyone admires their beautiful home and yard and cherishes memories of a short interaction with them always filled with humor and love.

Cheryl enjoyed skiing, gardening, sewing, crafting, and cooking. She excelled at each. Cheryl was quiet, humble, and reserved, but also a fierce and loyal friend who remained concerned for others until she passed away.

Cheryl joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where she served in the Family History organization as well as the Relief Society. She and Jimmy team taught in the children's Primary Program, a calling which they both enjoyed. Cheryl and Jimmy were sealed for time and eternity in the Mount Timpanogos Temple.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy, parents and her brothers, Erik and Neil. She leaves behind a niece, Charis and her cousin Donald Marston as well as many friends and loved ones who loved her and consider her family.

Funeral services for Cheryl will be held in the Saratoga Springs Utah Stake LDS Chapel, 49 West Tanner Ln, Saratoga Springs, UT at 12:00 pm on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Cheryl and Jimmy will be interred together at the Larkin Sunset Lawn Mausoleum located at 2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, UT.