

Cheryl Mary Cox



Cheryl Mary Cox passed away at home on August 7, 2013, surrounded by loved ones, after a long and brave battle with breast cancer.

Cheryl was born a twin on September 6, 1954, in Long Beach, CA, to Edmund and Marcella Bargender. She grew up in Long Beach with her 11 siblings. At the age of 15, Cheryl met the love of her life, William David Cox (Bill). They wed in 1971 and Cheryl became a step-mom to his three older children. Shortly thereafter, Bill and Cheryl welcomed four additional children to their family; Daniel in 1972, Matthew in 1974, Jennifer in 1975 and Sarah in 1977. In 1981, Bill and Cheryl moved to Yacolt, WA, where they lived together until Bill's passing in 2006. They spent their 34 years together operating a family-owned tree business and raising their children.

In 2008, Cheryl joined the custodial team at Maple Grove Primary in Battle Ground, where she worked until her passing. She loved her job and was well-liked by teachers, staff and co-workers. Cheryl was a very family oriented woman; she loved nothing more than spending time with her siblings, her children and her grandchildren. Every Sunday, she could be found surrounded by family, enjoying dinner, games, laughter and love at weekly family "Game Nights."

Cheryl was preceded in death by her mother, Marcella, her father, Edmund, her husband, Bill, her sister Linda and her little brother Michael. She is survived by her children, Dan Cox of Yacolt, WA, Matthew (Tina) Cox of Brush Prairie, WA, Jennifer (Nic) Sosky of Amboy, WA, and Sarah (John) Russo of Vancouver, WA, her siblings Edmund Bargender of Apple Valley, CA, Patricia (Fred) Cornett of South Gate, CA, Lucy (Jack) Higgins of Yacolt, WA, twin Steve (Judy) Bargender of Milwaukie, OR, Debra (Thom) Lower of Vancouver, WA, Robert Bargender, James (Gina) Bargender, and Lisa Gibbons, all of Long Beach, CA, and David (Jennifer) Bargender of Brandon, MS, her stepchildren, Billy Cox, Steven Cox and Debbie Cox, all of Long Beach, CA, 12 beloved grandchildren; Ashlynn, Tyler, Kylie, Josh, Vanessa, Madison, Matthew, Wyatt, William, Ethan, Megan and Charlie, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Cheryl was a selfless and loving woman; a mother-figure to many. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

For service and memorial information, please contact Jennifer Sosky at (360) 263-1525. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Cheryl's name to either the American Cancer Society or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.