



Cheryl A Rennie-Smith

July 12, 1960 - September 22, 2015

Cheryl Ann Rennie-Smith

Departed our wonderful world on

September 22nd, 2015 at the CT Hospice, in Branford, CT

Cheryl went peacefully to God, covered in Love by her most Dedicated Husband Billy & Family; Loretta, Carl, Carl T., Bonnie & Tracie, who were all with her.

As well as her Loving Hospice Family, who insured every minute of her transition was beautiful. The Hospice staff treated Cheryl as Family, vs. a patient.

Cheryl's amazing will & strength with her disease, allowed her to pass on her terms.

Cheryl was born in New Haven, CT @ St. Raphael's Hospital, on July 12, 1960.

She was the oldest of 4 children of Carl & Loretta Rennie.

Cheryl leaves her parents, Carl & Loretta of Hamden, brother Carl T. Rennie of New Hampshire, Bonnie (Anthony "Tut") DellaRocco of East Haven, Tracie (Paul) Sires of Hamden, Her beloved Aunts & Uncles, she adored and cherished her nieces and nephews : Kristen Rennie, Carl T. Rennie, Jr., Chelsea Rennie and Alexa DellaRocco. She was pre-deceased by her godson Scott Welton and sister in law Patty Larson Rennie.

Cheryl was an amazing spirit, who made & maintained countless close friendships over the years.

From her cheerleading days @ Hamden High -- as the petite girl on top of the triangle ! , Cheryl remained extremely close w/ many of her high school friends & her former cheerleaders , who came to be known as the LBH's when it counted most. -Loyal Women-

All through her adult life, Cheryl was simply a magnet for true, real & lasting friendships.

Upon graduation from Hamden High, in 1977, Cheryl attended Bay Path College, receiving an Associate Degree in Business Administration.

Prior to putting that education to excellent practical use, Cheryl worked at the phone co. , CETW , where, amazingly 32 years later - Cheryl still remains friendly & socializes w/ her former co-workers from that job.

Cheryl decided punching a clock (which for her, was consistently about 10 minutes late) was not for her. So she then started her own small business.

Cheryl owned & operated Personal Touch Cleaning service, at a very high & successful level, for 12 profitable years. Not surprisingly, Cheryl remains friends w/ some of her key employees from those days & has a yearly lunch date w/ them.

It was during this period, in June of 1990 - that Cheryl's life would change forever, as she found True Love & he found her as well, in the person of Billy L. Smith.

They first set eyes on each other in the Old Dickermen Steak house.

After two years together, Cheryl relented - and told Billy something she had not previously revealed - that the very evening they had met, she went to the ladies room @ Dickermans - looked herself in the mirror & said: "I'm going to marry that guy".

Thus providing Billy w/ one of the happiest moments of his life.

As he knew - the moment he met Cheryl, that the Sun rose & Set upon this Beautiful Woman.

Cheryl could have kept sailing through the years, w/ her business humming along, getting 100% of her new business via referrals.

But Cheryl had another close friend & partner in her life - her mother Loretta.

Very difficult to find a Family closer, tighter & more dedicated to each other than the Rennie Family. Right near the top of that, was the closeness Cheryl & her mother shared. To say they were close - is an understatement

The time was right, for Cheryl to go back to school for a bit, & become Loretta's partner & student of Real Estate, working for Press Cuozzo Realtors in Hamden, CT. For 10 years. The owners & her co-workers @ Press Cuozzo treated Cheryl as Family --she loved working there. The love, generosity & support shown Cheryl, by the Press Cuozzo Family, especially over the last 5 years , is right there w/ all of her close friends-just amazing!

Cheryl & her Family, parents Carl & Loretta, brother Carl, Sisters Bonnie & Tracie, they exemplify what good, sound Family should be about. Her Brother - in Law's Tut & Paul , not only fit right in, & became integrated with the family -- they both had beyond - special relationship's w/ Cheryl. Oh, how much she loved those two guys. Special Love.

Sharing Love, good times, countless fun functions & gatherings, and always, always - helping each other out.

