



Cheryl Purcell Coggins

June 1, 1957 - June 5, 2020

Cheryl Purcell Coggins, 63, went to be with her Lord on Friday, June 5, 2020. She was born June 1, 1957 to Melvin and Monette (Mann) Carlton and spent most of her life in Sumter County, fondly known as the Queen of Bushnell. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Bushnell and was a past member of the Cornerstone Hospice Board. She was the co-owner of Purcell Funeral Home in Bushnell from 1984 to 2007 and for 25 years served in banking in Bushnell. Cheryl was a youth ministry leader at FBC, a member of the pastoral search committee and taught Sunday School. She loved talking with and listening to others and enjoyed gardening, canning, and vacationing in the mountains with her family and friends. Cheryl was known to take in strays and she loved her dogs and most all animals. She was well known and respected in her community and will be dearly missed. Most important in her life was her Lord and Savior.

Cheryl is survived by her husband of 11 years, Lester Coggins of Leesburg, FL; children: Justin Purcell of Bushnell, FL, Brooke (Shaun) Lovett of Lake Panasoffkee, FL; Dr. Brian Coggins of Durham, NC, Paul (Chelsea) Coggins of Fort Collins, CO; sisters: Mondell (Dale) Gray of Webster, FL, Glenda (Phil) Yaden of Sumterville, FL; and many loving extended family members. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lane Purcell, and her parents, Melvin and Monette Carlton.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Cheryl's memory to Cornerstone Hospice/Lane Purcell Hospice House, 2452 CR 526E, Sumterville, FL 33585.

A time of visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Sumter County Fairgrounds. Cheryl's service will be held on Wednesday, June 10th, at 2:00 p.m. at The Sumter County Fairgrounds with Pastor Doug Watkins and Pastor Casey Ferguson officiating. Interment will follow the service at Evergreen Cemetery, Bushnell.

Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Cheryl was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. Her kind & loving spirit brought comfort to so very many people in their time of loss. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends & community. May God bring you peace & comfort in knowing that she is with the Lord.

Lynn Graham Cox - June 10, 2020 at 01:52 AM

LS

“ Cheryl Purcell Coggins was the perfect model of a beautiful person on the outside and the inside. She always had a smile for everyone, a warm heart, a compassionate soul. She never met a stranger. She was the most genuine, loving person I have ever known. I am so sorry her family has to endure this pain of loss and grief, but they all know as I do, that she is in the arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ. I was blessed to know her as a friend. Love and blessings to all her family and friends.

Lissa Knight Studdard - June 09, 2020 at 04:32 PM

LY

“ It's hard to come up with a superlative to describe Cheryl. She was simply the loveliest person anyone could possibly know. She was thoughtful and funny and warm. She leaves this world behind with so many who loved her. I hope knowing this gives some small comfort to those closest to her.

With our sympathy--the Yates family.

Lynne Yates - June 09, 2020 at 03:55 PM

MM

“ Cheryl was possessed of the warmest heart and the kindest soul imaginable. Her smile was her logo and it illuminated the darkest day. Never was she without a big hug to be offered and a sweet, encouraging word for everyone. In all my memories of Cheryl, I can recall no unkind words spoken by her about anyone. She was the most devoted mother and could hardly contain the pride she had in Brooke, Justin and her amazing grandchildren. She was close to her sisters and loved them with all her heart, too. As tiny as she was, she will forever be a "big" person who led others to be better people by her personal example. I remember Lane's funeral and the scores and scores of people who stood in line for hours to offer their comfort to Cheryl and her children. Instead, even when her heart was in pieces, and even after hours and hours of standing at the front of that chapel hugging and greeting visitors, it was Cheryl who comforted us with her optimism, her strength and her courage as she greeted every last one of those hundreds of people and thanked them for their remembrance of Lane. She was an incomparable human being who will be missed by an entire world.

MICHELLE MORLEY - June 09, 2020 at 08:49 AM

SD

“ We had only met Cheryl a few times, but felt immediately the warmth and beauty of her kind and loving soul...the joyful stories she could share...the love in her eyes as she followed Lester around a room...as I reflect on those few meetings, I am sorrowful, but profoundly glad she is with her Lord...

a man almost 100 years ago wrote...

*When death comes and whispers to me,
"Thy days are ended,"*

*let me say to him, "I have lived in love
and not in mere time."*

*He will ask, "Will thy songs remain?"
I shall say, "I know not, but this I know
that often when I sang I found my eternity."
Rabindranath Tagore, Fireflies*

May blessings and joyous memories and love remain in your hearts.

Stephen and Shirley Drake - June 09, 2020 at 07:30 AM

JH

“ I want to extend my condolence and deepest sympathy to Cheryl's family.

I have known her since before she was married to Lane Purcell and worked at the bank there in Bushnell. At that time Ginger and I owned Jack B. Quik Printing Company next door to the courthouse and we use the bank she worked at and we also made funeral programs for Purcell Funeral Home.

She was a lovely, wonderful person and the world will be missing one of its great lights with her passing.

As long as you keep her alive in your heart she will live on.

*Jack Hagin, Funeral Director/Owner
Brooks Cremation & Funeral Service
Fort Lauderdale, Florida*

Jack Hagin - June 08, 2020 at 12:10 PM

PM

“ Our hearts are sad for those in her family who are still earthly bound. Cheryl was a good mother and a good woman. She is with God and loved by many here still on earth. May you see God in this and feel his love and understanding.

Pat Mixon - June 08, 2020 at 11:56 AM

SI

“ What an amazing person. I feel so fortunate to have known this incredible woman. Cheryl touched so many lives for the good. Praying that you all find comfort in your memories and the knowledge that many others will miss her. Her kindness was contagious. Prayers for all the family.

Scott Irving and Beth Veal Irving - June 06, 2020 at 08:01 PM

KE

“ Cheryl will be dearly missed by all who knew her. We were blessed to have her as a neighbor and landlord, and she was truly one of the kindest and most lovely people I have ever known. When we rescued a stray puppy, Cheryl gave him the best forever home possible. The world is a sadder place without her- our deepest sympathies are with her sweet family.

Kenton and Jessica Ebersohl - June 06, 2020 at 07:43 PM

BM

“ Cheryl was a very special person and her faith was always reflected in her life. May God surround you with His peace and comfort you in your loss.

Bunny Mason - June 06, 2020 at 01:35 PM

GS

“ Prayers of comfort to the family of a wonderful lady. She could bring comfort to others and always greeted you with a smile and words of encouragement. Now she is rejoicing with her love one's in her heavenly home.

Guy Simmons - June 06, 2020 at 09:14 AM

BM

“ She was a beautiful woman inside and out. She will be missed.

Betty Merritt - June 06, 2020 at 06:39 AM

PT

“ *Lester, Justin & Brooke,
My heart is breaking. You all are in our thoughts & Prayers.
Cheryl will be missed so much. I'm so glad I got to talk with her
awhile back. We had such a great conversation. God sure got the
best. Love you guys!*

Dal, Pam & Sam Tompkins

Pam Tompkins - June 05, 2020 at 06:29 PM