



Cheryl (VanBuskirk) Auxier

November 3, 1939 - July 31, 2015

Cheryl Ann VanBuskirk Auxier, 75, of New Castle, IN, died Friday July 31, 2015 after putting up a brave and courageous fight to defy the odds of NASH and a Meningioma, diagnosed just over a year earlier. If ever there was a person with the will and spirit to live it was Cheryl Ann. Many times doctors would count her down and then later comment in awe what a strong and tough woman she was after battling setbacks beyond her control.

She was born on November 3, 1939, the daughter of the late Carroll and Esther VanBuskirk, in New Castle, where she lived most of her life.

Cheryl was a birthright Quaker at New Castle First Friends and was very active during the time of Tom Mullin. She completed high school in New Castle where she was active in Orchestra and played the Cello. She attended Lake Erie College for Women, and then later Indiana Business College where she graduated from. She later used her Degree to obtain a position at the New Castle State Hospital as an Administrative Assistant.

In 1967 she married Omer Auxier and became a full time homemaker. Cheryl excelled as a Homemaker and mother, often being the home where the friends of her children always knew the door was open for a meal and some motherly advice. She was always very active in school events for the her children hosting many dinners, chaperoning school dances and being the mother you

could count on for rides and any assistance needed. Her compassion and genuine interest for others shined through to make her “everybody’s mom” according to the now grown friends of her children.

During her illness and pain, she would thank the staff for their kindness and was always told by the medical staff that she was their favorite. On Mother’s Day of this year, a CNA that had attended to her in 2014 at Methodist and since changed jobs, came back to Methodist for the afternoon to spend time with Cheryl because she had cultivated such a motherly bond with him. She had been a very active member of Tri-Kappa Sorority for many years. In the 1960’s she served as the Chapter President. While in Tri-Kappa she was very involved in drives for the Mental Health and orchestrated Christmas Gift Donations and Distributions.

Cheryl leaves behind two children, Nancy G. Paul and Brian K. Auxier, as well as her husband of forty-eight years, Omer. She is also survived by her brother, Errol (wife: Betty) VanBuskirk in St. Joseph, Michigan and nieces and nephews, Jeff, Julie and Jay.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 6, 2015 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Schoeff officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown, where many of the VanBuskirk family members, including Cheryl’s parents, have been laid to rest.

The family will receive friends from 4 – 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be offered to the American Liver Foundation. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Cheryl Auxier.

Cemetery Details

Glen Cove Cemetery

8875 S. St. Rd. 109
Knightstown, IN 46148

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
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Service

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Tribute Wall



Teri
Deel

“ *Prayers of comfort and peace for Nancy and her family at this difficult time. Nancy is her Mom's champion and was teaming up with her Mom to make things better for her Mom and others in her position. Very strong and caring women. Our deepest sympathy for you Nancy. We love you,
Dr C Deel and Teri*

Teri Deel - August 08, 2015 at 04:09 PM



NP

Thank you Teri, I know we had help with your prayers all through this journey. I am using my mom now in my heartache and sorrow to inspire me to keep going in her honor. She was the strongest and bravest woman I knew, that was willing to face more pain and hard times than most can endure out of her devotion to family and the love of life. I know she was being helped with one of the best Dr's I know, please tell CD thanks for helping in her quest for life.

Nancy Paul - August 10, 2015 at 09:24 AM



KC

“ *Nancy,
I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I know how hard this must be for you and your family. I am sending prayers your way.*

Kathy Craig

Kathy Craig - August 05, 2015 at 04:08 AM



NP

Thank you so much Kathy! I know you understand such a loss from your own with your dad.

Nancy Paul - August 10, 2015 at 09:21 AM

PH

“ *Brian-
Paul and I are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. We are so sorry for your loss and are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.*

Paul and Tiffany Helderbrane - August 04, 2015 at 06:39 PM

DA

“ *Dr. & Mrs. Bruce Easter & family (Ryan & Ali) purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Cheryl (VanBuskirk) Auxier.*



Dr. & Mrs. Bruce Easter & family (Ryan & Ali) - August 04, 2015 at 04:18 PM

CP

“ *Nancy: Steve and I are are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. We know how hard she fought and you were right beside her. I admire the rally you led to try and change the dialysis rules....we can only pray that someone in the future might benefit from your hard work and dedication. For now , another bright star is shining down from Heaven upon those she left behind. Our love to you and to her entire family. Job well done.*

Connie and Steve Paul - August 04, 2015 at 09:02 AM

NP

Thank you Connie and Steve, I appreciate your thoughts and love. What is so heartbreaking in one sense is I am getting phone calls and emails from multiple news outlets and politicians interested in my mom's fight to live at home and just receive ordered medical care. Knowing my mom as I do, she always championed the underdog so to honor my mother in the manner in which she lived and taught me by example I am going to finish what I started for her out of love. I hope to spread her story and her heartache to those willing to help to change the clinics in favor of the patients not what's best for minimizing fines. Thank you so much for the touching message.

Nancy Paul - August 04, 2015 at 09:13 PM

 Marisa
Bailey
Anderson

“ *Nancy, I'm so sorry about your mom. I know when I saw her at the hospital she was still fighting and had a strong will to live. You definitely have her strong will and determination as you fought the odds to get her the help she needed. A FIERCE mother daughter team.*

You KNOW I understand your pain and I also know the sorrow that will be with you. I'm here if you need me. You will get through this although it won't be easy, that strength from your mom will hold you up.

*love you,
Marisa*

Marisa Bailey Anderson - August 04, 2015 at 04:20 AM

KB

“ I loved her too and was so grateful to tell her that I loved her and to be in her room the night she died. I will always remember her sweet smile, bright blue eyes, and sassy witt. RIP my friend and I will see you again. My most heartfelt condolences to the family as I always would visit with her after you all left.
Kimberly Blunck

Kimberly Blunck - August 03, 2015 at 06:47 PM

NP

Thank you Kimberly. You always brightened her day and made her feel special. You are a gift to the patients and were especially to my mom.

Nancy Paul - August 04, 2015 at 10:33 PM