Cheryl spoke w/ her mother & her 2 sisters, almost every day of her life.

The three sisters, no one could divide.

If they were separate trees, they would have eventually grown into one.

Feel like getting slapped ?

Say something to Cheryl about one of her sisters.

Cheryl absolutely adored her brother Carl as well, so much so, that we often kidded her that he could do "No Wrong"!

Not surprisingly, from the start - all of Billy's family took to Cheryl, and Loved her, immensely.

Cheryl had an unmatched desire to Travel. Cheryl & Billy bought a timeshare condo in St. Maarten , in 1991 -- & it was off to the races. They would return to St Maarten 5 times, other islands they visited & left their mark on, : Ohau, Maui , Aruba 3 times, St. Bartz , Coronado , Key West, Puerto Rico , Bahamas , Block Island, Cape Cod , Marco island , Mexican Carribbean , Jamaica.....and more..

They Loved their Exotic Vacations --- and were fortunate to have many.

They were simply the single happiest couple in the world, when they traveled.

She and Billy were fortunate to have many close friends nearby as well; - right on their own street, Orange CT, Wallingford CT, etc., they could easily get together and have such a great times, feeling like they were on vacation ! So Many Awesome Times !

Cheryl Loved her and Billy's beautiful home in Hamden.

Directly across from the park, it was wonderful for long walks w/ Lucy & Skye.

There were times when they would be walking w/ the girls, & Cheryl would say out loud: "my life is perfect " , who say's that ?

Cheryl did – Loud & Clear.

Which makes the pain and suffering that came our way, even more wrong.

Cheryl loved her yard as much as the house. She was an obsessive gardener, staying outside in the warmer months until it was dark. Often the only way she would come inside, was when dinner was ready. Cheryl learned many of her gardening talents, from her

Dear Old Dad. They shared an incredible love of nature & gardening.

Another one of Cheryl's passions was indulging in great food, which she knew and appreciated well.

She told Billy frequently, the main reason she married him, was because he was a Chef !

Cheryl enjoyed watching feel good movies with happy endings. That was her style.

As well as a Great Love of Christmas Eve @ Aunt Mary's & Christmas Day @ Loretta's, where Cheryl always made sure everyone had a job - & was doing it !

Then time came when they found Naples, through their partners there.

They bought a condo - w/ her parents & Cheryl fell in Love with the Naples area.

She Loved the Condo & her friends there, so very much.

It took Naples & the Condo to slow her world - traveling down.

The fun & experiences logged in Naples, were extensive -- it was common to laugh until you cried, as part of the evening out.

.....and then the Beast showed up.

A Very Special thank you to the wonderful nurses at the SMILOW Infusion room who took such compassionate care of Cheryl, she Loved you all.

In lieu of Flowers, Donations may be made to CT Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford CT.

There will be a mass for Cheryl @ Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church @ 11:00am on Monday, September 28th.

Immediately Followed by a Christian burial @ Centerville Cemetery, on Washington St. Hamde

Tribute Wall

MI

“ I had the privilege of knowing Cheryl for a short time but in that time, feel blessed to have met her. She was a tough, courageous lady who displayed heart and soul with every word. As a nurse, I have seen many folks come and go and there are few who remain with you long after they depart your care. Cheryl will be in my heart for the rest of my career. I was SO lucky to have met her. Will miss her smile.



Micki - October 05, 2015 at 12:06 PM

JS

“ Rest in Peace Cheryl you faught a long courageous battle. Prayers and comfort for the loved ones you left behind. That was an amazing and touching obituary reflecting her and her friends and family. Aunt Loretta and Uncle Carl get an A plus on raising such a good family and touching lives for generations to come within their family and offspring and friends who have been adopted in family.

Jeffrey L Sinski - October 01, 2015 at 11:59 PM

RM

*“ Dear Loretta, Carl, Carl Jr. , Bonnie & Tracey, and the children in your family,
We are so very sorry for the loss of your wonderful daughter and sister. She was so much fun and always a pleasure to see over the many years of friendship to my sister Sue. God will Bless Cheryl forever in Heaven. She is one of his angels. With our deepest sympathy and many prayers for you all and for Billy too.*

No more suffering, so much beauty ahead for Cheryl.

