



Sheryl Diann Phelps

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Sheryl Diann was born in Wichita, Kansas to Deaton and Priscilla (Sellers) Brown. She was raised in the Bristow and Sapulpa area. She graduated from Sapulpa High School in 1971 where she was All State choir. Sherry's father was transferred to Gainesville, Texas in 1971 and upon her graduation, the family followed. Sherry attended Cooke County Junior College and North Texas State. She played the organ at the First Christian Church in the morning and the piano at Grand Avenue Baptist Church in the evening. It was at Grand Avenue Baptist Church that she met a young man, Steve Phelps. They were engaged later on August 10, 1973 and the two married on May 18, 1974. A few years later, Steve joined the Army. After his completion of Special Forces training, Steve and Sherry made their home in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. They put down roots by purchasing a home and growing their family with the birth of daughter, Rashelle. Upon Steve's discharge, the family moved to Tulsa for a short period before returning to Gainesville, where they welcomed son, Dustin. This growing family was open to new adventures and relocated to Anchorage, Alaska. Sherry worked as a legal secretary and played the piano for the Church of God, where Steve served as a youth pastor. The couple also welcomed two sons, Drew and Cameron. After serving in various churches in Santa Maria, California, and Edmonds, Washington the Phelps family decided it was time to move back and be closer to family. Steve was offered a position to serve in a church in Oklahoma and the family purchased their home in Bixby. Sherry found employment at the Union 8th Grade Center. Sherry retired in 2012 after being diagnosed with stage four cancer. Sherry was a fighter. She outlived her diagnosis by living twice as long as predicted. She endured too many rounds of chemo to count, and multiple surgeries. Through it all, she kept her faith strong- never wavering in her love for Christ and her family. Sherry was an exceptional cook and baker, owning her very own cupcake



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business: Sherry's Cupcake Creations. She and Steve were inseparable during their 46 years of marriage. They rode their Harley together, vacationed to Cancun many times where Sherry would show off her open water diver certification. Although, afraid of heights, Sherry even went skydiving with Steve on his 1000th jump. She loved her family fiercely. Sherry passed away February 24, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family. Those she leaves to cherish her memory are: husband, Steve Phelps; daughter, Rashelle Phelps; sons, Dustin Phelps, Drew Phelps and wife Vanessa, and Cameron Phelps; grandchildren, Nikki, Mikayla, Isis, Angelina, Luna, Giuliana and Vincent Ray; sister, Sheila Bear and husband Ken, many cousins; and her parents, Deaton and Priscilla Brown; along with her loving cancer support group, The Pearls. She was preceded in death by grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousin, Rudy Taylor.

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MG

Mark Graham posted:

Steve, I am sorry for your loss.

May 3 at 2:11 PM

KQ

Kristi Quinton posted:

So many memories, Solid Rock church plant, makeovers, riding Harleys, church league softball tournaments, praise and worship. Sherri always could coax a smile. Will always have fond memories of this wonderful woman.

February 28 at 8:07 AM

JM

Jeri Mann posted:

Dear Steve and family. We are so sorry for such a great loss. Our prayers are with you all. Jeri & Mark Mann

February 28 at 5:05 AM

SW

Suzanne Ward posted:

Sherry and I met when we both worked at the Union 8th Grade Center office. I have so many funny stories of her antics and the joy she brought to the office and my life. She was diagnosed with cancer during that time. but she continued to be a light. Through chemo, surgeries, radiation, and pain, she was positive, joyful, and always an encourager. Sherry was a light and brought life into any room she entered. Heaven is brighter and my dear friend is no longer suffering. Praying for peace and comfort for Steve, their children, grandchildren, Sheila, her parents, and family.

February 26 at 2:45 PM

DB

Dee Blanton posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Sherry's passing. Thoughts and prayers going up for Steve and the entire Phelps Family.

February 25 at 12:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sheryl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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