



Cheryl Elaine Antronette Jones

October 4, 1949 - May 7, 2024

On Tuesday, May 7, 2024, Cheryl Elaine Antronette Jones (Backman), beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister passed away at the age of 74. Cheryl was born on October 4, 1949, to L. Ilene Backman and Tony Backman in Vallejo, CA. Cheryl was the 2nd oldest child of four and grew up on the family farm which instilled her passion for nature and animals. In college, she pursued an education in animal science at U.C. Davis where she met her future husband, Samuel Jones. Sam and Cheryl were married on October 9, 1976, and enjoyed 47 years together.

As Sam was in the Army when they were married, Cheryl experienced being a military wife and became proficient in relocating the household when needed. Sam and Cheryl welcomed their daughter Devon while Sam was stationed at Ft. Lewis, WA. When Sam started work at Mare Island, they moved to Napa, CA to be closer to family. Son, Nathan, joined the family a few years later. Cheryl's main job was being a mom and she took that role seriously. She spent many hours juggling soccer, T-Ball, baseball, horseback riding lessons, ballet, carpools, and all other activities in between. For several years, she was a Girl Scout leader, and endured many cookie selling seasons and camping trips. As the kids got older, Cheryl became a teachers aid at St. Apollinaris Catholic School, and she continued in that position for 14 years.

After retirement, Cheryl was able to spend more time pursuing activities that she enjoyed. She volunteered as a docent at the Carolyn Parr Nature Museum and was also an active member of the Napa Valley Genealogical

Society. She was an avid canner and was busy during the summer months putting up quarts of tomatoes and pints of peaches. Cheryl and Sam were able to travel more, and Cheryl liked to plan the trips and scrapbook the memories afterwards.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant daughter, Jessica, and her close cousin, Anita Huntington. Cheryl is survived by her husband, Samuel Jones, daughter, Devon Boer (Michael), son, Nathan Jones (Rachel Braby), grandson, Jacob Boer, siblings, Silveena Reichelderfer (Bill), Carletta Richardson and George Backman (Lynda), brother-in-law Matthew Jones, sister-in-law, Helen Jones (Alan Bretz) as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA on June 3rd.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to We Care Animal Rescue: <https://wecareanimalrescue.org/donate/>

Cemetery Details

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

5810 Midway Rd.

Dixon, CA 95620

<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/sacramento.asp>

Tribute Wall

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sam jones - July 10, 2024 at 05:09 PM

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Jones Sam - June 23, 2024 at 09:53 AM

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She loves Jacob so much! Such a beautiful pair together!

Carletta Richardson - July 01, 2024 at 05:56 PM

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“ *I feel adrift, untethered since losing my beloved sister, Cheryl. She's the rock who kept me grounded through life. No matter what, I knew she always had my back and above all else, she made me feel loved. For decades, we shared hopes, dreams, secrets. All I have now are the memories and look forward to seeing her once again, no matter how long it takes.*

Carletta Richardson - June 01, 2024 at 04:28 PM

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Devon Boer - June 01, 2024 at 04:14 PM

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What a memory! Cheryl gives Devon a seat astride Feather on my farm. Cheryl & I shared a love for horses since we were young. We first had "Miracle" aka "Minnie", a dapple grey pony. Then our grandmother got us Feather, the bay Appaloosa pictured above. Minnie lived to be 33 years old & Feather lived to 27. This photo was taken early 1980s.

Carletta Richardson - June 04, 2024 at 12:48 AM

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“ Cheryl was such a creative person her entire life. She was a master of sewing and crochet and she decorated her pretty front yard garden with whimsical wind chimes that she made. I treasure a fabulous quilt that she gifted me. To the very end of her life she was creating ingenious baby toys for her adored grandson, Jacob. What a generous and lovely lady she was!

helen jones - May 30, 2024 at 10:48 AM

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Jones Sam - May 28, 2024 at 03:52 PM



Beautiful !

helen jones - May 30, 2024 at 10:50 AM