



Cherrell Ann Thomas

May 5, 1961 - May 22, 2022

Cherrell A. Thomas
(nee O'Dell)

Age 61, of Essex, IL, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 22, 2022 at home surrounded by her family. She was born May 5, 1961 in Geneva, IL and was raised and educated in St. Charles, IL. She was a dedicated employee for the TownPlace Suites in Joliet, where she enjoyed working as the guest service lead. Cherrell had family everywhere she went, whether it was her immediate family, work family, or Sportsman Club family, she had love to spread everywhere. She had the gift of gab, was the life of the party, and her claim to fame was her singing and dancing skills. Cherrell knew that each day is not promised, but is a gift. She led her life selflessly and we are all blessed to have had her in our lives. Surviving are her mother, Yvonne (Ron) Chapman of Jackson, TN; husband and child-hood sweetheart, Christopher Thomas, whom she married September 12, 1985 in Geneva; two beloved daughters, Candice (Wade Vandegrift) Thomas of Fairbury, IL and Crystal Thomas of Channahon, IL; three grandsons, Jonathon, Thomas, and Nathan; two great-grandchildren, Ezekiel and Kayden; two sisters, Penny Porter of Batavia, IL and Lora (Don) Biddle of Geneva; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families; and aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends. She was met in heaven with open arms by her mother-in-law and best friend, Rosemarie Thomas; father, Therrell Leon O'Dell; and two brothers, Kenneth and Leon O'Dell. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation for Cherrell

will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home and Crematory, Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. until the time of memorial services at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to one of her favorite charities: Megan Bugg Global Rhabdomyosarcoma Research Laboratory: <https://cc-tdi.kindful.com/?campaign=1169029>, any donations would be appreciated.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Braidwood, IL 60408
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info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Memorial Service

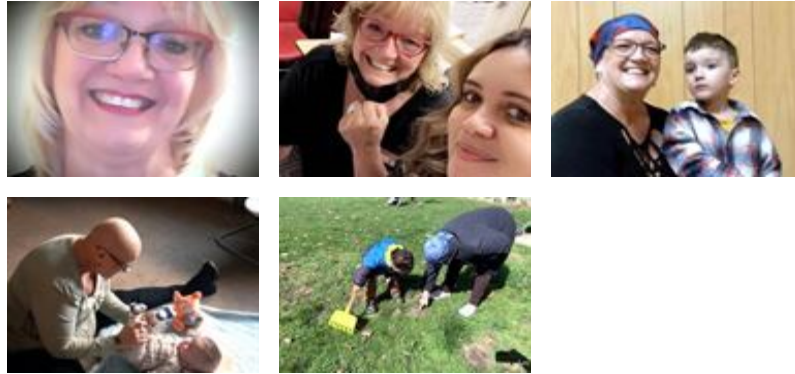
JUN 2. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



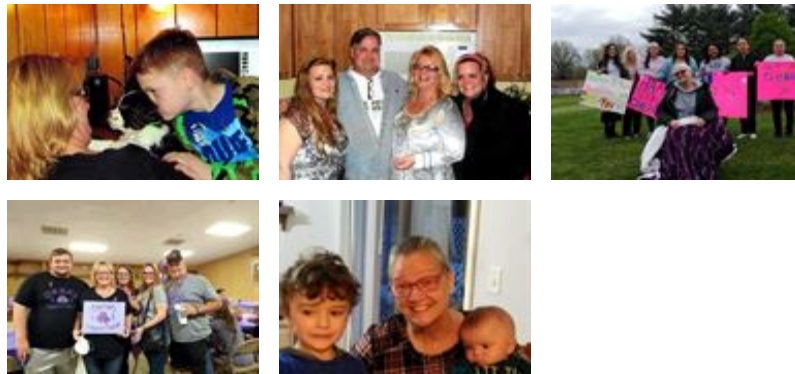
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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - June 02, 2022 at 01:38 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - June 01, 2022 at 03:40 PM

DH

“ I am so very sorry, Cherrell was so vibrant and always energized any room she was in. She was too young to leave this world and it is a hard loss for Yvonne, Penny and Lora. Prayers for husband Chris and kids and grandkids.



