



## Cheryl Ann O'Leary

January 26, 1948 - October 10, 2019

It is with saddened hearts that the family of Cheryl O'Leary announce her passing at the age of 71.

Cheryl is survived by her son, Tony Read; her daughter, Andrea Haase and her spouse, Andy; her two granddaughters: Mackenzie and Skylar; two sisters: Jeannie and Kathy; one brother: Charles; former spouse, David; "outlaw": Anne, as well as other relatives and friends, including her grand dog, Starkey. She is preceded in death by her mother, Anna and her stepfather, John.

Cheryl was born in Indiana on January 26, 1948. At a young age, she moved to California, graduating from high school in Lancaster. From there, she moved to Los Angeles to work for Congressman Alphonso Bell Jr., then AT&T, later becoming Lucent Technologies in Network Systems Sales from where she retired.

In 1969, Cheryl married David Read, who is the father of Andrea and Tony. This marriage lasted 27 years, moving from California to Missouri, back to California, then eventually to Colorado with David and the kids. David remained very supportive as a father and friend up to her death. A short stay in New Jersey with her job also resulted in supporting her future son-in-law, Andy. He was a player of the New York Giants. She let Andy and a teammate

live with her, took him to training camp as well as cooking for them. A favorite dish was Chicken Rolls!

Cheryl was a dedicated mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Her love of outdoors showed in all the things she enjoyed: biking, hiking, running races including marathons. Reading and watching sports were passions of Cheryl's. She never missed any of the many activities her children as well as her grandchildren were participating in: dance recitals of Andrea's, dance team performances for both Andrea and the granddaughters, tennis and lacrosse matches of Tony's, all school activities for all the kids, soccer practices and many games of her granddaughters'. When Mackenzie and Skylar were babies and up to school age, Cheryl would drive from Centennial, Colorado to Fort Collins, Colorado each day to care for them.

To tell of Cheryl, one would have to continue to mention how she always put others ahead of herself. There are fond memories of all the caregiving she gave to her loved ones, including her Mom who battled cancer, who Cheryl took care of up to her death, her son Tony who struggled through diabetes, kidney failure, and a double organ transplant, supporting him every step of the way. In 2017, while out running, something she loved to do, she began noticing weakness in her legs. It was later diagnosed as ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). She will be remembered as facing this horrible disease with a positive attitude, brave faith, and all the while, still worrying about her family whom she loved very much. Cheryl will be dearly missed.

If you would like to make a donation in honor of Cheryl please do so at [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org).

A Memorial Mass and Reception celebrating our mom will be held on November 4, 2019 at 2 PM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 300 W. Mountain Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

NOV 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W Mountain Ave  
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I am stunned that I just now learned of Cheryl's passing. We were the best of friends in high school and although we hadn't seen each other in a long time we stayed in touch at least once a year or so. I have so many memories of fun times that we shared together and with Sarah Fetters Whitlake. My deepest sympathies to Cheryl's family.

Barbara Moon Brundige - January 03, 2020 at 02:30 PM

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“ Love Kathy, Katie, Maryann , Tom Lamy purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Ann O'Leary.



Love Kathy, Katie, Maryann , Tom Lamy - October 29, 2019 at 10:54 PM

NC

“ I will always have the memories my dear cousin I love and miss you! You were such a sweetheart, love you to the moon and back  
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nancy clark - October 27, 2019 at 01:01 AM

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“ Kathy Lamy lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Ann O'Leary



kathy lamy - October 27, 2019 at 12:38 AM

KL

*Love you lots and the memories I have will keep you with me always*

kathy lamy - October 27, 2019 at 12:48 AM

JW

“ *Love you my dear big sister you will never be forgotten rest easy sister*




Jeannie Watkins - October 25, 2019 at 05:29 PM

AH

“ *Love you Mom and I miss you so much!*



Andrea Haase - October 25, 2019 at 12:44 PM

 Laurie Arnold

“ *Laurie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Ann O'Leary*



Laurie Arnold - October 25, 2019 at 10:52 AM