



## Frances Cheryl Whitney

February 26, 1954 - June 16, 2020

Frances C. "Cheryl" Whitney, 66, of St. Albans, passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2020, after a short battle with cancer.

She is preceded in death by her father, Everett Ray Emerson; mother, Mary Frances Emerson (McGhee); son John A. Whitney, Jr.

Cheryl is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, John A. Whitney; son, James E. Whitney (Sarah); sister, Shirley Petro (Don); grand-dog, Zena Rayne; and several nieces, nephews and loving friends.

She was a stay at home mom in the early years, raising two boys, planning group birthday parties, and always making sure every child was included. Driving to and from football and track practices, making cheerleading uniforms for all the grade school girls, dance uniforms for the dance studios, Halloween costumes for her boys, as well as making sure the school fundraisers were always met. She was always there to help.

Cheryl was employed as an Administrative Assistant at Park Corporation in South Charleston. She took great pride in her work and put a great deal of thought and detail into all she did. She was excellent at designing offices and helping in the remodel of industrial facilities.

She loved to collect anything Elvis and Gone With the Wind, enjoyed reading, sewing and playing games on her iPad in her spare time.

Cheryl always put the needs of others before her own. She went above and beyond for those she loved, making sure the ones in need were taken care of as well. She was a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, aunt, adopted mom, and friend. She touched everyone's life when they met her and left an imprint forever. Cheryl was truly a unique person, a gem and will be missed beyond measure.

Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, June 19, 2020 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans. Burial will follow in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

A gathering of family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in memory of Cheryl to Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center at Cleveland Clinic Foundation, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, OH 44193-1655 and or MD Anderson Cancer Center at [mdanderson.org](http://mdanderson.org).

You may visit Cheryl's tribute page at [BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com](http://BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Whitney family.

# Cemetery

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**Tyler Mountain Memory Garden**  
5233 Rocky Fork Rd  
Cross Lanes, WV, 25313

# Events

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**JUN 19 Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM  
Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue, St Albans, WV, US, 25177

**JUN 19 Funeral Service** 02:00PM  
Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue, St Albans, WV, US, 25177

# Comments

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“ Jill Hyde Roy sent a virtual gift in memory of Frances Cheryl Whitney



Jill Hyde Roy - June 18, 2020 at 09:19 PM

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“ I was so surprised and heartbroken to hear about Cheryl. Even though we didn't get together often, I enjoyed our time together. Will miss her. I'm sure Johnny welcomed her with open arms. Wish I could be there for her celebration of life, but I have an appointment I can't miss. Love you all.

Jill Hyde Roy - June 18, 2020 at 09:18 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



June 18, 2020 at 08:03 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



June 18, 2020 at 03:51 PM

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“ My memory of Cheryl started 66 years ago when she was born at Garberville California. She is my baby sister by seven years and I considered her my child for many years. Cheryl called me EieEie for many years. To this day we do not know how she got EieEie from sister of Shirley. But Eie Eie it was! My fondest memory was when Cheryl would cry Daddy would say "rock the baby EieEie, rock the baby". And Eie Eie rocked the baby!

Then fast forward to South Charleston West Virginia where she met John Whitney. Well that is when their journey started and what a journey. My son Scott and I were fortunate enough to be in their life for many years in WV. Cheryl stayed at home then to take of care of her boys and the rest of us. That was quite a job!

Later she decided a new career in the working world. John told me a little about how she started, he needed help and called on his wife. Unfortunately I was not involved in that part of her life. That will be my regret forever.

Cheryl, I cannot be with you at your funeral due to the COVID mess and I know you understand. As we ended our last call a week or so ago you said "Baby Doll I am going to go now and I love you as I was talking back at the same time saying "Love, Love and Love You". I will see you again and we can get caught up on everything.

All My Love Sis,

Shirley

**Shirley Petro** - June 18, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ I met Cheryl once a few years ago but that's all it took for me to see how special she was. She was a kind, loving, fierce woman who had a way of making you feel like part of her family. She is deeply missed and the mark that she left was a great one, and because of this she'll always live on in our hearts. My deepest condolences to John, Jamie and Sarah. May all the sweet memories of Cheryl bring you comfort and strength during this time.

