

Cheryl Ann McGarry Bailey

May 7, 1944 ~ September 15, 2025

Cheryl Ann (McGarry) Bailey, 81, passed away peacefully Monday, September 15, 2025, at Draper Rehab and Care, Draper, UT. Cheryl was born in Salt Lake City on May 7, 1944, to Afton Grace (Messner) and Leonard Stanton McGarry.

She attended East High School and graduated with the class of 1962. She married Henry Forbes Bailey on July 19, 1968, in Salt Lake City, UT (later divorced). Cheryl and Henry have one daughter, Cathleen Rose Bailey. Cheryl was a long-time resident of West Valley City, UT and made lifelong friends there. She was a day care provider in her home for many years. She loved all her “kids”. Some have remained friends with Cheryl through adulthood. Having been born with Cerebral Palsy, Cheryl faced a lot of health and mobility challenges throughout her life. She did so with grace, endurance, and fortitude - a great example to all her family. She had a very positive spirit and looked for the good in each day. She had a deep faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ, and His plan for her life. She was known for her sense of humor and quick wit.

In 2013, declining health required that she move into the Draper Rehab and Care Center. Several years later, as her kidneys started to fail, she started kidney dialysis. We are convinced that it is because of the devotion, love, and care of the staff at the care center that Cheryl lived many more years than she might have. We have been told that Cheryl was a “bright light” to everyone at the care center. She was a strong advocate for herself and other residents that live there. Cheryl was an avid reader and kept a list of books she had read over her lifetime. She was also a Tom Selleck fan and always said that he is her “one true love”.

Cheryl is survived by her daughter, Cathleen Badley, and her partner Devin Thedell (Midvale, UT), grandchildren: Katie Arellano (David) (Colorado), Allison Bailey (John) (Layton UT), Joshua Badley, Joseph (Joey) Badley (Ronnie) (North Salt Lake), great grandchildren Carter Ricardi, and Cadence Arellano. She is also survived by her loving sisters, Kathleen Watkins (Riverton), Pat Diamond (Robert) (Sandy), and Shannon Tunnell (Riverton) and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Cheryl did not want us to mourn at her passing but rejoice in her life!

A memorial visitation for Cheryl will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 5 to 8 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens (1950 East 10600 South in Sandy UT 84092). Cheryl requested that attendees wear “bright and cheerful” attire. She will be safely laid to rest at Larkin Sunset Gardens at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff at both Draper Rehab & Care Center and Fresenius Kidney Care, South Jordan, UT. We would also like to thank Dr. Isaac Noyes and NP Amy Gilbert for their loving concern and support. Thanks to the many family members, friends, other acquaintances and caregivers who called or visited Cheryl during the last weeks of her life. She LOVES you!!!