



Cheryl Ann Neilson

October 16, 1962 - December 16, 2025

Cheryl Ann Ziegel Neilson, 63, born October 16th, 1962, passed away on December 16, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones. She will always be remembered for her love of life, which inspired those around her to try more, and hold back less. Cheryl was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and grew up in Houston, Texas. She attended Alief Hastings High School, where she proudly excelled in volleyball and “gym,” as she would say with a smile. Later, Cheryl moved to California with her daughter, Ashley Cheri, and her parents. It was there, at work, that she met the love of her life (yes, I wrote this) and began a devoted marriage that would span more than 35 years. Together, they built a beautiful family and welcomed two more daughters, Brittany Marie and Carley Anne. One of her greatest joys was becoming “Yaya” to her sweet grandchildren. Cheryl’s life was defined by her deep love for her family, friends, and faith. She was a member of Long Hollow Church and had an unwavering commitment to service. She dedicated countless years to volunteering throughout her children’s schooling, generously giving her time and energy. She was especially proud of her leadership roles within the PTA, which focused on supporting children, families, and schools. She was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Carole Ziegel. Cheryl is survived by her devoted husband, Paul (“Paulie”); her daughters, Ashley (and son-in-law Jason), Brittany, and Carley; her father, Charlie and his wife Gayla; her cherished grandchildren, Malakai, Noa Pink, Nash, and Wyatt; and her loving puppy, Levi. Cheryl will be remembered for her strength, dedication,

generosity of spirit, humor, and the love she poured into her family and community. Her legacy lives on through the many lives she touched and the family, friends, and community she loved so deeply. Visitation is planned for Friday, December 19, 2025, from 4:00–8:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00–11:00 AM at Austin & Bell Funeral Home, 533 Highway 76, White House, TN 37818. The funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 11:00 AM in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home. The family has requested that you come dressed in casual country attire. Interment will follow at White House Memorial Gardens with family and friends. If Cheryl could save every dog in the world she would. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Nashville Humane Association. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

White House Memorial Gardens

3629 Hwy 31 W
White House, TN 37188

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House
533 TN-76
White House, TN 37188
(615) 672-5000
<https://austinandbell.com>

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DEC 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DO

“ Doug & Jill OKeefe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Ann Neilson.

Doug & Jill OKeefe - December 19, 2025 at 12:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



December 19, 2025 at 12:37 AM

SS

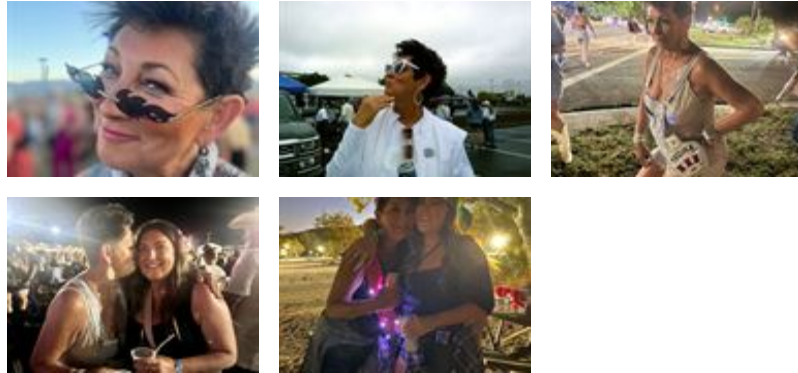
“ Sam Schiebe purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



Sam Schiebe - December 18, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ 99 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - December 18, 2025 at 06:24 PM

JK

“ Jenny Kelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Ann Neilson.

Jenny Kelly - December 18, 2025 at 04:02 PM

JK

“ Jenny Kelly purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



Jenny Kelly - December 18, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



December 18, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ Love the Mitchell Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



Love the Mitchell Family - December 18, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



December 18, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ LYL, Cee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Ann Neilson.

LYL, Cee - December 18, 2025 at 10:52 AM

RF

“ Riley, Norton, Peters Families purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



Riley, Norton, Peters Families - December 18, 2025 at 08:00 AM

CO

“ I'll miss my sweet friend everyday. But as believers know, we will see each other again and pick up where we left off



Connie - December 17, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



December 17, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



December 17, 2025 at 05:21 PM

LF

“ Love Peggy & Frank planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Ann Neilson.

Love Peggy & Frank - December 17, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



December 17, 2025 at 05:04 PM

PA

“ Peter A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Ann Neilson.

Peter A. - December 17, 2025 at 04:50 PM

LG

“ LYL, The Grubers purchased the Divine Light for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



LYL, The Grubers - December 17, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ ~Stephanie & City of Greenbrier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Ann Neilson.

~Stephanie & City of Greenbrier - December 17, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



December 17, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ I was blessed enough to able to consider Cheryl as a second mom and being best friends with Carley since 6th grade . I remember the first time I felt like family and knew she was my second mom... I was in the back seat of her green bug as we were driving to school and she told me I needed to blow my nose😭. I will cherish all memories with her. I love my Neilson family so much. ❤️



Amanda Maley - December 17, 2025 at 01:58 PM

FF

“ From the Saul / Barkwell Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



From the Saul / Barkwell Family - December 17, 2025 at 01:11 PM

MF

“ Miki & Travis Smith and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



Miki & Travis Smith and family - December 17, 2025 at 01:10 PM

BD

“ Bev D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Ann Neilson.

Bev D. - December 17, 2025 at 12:56 PM

YK

“ I worked with Cheryl on pta many years ago. She worked hard always smiled and made everything fun. The world is a bit dimmer today. So sorry for your loss.

Yvonne Kupka - December 17, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



December 17, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ The Ziegels, James & Danielle & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Ann Neilson.

The Ziegels, James & Danielle & family - December 17, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



December 17, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Mike, Tiffany, Robbie, and Julia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.



Mike, Tiffany, Robbie, and Julia - December 17, 2025 at 10:55 AM

KS

“ *Heart breaking loss of my childhood friend. Cheryl truly was one of a kind-sending love and peace to Paul and the family.* ”



Kelli Stewart - December 17, 2025 at 07:29 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Ann Neilson.* ”



December 16, 2025 at 08:51 PM