



Ms. Cheryl "Cherie" L. McMahon

August 4, 1952 - December 29, 2020

After a long and courageous battle with cancer, Cherie McMahon passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, with her brothers and sisters by her side. Born in Pittsfield on August 4, 1952, she was the daughter of the late William J. (2004) and Joanne Shuster McMahon (1994).

Cherie graduated from Wahconah Regional High School in 1970 and attended McCann Technical School, completing their Medical Assistance program in 1971.

Cherie was a dedicated Health Care professional who worked at BMC for 28 years. Her dedication and compassion to her patients was truly genuine. She had a knack for making people feel safe and comfortable.

Her joys in life were gardening, cooking, the beach, and her beloved Red Sox. She will be remembered by her family for her dry sense of humor (that helped us through her illness).

She is survived by her sisters, Susan Williams, Pat Knysh (Roger), and Martha Tobin (James), as well as her brothers, William McMahon (Audrey), and Daniel McMahon (Barbara), and several nieces and nephews.

Cherie wanted us to thank the nurses at the oncology center at Hillcrest for their kindness and their support.

Funeral Notice:

As Cherie wished, all funeral services will be private. Cherie loved her cat, Toby, and therefore, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Berkshire Humane Society in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 525 Main

Street, Dalton, MA 01226, in her memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

*Always remember, you are Braver than you think, Stronger than you seem, and Loved more than you know.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *This is Jeanie, your cousin living in Seattle.*

Dear Susan, Patty, Martha, Billy and Danny,

I am so sorry for the loss of your sister Cherie. I remember her well - she always had such a huge smile on her face. I wish you the grace of facing her grief in the memories that she left for you. I am sure there are many of them.

Love to you and your families,

Jeanie Murphy

Jeanie Murphy - January 17, 2021 at 05:50 PM

JR

Looking for Obituary of Joanne Shuster McMahon Old friend of she & Billy when attending St.Joe. Player Baseball with Bill & also at Brass Rail Team. I never knew they passed so young -Reason? I just returned a short time ago to pittsfield. EMail Jostabo @ aol.com. Facebook Page - John Reddington. Any info on my old friends - Thank You!!

John Reddington - March 17, 2022 at 04:18 PM

JR

EMail Changed: Bajo38 @aol.com John Reddington

John Reddington - March 18, 2022 at 09:18 AM

MF

“ *I worked with Cherie many years ago at Berkshire Surgical. I will always remember her kindness and compassion, her sense of humor and her contagious smile. Prayers for her family and friends.*

Michelle Filiault - January 09, 2021 at 12:31 PM

MT

“ Condolences and prayers to her family and friends. I remember her sense of humor and enjoyed many fun times with her and other girlfriends during our younger days. Sincerely,
Maxine Tatro



Maxine Tatro - January 05, 2021 at 03:11 PM

LA

“ Cherie 💕. We miss you, your smile, laughter, kindness you shared with all, not only in the office but as a dear friend.
Sincere blessings with condolences from:
Dr. Frederick & Mrs. Ruth Austin, and daughters Becky, Laurie, Missy, Susan.



Laurie Austin - January 03, 2021 at 01:38 PM

ML

“ Mary Lou lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cheryl "Cherie" L. McMahon



mary lou - January 02, 2021 at 05:54 PM

LA

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Cherie's passing. I first met her 32 years ago at Berkshire Surgical when she began working there. She was one of the funniest people I have ever met. We shared so many laughs over the years. I never left from seeing her without a stomach ache from laughing so hard. We had some wonderful times. She was such a strong person. Linda Adriance

linda adriance - January 02, 2021 at 10:23 AM

DM

“ My memories of Cherie McMahon are of the one who was the oldest of us 10 cousins - the leader, the one who was always joking and had a big, bright smile, the one who was not afraid of anything. When we had the major holidays with the McMahons, if we were at their house Cherie would always come right up to say hi and make us feel like she was so glad to see us. And you could always count on Cherie's sense of humor to make any situation, however dull or tricky, more bearable. It often put things in perspective, I thought. We younger cousins would listen to whatever Cherie said and if she said something, we trusted her.

My most vivid memory of Cherie was an afternoon when my mom brought us to the McMahons' and she and Aunt Joanne were having coffee, and we kids, led by the older ones of the group, walked down to a baseball diamond that was through a field. We all played ball until we were too hot to play anymore and we started the walk back to the McMahons'. Suddenly Cherie saw something on the ground - it was a big garter snake - and she scooped it up. The rest of us stood open-mouthed in awe of her bravery as she carried it with her on the walk back.

We were almost at the house and Cherie went in the back door ahead of us, and within a few seconds we heard a really loud scream - and knew it had to be either Mom or Aunt Joanne. I remember looking in the doorway, and there stood Cherie, swinging the garter snake, and not far from it was my mom. Apparently Cherie had walked in and before Aunt Joanne, who had seen her, could wave her back or something, she swung the snake right behind mom, whose back was to her, and said "Got something to show you Aunt Dianne!" Of course my mom turned around to say something like "Hi there sweetheart!" but instead she screamed. Of course Aunt Joanne said "Cherie! Take that snake out! Now!" Both of the moms laughed about it, of course. To the rest of us, Cherie was a hero. None of us would have dared to pick up the snake, let alone swing it in my mother's face. That was Cherie to me - imaginative, fearless, and funny.

I was so sorry to learn this week that Cherie had passed away. Sue, Pat, Bill, Martha and Dan, I am so sorry for your loss. I know your

hearts are hurting. Please know you and your families will be in our thoughts and prayers. The world is going to miss Cherie and her bright, cheerful smile and sense of humor. A sense of humor that often put things in perspective. She had a gift for making people smile, and making them feel that they mattered. I will always remember that that was important to her.

~ Donna Snyder Miner

Donna (Snyder) Miner - January 01, 2021 at 09:39 PM

DE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



debbie - January 01, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - January 01, 2021 at 01:12 PM

KB

“ Dear McMahon Family: We are so saddened to learn of Cherie’s death. Cherie was Dr. Basile’s “ right hand woman” for so long , first at Berkshire Surgical and then at the Wound Center, and only Cherie could do that job with the humor and poise needed. We used to laugh and say he had it made because Cherie’s birthday was the same as Kathleen’s and he only had to remember one day of the year to take care of all the important people. But seriously, Cherie was so fun to work with - when Deer Season opened she would put deer antlers in Dr. Curletti’s floor plant just in case he couldn’t wait for the weekend and the hunting to begin! So many stories, so many laughs. Without people like Cherie in healthcare it would be a much sadder environment, just as the world will be a much sadder place without Cherie.

Kathleen & Dick Basile - December 31, 2020 at 05:17 PM