



Shelby J. Evans

September 28, 1960 - May 23, 2024

Shelby Jean Evans, 63 of Bluffton, passed away on Thursday evening, May 23, 2024, at her residence in Bluffton, surrounded by her loving family.

Shelby was born on September 28, 1960 in Fort Wayne, to James Wayne and Nancy G. (Turnbow) Chandler. She graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1979. She worked as an associate for L.S. Ayres and JCPenney. She was a CNA at Miller's Merry Manor, a QMA for American Nursing, and retired from the Norwell High School cafeteria.

On September 10, 1983, Shelby and Burk Evans were married at Holy Cross in Fort Wayne. They shared 40 years of marriage together.

Survivors include her husband, Burk, of Bluffton, her children; Tara Jean (Matthew) Hattery of Cumming, GA., Jerod Wade (Kaitlin) Evans and Megan Shelby (Tyler) Morrow, all of Ossian, along with eight grandchildren who lovingly called her "MaMaw;" Arianna Callantine, Shyanna Morrow, Kade Sarrazin, Kinsley Evans, Ollie Hattery, Sutton Evans, Waylon Evans and Burkley Morrow. She is also survived by her stepmother, Ruth Ann Chandler of Ossian, along with her siblings; Rebecca (Marshal) Kunderd, of Fort Wayne, Scott (Jeni) Chandler, of Huntington and Stephanie (Drew) Sauers, of Columbia City.

She is preceded in death by her parents James and Nancy, and her brothers; Stephen DeWayne Chandler, James Michael Chandler and Wayne Edward Chandler.

Per Shelby's request, no formal services will be held.

Memorial may be made to Cancer Services and directed to the funeral home. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Evans family at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Your Mom is watching over all of you now from Heaven just like she did here on earth. Always remember this: Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard but always near, so loved, so missed and very dear. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Love, Theresa & John*



Theresa Haneline - June 01, 2024 at 12:27 AM

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“ *Scott & Denise Powers lit a candle in memory of Shelby Evans*



Scott & Denise Powers - May 25, 2024 at 12:40 AM

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“ Will miss you my dear friend Shelby. From the times we worked together at L.S. Ayres to coming for dinner and having "bologna steak" cooked on the grill, to me it tasted like fried bologna (you take a slice of lunch meat bologna and fry it in a pan). Shelby had never heard of that. Then there were the late night phone calls and will miss those, wasn't unusual to be put on hold because one of the kids were calling. Shelby was always helpful and would drop everything for her children and for Burk her love, the only person she trusted to help her. We never made it to Decatur for fish dinner, she said they (not sure the name) had the best fish! Burk, she missed you so when you worked on the tug boat and when you would be gone for weeks and then she was rewarded when you would be back for a month. One of her favorite saying was 'she was going to care [place a name] home' I had to ask her what she meant, she was taking someone home/were ever they needed to go. Shelby, your missed! So thankful you are out of pain, even though we left on earth behind will miss you dearly. I know I will see you flying freely in the form of a beautiful butterfly, graceful hummingbird or showing your color as a cardinal! Until we meet again ❤️

Nancy (Gfell) VanderVelde - May 24, 2024 at 10:43 PM