



Cheryl A. Thorp

November 23, 1943 - January 10, 2014

Cheryl A. Thorp, 70, passed away January 10th at her home in Benicia. She lived a vibrant life, surviving Multiple Sclerosis for 30 years. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, Cheryl was the daughter of Thomas W. Marks and Marilyn A Marks. Cheryl was a graduate of Nursing from University of Michigan. After graduating college she moved to San Francisco, CA and began working as a nurse. Cheryl married Kent L Barnes in 1965 and had two children, Jeff and Jennifer. Cheryl lived and worked in Marin, raising her 2 children for almost 20 years.

In 1986 Cheryl married Ray Thorp and they began their journey together in Brookings, Oregon. While in Brookings Cheryl taught nursing and had a career in politics as a Curry County Commissioner. Cheryl retired in 2000 and thus began Cheryl and Ray's world travel adventures. They had many incredible adventures all over the world.

In 2003 Cheryl and Ray began spending their time with their grandchildren between Brookings and Benicia. Eventually they began permanently residing in Benicia, where Cheryl became involved with Canine Companions, The AAUW (American Association of University Women) and joined The Mystery Book Club at the Benicia Library. Cheryl met many wonderful friends in these organizations.

Cheryl had a spirited, generous, unforgettable personality. She didn't hold

anything back; you always knew where you stood. Cheryl always fought for the underdog and usually won. She loved the ocean, sunsets, flowers, hummingbirds, her grandchildren and people. She was a beautiful woman with a smile that lit up the room.

She is survived by her daughter Jenny (Rich) Beaumont of Benicia and her son Jeff Barnes of Oregon, grandchildren Andrew, Alex & Lila Beaumont, Shayla Petersen & Jeffrey Barnes. She was preceded in death by her husband Ray Charles Thorp in 2008 and her brother Jeff Marks in 1973.

A Celebration of her Life will be held from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, January 26th at the Benicia Senior Center, 187 East L Street, where people will be invited to share a story or memory of Cheryl.

Family prefers donations to the Benicia Library, Canine Companions, The MS Society or the AAUW (American Association of University Women).

Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl A. Thorp

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ I just learned of Cheryl's passing, and Ray's as well. I was so saddened. I went to Nursing School with Cheryl at the University of Michigan. To me Cheryl was always the most beautiful girl in the class. We kept in touch for a few years, but I lost touch after she left Oregon. May she now rest in peace.

*Edie Weiskotten
Denton, TX*

Edie Weiskotten - July 12, 2014 at 04:32 PM



“ Ann and I delighted in Cheryl's company, and were proud to have campaigned for her here in Curry County. She was always optimistic, upbeat, curious, kind, and loving. We have missed her ever since she moved back to California, and now will miss her even more. This wonderful woman lives on in our memories.
Tim Palmer and Ann Vileisis, Port Orford, Oregon

Tim Palmer - January 24, 2014 at 04:40 PM

PC

“ I knew Cheryl for about 14 years, first, while she served as a commissioner for Curry County, Oregon. She was wonderful in that job, but, unfortunately, had to resign due to a serious MS incident. She and husband Ray were also members of a local land protection group to which I also belonged. After Ray's death and Cheryl's move to Benecia, we continued to stay in touch. And on her return visits, we usually got together to share a meal or visit with other friends. Cheryl's warmth and positive attitude made her a joy to be around. My heart goes out to Jenny, Jeff and the rest of the family.

*Pete Chasar
Brookings, Oregon*

Pete Chasar - January 19, 2014 at 10:49 PM

MH

“ What an honor it has been to know Cheryl. Her kindness and compassion has been such an inspiration to me and I will miss her and her beautiful smile. Peace be with her family and all who knew her. Mary Hammonds

mary hammonds - January 19, 2014 at 07:13 PM

LL

“ What a gracious, positive and beautiful person. It was an honor to know Cheryl.
Leslie Lessenger

Leslie Lessenger - January 19, 2014 at 01:06 PM

JH

“ Cheryl was the kindest, most courageous person I've met. She so loved animals. She and Ray were great supporters of the South Coast Humane Society. Cheryl served on our Board of Directors. She made many friends in Brookings and had an impact far beyond what she could even imagine. Knowing she's no longer with us makes me sad. Having had the gift of knowing her makes me thankful. Condolences to the family and her friends who were close to her. RIP, sweet Cheryl.

Jan Henault - January 19, 2014 at 11:36 AM

VN

“ Cheryl encouraged our participation in local politics and enabled our love for all critters within our care. We started missing her years ago when she left our community. Cheryl left a mark in Curry County that will be appreciated by many for years. We wish her family solace knowing that her life made a difference for a better community. Cheryl made us better. It's good that she is with Ray - another very good soul. Fondly,
Don and Vikki Nuss
Brookings, Oregon

Vikki Nuss - January 18, 2014 at 07:48 AM

LB

Cheryl you will be missed.! What an amazing woman, with all your beauty and love for your canine friends. I remember the first day we meet in 1991, I cut your hair at a local salon and we were friends from that point on. I will always be reminded of your great attitude and beautiful smile. Thank you for your encouraging words and heart felt wisdom. Blessings and Love for your children and grandchildren on their loss. Love Always, Leslie Balmain , Smith River Calif,

Leslie Balmain - January 18, 2014 at 02:04 PM