



Cheryl Anne Orr

November 15, 1957 - April 10, 2020

Devoted mother, loving wife, wonderful daughter, compassionate sister, and caring friend, Cheryl Anne Dodson Orr, passed away gracefully on April 10, 2020, in her home with her family by her side.

Cheryl was born November 15, 1957, to Mrs. LaVerne and the late Mr. Richard F. Dodson in Cleveland, Ohio. Cheryl was primarily raised by her mother LaVerne and her late stepfather Mr. James R. Williams. Cheryl was the eldest of five girls, affectionately known as the Dodson sisters. Cheryl was a natural leader who demonstrated kindness, patience, compassion, humility, and servitude at a young age. A studious child, Cheryl graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Cleveland, Ohio in 1975. She attended Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, and in 1980, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. In June of 1998, she completed the Certificate Program in Healthcare Management at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Cheryl met her college sweetheart, William "Bill" Orr, in 1975 and they married on August 8, 1981. Together, they began a journey that took them around the world. Becoming an Air Force spouse afforded her unique opportunities that included over a dozen moves to places like Las Vegas, Nevada, San Francisco, California, and Misawa, Japan.

To this union, two sons were born, Brian and Michael.

No matter where she was, she made her family and others feel welcome. She was known for her extraordinary hosting abilities. A prospective guest once said, "I'm so glad to be invited; Cheryl's hosting skills are legendary!"

On top of her motherly and hosting duties, Cheryl was also an outstanding pharmacist who felt her occupation was more than a job, it was a calling. Cheryl fiercely advocated for her customers in so many ways, fighting for the care they needed and deserved. She was a mentor to young pharmacists and technicians, showing them the extra mile, or inch can make a real difference for real people.

She did not shy from adversity or leadership. She served as President of the Parent-Teacher Association, President of the Cambryar Homeowner's Association, and a leader in the Boy Scouts of America Troops 1145 and 195 for both of her sons. She was a long-time advocate of social justice, working tirelessly with the Alfred Street Baptist Church Social Justice Ministry, and serving as a Fairfax County Election official.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave
ARLINGTON, VA 22211

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
301 S. ALFRED ST.
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Funeral Service

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl Anne Orr

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ Cheryl Anne Orr

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ Sending love to the family. Cheryl was just awesome! I will truly miss her, but assured of where her sweet spirit is. The last time we volunteered together was in Alexandria VA to make sure graves of our ancestors became a landmark. I filmed and took pictures of her and posted for ASBC that same day. She always managed to make me laugh about things she and I saw inappropriately. lol! - I loved how she saw the our world. She gave so much of herself to our church's ministries especially to the social justice ministry. I will truly miss Lady Cheryl!



valorie fogle - August 10, 2020 at 02:38 PM

LB

“ Mrs. Cheryl was a gentle yet powerful advocate. She was behind the scenes working on behalf of the least of these and we are all better because of her love, service, strength and resilience. I am most thankful for her mentoring and encouragement. It is an unforgettable legacy that we will treasure forever. Simply stated, I love her, and I miss her.
My deepest condolences to Mr. Bill and the family. May the beautiful memories and the legacy of her wonderful life bring you comfort.

Latonia Bullock - August 10, 2020 at 12:33 PM

TM

“ Dear Orr Family, thank you for sharing Ms. Cheryl with us. I loved being around her, so kind and caring. We will miss her at Alfred Street Baptist Church.
Sincerely,
Tamiko Mcvicker



Tamiko Mcvicker - August 10, 2020 at 11:24 AM

SS

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Orr family. I met Cheryl Orr through her work on Social Justice at Alfred Street. We became friends when Alfred Street and Agudas Achim Congregation began their partnership on Social Justice work. She was always such a positive force and committed to making the world a better place for everyone. I will miss her dearly. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her. Suzanne Smith

Suzanne Smith - August 10, 2020 at 10:44 AM

TA

“ Ms. Cheryl blessed so many with her presence, my life is better for having known her. Her bright countenance, radiant smile, and words of wisdom, warmth, and understanding provided a beautiful example for us all. She worked tirelessly for social justice where she led and mentored many to make a significant impact. She always had a big hug and words of encouragement to lift those around her. She is missed yet she lives on in our hearts and memories, and her social justice impact will be felt through the ages.

*With love, fond memories, and a grateful heart,
Treasure Arqueta*

Treasure Arqueta - August 10, 2020 at 07:57 AM

SW

“ Cheryl and I connected when I first joined the SJ Ministry. I loved her passion for activism. She was so patient and took time navigating me through the work of the ministry. She encouraged me and always made herself available when I had questions about projects we were working on. Cheryl was such a positive force in the Ministry no job was beyond her jumping in to get it done efficiently and effectively. Truly she was an angel here on earth. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Orr family.

Sharon Ford Watkins - August 09, 2020 at 10:44 AM

SC

“ To Mrs. Cheryl's Family,

It was such an honor to serve in ministry with Mrs. Cheryl. She brought her amazing self to our ministry and we were so much better for her serving as our Secretary. Her amazing hosting skills were always applied in ensuring any event we had looked amazing and was always bringing ideas on how we could do better. She was so faithful in her service. Mrs. Cheryl was such an amazing person to know and have the amazing gifts of seeing into people's lives what they did not know they were capable of. She will be not only missed from the Social Justice Ministry but personally. I will greatly miss her presence and spirit. My prayers are with us all as we have truly lost an angel.

Sharita Cooper - August 06, 2020 at 08:01 PM

AT

“ To Col. Bill Orr and family:

Cheryl was such a dear, sweet, kind and enjoyable person. In the limited number of interactions I had with her she left an indelible impression. She made me laugh and smile and feel totally comfortable and accepted. I looked forward to being in her presence whenever we had a reunion or other campus event. You all will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. She will long be missed and remembered with thanksgiving for a life so well lived.

- Adriane Bradshaw, Ada Ohio (Ohio Northern University)

Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw - August 03, 2020 at 12:24 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*
Jesus Christ Loves Me
We Love You



Thomas Widgeon - August 01, 2020 at 10:17 PM