**Katie Montoya** - June 18, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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“ Janet Brubaker and Family purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



Janet Brubaker and Family - June 18, 2020 at 01:16 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



June 18, 2020 at 12:15 PM

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“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



June 18, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ What a beautiful lady, inside and out. Though I only met her in person recently, she helped me get through Ricky's heart attack by helping me keep my sanity. I know why he loved her so much. In our hearts she is and always will be family. Our Prayers are with John, Jamie and Sarah during this extremely difficult time in their lives. Much love to you all.

Rick & Lora Rutledge - June 18, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



June 18, 2020 at 08:27 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



**Becky Fish** - June 18, 2020 at 12:16 AM

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“ Cheryl had been on my mind lately and I guess now I know why. I'm so sad that cancer has taken another one of our family members. I'm sorry I didn't keep in touch in spite of the miles that separated us. Prayers and love for John, Jamie, Sarah, and Shirley. RIP sweet cousin.

**Becky Fish** - June 18, 2020 at 12:14 AM

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“ Saying goodbye to our dear friend of forty plus years is so hard. The memories will never ever be forgotten though. We have shared lots of laughs, good times, heartaches, births, deaths, weddings, severe illnesses, and through it all our families have remained loving, supportive and inseparable. We will miss you so much and love you dearly.  
Kay & Jeff Trent  
And family

**Kay Trent** - June 17, 2020 at 10:57 PM

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“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



June 17, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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“ Cheryl (Mama bear),  
She was So special to me. This lost has broken my heart for sure . She will never be forgotten. I will hold onto our talks, stories & laughs . The mother care she had with me was something that I hold close to my heart that she became my mama bear And I was her Rosie Girl .  
Losing my mama bear has certainly broke my heart, but something that when the pain passes. I will have smiles of memories for sure that will be planted on my heart forever . I'm so thankful for those very special couple years she came in my life and became my mama bear my friend.  
Love your,  
Rosie Girl

**Rose Adams** - June 17, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ So so sorry for your lost John (papa bear) , Jamie & Sara And little Zana

**Rose Adams** - June 17, 2020 at 09:23 PM

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“ Cheryl and John taught all of us by example. They were married for 49 years in a time when most people are from broken homes. They have been a great family giving love and tenderness to all that were fortunate enough to know them. I first met Cheryl in Lima Ohio when we were both around 13 years old. We were both given a job by my Dad Raymond at the time to paint fire hose sheds on a industrial property that was being renovated. Cheryl had a wonderful father that worked with my Dad. Well every day we were coated with red paint from top to bottom. Our Dads both said we had more paint on our clothes then on the fire sheds. It was a wonderful summer and I got to know a wonderful new friend who was simply kind and beautiful. Cheryl had a Mom who cooked up a storm for everybody that summer and sang the song “Old Sweet Pea won’t you dance with me”. Cheryl was a gift to us all and God is taking good care of her. Her great Husband John is also a gift that keeps giving. There is no one more kind than John on every level. My Dad has loved and respected John professionally and personally like no other. Dad says there is no one smarter than John and he has a great wife Cheryl next to him. It’s wonderful that all of us can recall so many great memories of those persons that influenced our lives like Cheryl and John, I only wish I could of said these things to Cheryl in person. But I have my chance to say this now to John. “ Our family admires and loves you and we want to thank you for all that you have done for so many including us. We have learned from you all these years what it means to live an exemplary life by example. You are that God given example. We grieve with your loss of Cheryl but she has eternal life. With love Patrick Park and family

Patrick Park - June 17, 2020 at 07:26 PM

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“ So sorry for your families loss, Cheryl was always so nice to me when I was around her and I know she will be so greatly missed. My prayers are with you. -Amey Callaway

Amey Callaway - June 17, 2020 at 06:28 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



June 17, 2020 at 06:25 PM

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“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



June 17, 2020 at 06:14 PM

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“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



June 17, 2020 at 04:58 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Cheryl Whitney.



June 17, 2020 at 04:50 PM