With love from Renee (Maturro) & Bob Westervelt

xoxo

Renee Maturro - September 28, 2015 at 05:53 PM

FR

“ I am very sorry for your loss. May your family find comfort in Gods promise of paradise, where there will be no more tears,or sorrow. please accept my sincere condolences.

Revelations 21:3,4 - Psalm 37:4,29

Fred - September 28, 2015 at 04:48 PM

MP

“ I graduated from Hamdne High with Cheryl and then went off to Bay Path College with her. Niether one of us knew anyone the first few weeks of school and Cheryl and I would walk and have breakfast together evey morning. I remember those days well. Like it was yesrterday. So sorry for your loss. I will keep Cheryl in my prayers.



With deepset sympathy

Mary Lynn Nowak-Pelletier

Mary Lynn Pelletier - September 28, 2015 at 08:24 AM

GB

“ My deepest condolences to the Rennie and Smith family. Chery will be surely missed. Always looked forward to her visit with Charlie once a year. My prayers are with you through this difficult time. The Bogen Family, Gloria, Charlie and Bryan

Gloria Bogen - September 28, 2015 at 08:17 AM

JM

“ My dear friend Billy was a rogue and in need of a powerful positive force in his life to give him focus and purpose. He found that force in Cheryl and she brought him right to his knees. I can see it in his eyes and hear it in his voice every time he speaks of her. That force will always be in you, Bill, and I hope it will continue to have the same wonderful effect on you that it has over the past 25 years. I am blessed to be your friend. Stay positive and strong.
John

John Maiocco - September 28, 2015 at 07:32 AM

EM

“ Tracey & Bonnie and to all your family,

I did not know your sister Cheryl but by reading her beautiful tribute I can tell she was one amazing, strong, courageous woman who was very loved. You are blessed to have such wonderful memories and that is something no one can ever take from you. I hope you will eventually be able to find some comfort and peace. She will forever be your angel watching over you all. God Bless you and give you the strength to get through this difficult time. You are all in my prayers.

*With Sincere Sympathy,
Eileen Maresca*

Eileen Maresca - September 28, 2015 at 07:21 AM

SS

“ *The strongest most courageous woman I have ever met. We learned so much about living life to the fullest from Cheryl. What an honor it has been to work next to her at Press Cuozzo all these years.*

My heart is broken for The Rennie and Smith Families

♥ *Susan Shaw Santoro*

susan santoro - September 27, 2015 at 10:11 PM

DG

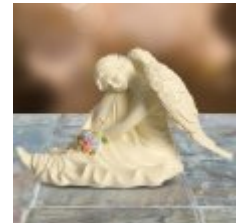
“ *My favorite memories of you were watching you grow up. Going to your dance recitals, letting you stay up late when I babysat.. and being in my bridal party. You were adorable. My friends and Leo's family thought you were so sweet and you were. We shared laughter and tears and even if we lost touch once in awhile it would be like it was yesterday. I'm thankful that you had a husband and family that took such good care of you. I, ll miss your sweet voice. your courage has been an inspiration for all of us. There is no pain in heaven and God chose you to be an angel forever in my heart you'll always be "I love you cuz." xo Donna*



Donna Brouillard- Goodwin - September 27, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ *Platinum - Serene Angel was purchased for the family of Cheryl A Rennie-Smith.*



September 26, 2015 at 09:14 PM

LA

“ *My dear Cheryl, you are sorely missed. I wish I could've spent more time with you.*

You are so strong, courageous and funny; you always tell it like it is.

The boys and I prayed for you often, God had bigger plans for you that cannot be fulfilled on earth; He needed you for Himself.

You must be the most beautiful angel with wings as white as snow, and precious stones adorning your body. You are dancing on streets of gold, living in pure peace and harmony now.

