



Cynthia Lee Friend

May 5, 1961 - July 3, 2023

Cynthia L. (Gerring) Friend

Age 62

Born: May 5, 1961 – Centreville, VA

Died: July 3, 2023 - Kearneysville, WV

Preceded in Death: Parents: John M. & Alline B. Ramey

Survived by her husband Paul E. Friend, and her brother Timothy L. Ramey (sp. Kathleen) and family. Also her four children: Daughter Ashley James (sp. Walter) children Deonti and Julian. Son John (Jake) Gerring (sp. Emily) and child Colten. Son Walter Gerring (sp. Brittany) and children Landon and Charlie. Daughter Brittany Roberts (sp. Jamie) and children Marley and Jesse. Born and raised in Centreville Virginia, Cindy graduated from Chantilly High School and then from the Fairfax School of Nursing. Her nursing career started at Fairfax Hospital and she worked in numerous facilities as her career advanced through both long term and short-term facilities. For many years she was the Director of Nursing at “Aarondale Assisted Living” in Springfield Virginia, where she advanced to the position of Executive Director for several years. She then went on as the Executive Director to open new facilities at “Ashleigh of Landsdowne” and considerable pre-work for the opening of “The Wellington”, near Gainesville, Virginia. Needing a change, she went on to become the Executive Director for “Spring Arbor of Winchester”, of which she retired from in June due to her illness.

Her largest goal was to help her numerous employees, especially the nurses,

to become the best that they could be through her own experience and guidance. She truly loved training and assisting them to forward their own careers. To all of her employees and co-workers, they were her extended family.

While advancing her own career, she had four children of whom she was passionate in raising to become adults. She was often referred to as Supermom, as no matter how busy she was, she was always attending another sporting or school event. Along the way she met the (love of her life, using her words) in her husband Paul. Once the grandchildren started coming (now seven of them), her focus and her passionate love transferred on to the new generation.

Among her many passions, she truly loved traveling and seeing new things with her husband Paul. She and Paul took more than a month one summer to travel by car throughout most of the continental U.S. For her, there was always another place she hadn't been to and needed to check it out.

Even when she received the awful diagnosis of this Incurable disease (cancer), she handled it with grace and dignity, telling everyone that she has had a great life and could not ask for any more. She loved with passion and was loved by her family and so many friends. She will be greatly missed by all.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Cynthia Lee Friend*



Pierce Funeral Home - July 17, 2023 at 12:22 PM

KS

“ *I am very sorry for your loss- what a dear lady your wife and mom was. (and Grandma) I enjoyed many conversations with her- and she always included stories of each of you. I am praying for you all.*

Karen Santmier - July 20, 2023 at 08:25 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Lee Friend.*



July 17, 2023 at 10:02 AM

TF

“ Cindy was such a wonderful and caring person. She always made you feel welcome and appreciated. We became fast friends and shared lots of family time together with our kids. Cindy was such an encouraging person and convinced me to be a coach for her son’s soccer team. I ended up coaching for many years and loved every minute of it. We had just recently talked about getting together, I had no idea her time was so short as she never mentioned her cancer to me. She will be greatly missed. Rest in the arms of our loving savior Jesus until we see you there.
Your friend forever Tom Firaben

Tom Firaben - July 14, 2023 at 07:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cynthia Lee Friend.

July 13, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Cynthia Lee Friend.



July 13, 2023 at 11:28 PM

JK

“ Jean K. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Cynthia Lee Friend.



Jean K. - July 13, 2023 at 10:48 AM

DO

“ Dominion Energy Warrenton Office purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Cynthia Lee Friend.



Dominion Energy Warrenton Office - July 13, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) was purchased for the family of Cynthia Lee Friend.



July 12, 2023 at 03:13 PM

LF

“ Love, Bob and EDlene Flannery Family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Cynthia Lee Friend.



Love, Bob and EDlene Flannery Family - July 12, 2023 at 03:01 PM

JS

“ Prayers for the whole family, I know her family and her brother will miss her terribly. She was way too young to leave this world. Jody Smith

Jody Smith - July 10, 2023 at 06:32 PM

GG

“ I worked with Cindy, from the home office, for 15-20 years. Cindy was always friendly, kind and lots of fun. She was a great person and one of my favorite people. She loved her family and talked about her children and what a great husband Paul was. Everyone loved her. She cared for the residents and staff and will be greatly missed by us all. It was a privelege to work with Cindy. My deepest condolences to her family.

Gwen George

Gwen George - July 09, 2023 at 11:20 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Cynthia Lee Friend.



July 08, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cynthia Lee Friend.



July 07, 2023 at 09:16 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Cynthia Lee Friend.



July 07, 2023 at 05:01 PM