It's hard for us to go on without you here but we know one day we shall meet again and pick up where we left off. Now you and your love are treasures stored in our hearts and your face will shine in our dreams. We love you so much.

I promise to take care of chef to the best of my ability, I won't let you down!

See you in heaven Cheryl.

Love, Lia & boys 💜

To all of Cheryl's friends and family, I am sorry for your loss and I pray for peace upon you during this very difficult time.

Lia Avilez - September 26, 2015 at 07:51 PM



PM

“ *My sincere condolences.*

Peg McCoy (wed. night golf league)

Peg Mccoy - September 26, 2015 at 12:48 PM

MD

Cheryl was such a strong person and dealt with the worst disease in such a quiet manner. She was happy go lucky and fun to be around. She was a big part of our family. Christmas Eve at my house will never be the same. I am feeling so bad for Billy and her parents. Condolences to Billy, Loretta and Carl and her siblings. I will miss her very much.

Aunt Mary

Mary Dixon - September 26, 2015 at 08:13 PM

AG

“ Loretta - I was so saddened to read about Cheryl this morning. My mom and I just mentioned you both a few days ago. My heart breaks for you all losing such a wonderful daughter. I know how close you were and will always be. Our thoughts are with you and your family. With love and sympathy, Augusta, Suzanne and Ludger

Augusta Girard - September 26, 2015 at 11:49 AM

SD

“ Cheryl was a shining light in the darkest of times. She always had a kind word to share, heartfelt support to those having a bad spell, and joyous laughter to brighten any gathering. Our world is a little dimmer now. On a personal note, she is my hero. No one has demonstrated strength, faith and courage quite like Cheryl has through her long, hard battle with "the beast". Our hearts are full with loving memories. Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.

Sharon, Dick and Laura Dixon

Sharon Dixon - September 26, 2015 at 07:55 AM

LF

“ Dear Loretta, Carl, Billy and Rennie and Smith families, I am so sorry to hear of Cheryl's passing and send my heartfelt condolences. May your happy memories comfort you at this difficult time. Love, Lori Fusco

Lori Fusco - September 25, 2015 at 10:35 PM



“ WE TRULY GAINED AN ANGEL IN HEAVEN.....I WILL MISS OUR TALKS.....WE WILL ALL MISS THAT CONTAGIOUS SMILE AND LAUGH AND YOUR KINDNESS TO OTHERS.....YOUR LOVE FOR OUR FAMILY WAS TRULY UNCONDITIONAL AND WE THANK YOU AND BILLY FOR ALWAYS THINKING OF US..NO MATTER WHAT YOU WERE GOING THRU...IT IS BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I WILL BE BLESSED EVERYDAY WITH YOUR POSITIVE WORDS , I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL.....HAPPY HOUR....I'M READY.....LOVE TO BILLY AND ALL YOUR FAMILY.....OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL.....PAULA AND SAL SCALZO

Paula Scalzo - September 25, 2015 at 07:36 PM

AD

“ Cheryl will be missed by so many. Such a beautiful person taken too soon.
My thoughts and prayers are with the Rennie/Smith Family, during this difficult time.

Ann D'Errico



Ann D'Errico - September 25, 2015 at 06:10 PM

PS

“ I JUST WANT TO SAY ..WHAT A VERY GENEROUS.LOVING SINCERE FRIEND CHERYL BECAME WHEN ENTERING THIS FAMILY..AND HOW HAPPY SHE MADE OUR COUSIN BILLY AND ALL THE LAUGHS AND FUN AND HOW SHE WOULD KNOW JUST WHAT TO SAY AT ANY GIVEN TIME.....SMILE THINK POSITIVE AND NEVER GIVE UP.....THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY.....HAPPY HOUR....I'M READY.....CHERYL YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS AND TO OUR COUSIN BILLY . THANK YOU FOR BEING WHO YOU ARE.....WE LOVE YOU PRAYERS TO ALL CHERYL FAMILYLOVE COUSIN PAULA AND SAL

Paula Scalzo - September 25, 2015 at 04:07 PM

CW

“ Loretta, Carl, Billy and family
Thoughts and prayers for you at this difficult time
Harvey and Cathy White

Cathy White - September 25, 2015 at 12:52 PM

BC

“ I did not know Cheryl personally but I knew the Rennie family through Bonnie and living in Mt Carmel though my childhood. She was a beautiful girl and her life lived sounds amazing. This was a beautiful description of her life - I send my sympathy to her family and friends. I hope you all celebrate her beautiful life in your hearts every day.

Barbara (Hawken) Ciolino - September 25, 2015 at 12:24 PM

NT

“ Love and Prayers go out to Family and Friends. Cheryl was a "True Gem", what you saw is what you got! 100% Love and Commitment to her Devotion. God has work cut out for you my love! You are a spirit that will live forever! God Bless and its all over my Love, rest in peace and Good Health!

Nancy Torello - September 25, 2015 at 11:55 AM

CC

This is the most beautiful heartfelt tribute. Tears streaming down my face for all the love that comes through about this amazing woman who I had the pleasure to know. I regret not being able to see her much this past yea, but she was consistently in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven is brighter and life for us mere mortals much dimmer without the rays of sunshine that surrounded her. Much love to her loving family.

carol cangiano - September 25, 2015 at 06:17 PM

RG

“ Cheryl, though we didn't stay in touch to much after HS. It was like we never left EVERYTIME we saw each other. My prayers go out to your family.

Ron Greenler - September 25, 2015 at 10:59 AM

LH

“ sincere condolences to the RENNIE/SMITH families at this most difficult time.



lisa fusco hackley - September 25, 2015 at 09:22 AM

DA

“ We have truly been blessed to have had Cheryl in our lives. We can share and hold onto many special times we spent with Cheryl and Billy. Cheryl definitely lit up any room she was in and now she's a light in Heaven. Family reunions, Christmas Eve's, Sharpe Hill and more! We will always remember her bright eyed smile and incredible personality. At peace now! Cheryl we love you and cousin Billy.

Donna Anastasio - September 25, 2015 at 08:42 AM

KC

“ Sending love and prayers in this time of sadness. Thinking of all the joy Cheryl brought into our lives. God bless you all.

kathy cavanaugh - September 24, 2015 at 09:55 PM

MD

“ Words can't express the sadness I feel by the loss of my colleague and friend Cheryl. Through everything she went through she always found something to smile about. I admire her bravery and strength as well as the strength of her family. God Bless, you are all in my prayers. MaryEllen DeRosa



maryellen derosa - September 24, 2015 at 07:58 PM

MR

“ Maria Ragaini lit a candle in memory of Cheryl A Rennie-Smith



maria ragaini - September 24, 2015 at 06:32 PM

MR

“ An amazing, strong, kind woman..I had the pleasure of sharing many little talks as a client and a friend..I am so sorry to hear of her passing, she fought an amazing battle..I spoke to her the beginning of this year at smilow, as her and my husband were eating to get scans, she was telling us how her new treatments were workin. As we all know this horrible disease takes over and destroys you and your loved ones. I hope her and my husband jerry and another friend Lena, Joann, are looking down on us and smiling. Always in my heart Sheryl , I will miss you, love Maria Ragaini

maria ragaini - September 24, 2015 at 06:06 PM

“ Dear Rennie & Smith Family,

I am so very sorry for your loss of the formidable spirit that is Cheryl. You will be in my prayers, as Cheryl was for many years. She is at peace, no longer suffering and will be watching over you until you are together again.

I will always remember Cheryl as the strong woman I admired: a powerful, in-control, opinionated and loyal person. And extremely, passionately devoted to her family.

As was typical of Cheryl, she was quick to reach out to me when my Mom passed, writing that she will always remember her smiling. Funny that I would describe Cheryl the same way...I will always remember her smiling.

My heart is with you at this sad time. I hope that, in time, your warm memories of the life you shared with Cheryl and knowing she is now at peace will bring you comfort.

*With Love & Sympathy,
Christine Festa*

Christine Festa - September 24, 2015 at 02:06 PM