Dora Heath - May 29, 2022 at 01:34 AM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - May 27, 2022 at 04:41 PM

SV

“ Susan Vining lit a candle in memory of Cherrell Ann Thomas



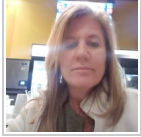
Susan Vining - May 27, 2022 at 04:38 PM

SV

“ Susan Vining lit a candle in memory of Cherrell Ann Thomas



Susan Vining - May 27, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *Cherrll, you are such a fun person and we are going to miss your laugh, smile and your big ❤️. RIP my friend.*
Trich



Trich Hager - May 27, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Karen & Ken Albert lit a candle in memory of Cherrell Ann Thomas*



Karen & Ken Albert - May 27, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ *My condolences to you Lora and family! Such a tough thing for her to have gone through, and I'm sure Cherrell appreciated all of your Love and support! Our thoughts go out to you as you heal from her passing. Peace!*
Jane Hoban

Jane Hoban - May 26, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *I love you my sweet angel. Sing your heart out. Dance your ass off. Know we all miss you dearly*💜💜

chris phillips - May 25, 2022 at 08:10 PM

CB

“ Charles Boerema lit a candle in memory of Cherrell Ann Thomas



Charles Boerema - May 25, 2022 at 07:24 PM

CB

“ To the ODeIl & Thomas families from Chuck Boerema & family Cherrell has been a long time friend she always had such a smile that would light up a room very fun loving and caring and yet such a fighter when needed she was truly a beautiful soul she loved her family and friends with her whole heart she was always willing to help others when needed she will be forever missed I pray God being you all peace and comfort knowing she rest now in the loving arms of our Lord and savior may her light shine upon you all forever more in Jesus name Amen.....Always in our hearts

Charles Boerema - May 25, 2022 at 07:23 PM

NH

“ Love you man!!! I'm going to miss that amazing smile, your laugh and most of all that (wonderful) singing voice you always claimed was a voice of an Angel.....damn I miss you already...those crazy road trips you, me and Kat took and of course children of the corn when we had to go pee.....memories forever!!!❤️❤️



Nikki Hughes - May 25, 2022 at 07:14 PM

KF

“ Our sincere condolences to Chris and family.

Ken and Donna Reach and family - May 25, 2022 at 05:47 PM

AM

“ *Cherrell always had a smile on her face. She was filled with love and laughter. She loved her people fiercely. She will be missed by all who had the great pleasure of knowing her. Prayers to her family for peace and comfort.*

Angela McFarland - May 25, 2022 at 05:38 PM

TD

“ *Tammy Daniels lit a candle in memory of Cherrell Ann Thomas*



Tammy Daniels - May 25, 2022 at 05:07 PM

TK

“ *Tiffany Krizmanic lit a candle in memory of Cherrell Ann Thomas*



Tiffany Krizmanic - May 25, 2022 at 04:48 PM

TK

“ *Cherrell you were the brightest star and now you will be shining even brighter. I love you so very much and will miss our chats and our gift of song. Rest easy and watch over all of us as we adjust to this loss. Love, Tiffany, Tanna, Jolene and Justine*

Tiffany Krizmanic - May 25, 2022 at 04:47 PM

JC

“ Our condolences and prayers to the family. Prayers for strength and God’s Grace.

Jackie Carroll and family.

jackie carroll - May 25, 2022 at 03:08 PM

NA

“ Thank you Cherrell for being a friend and showing me how your smile brightens everyone’s day! Thank you for calling me Mama Nanc! I only wish we could have gotten around to the singing lessons!❤️❤️

Nancy - May 25, 2022 at 02:22 PM

SC

“ Words cannot express how much this beautiful soul is going to be missed ! Lots and lots of hugs to her family in this time of need . The angels have their lead singer.💔

Susan Cummane - May 25, 2022 at 01:59 PM

TI

“ R.I.P. My Beautiful Friend!
Prayers to Cherrells Family and Friends🙏
I'm going to Miss You So much n the Shit we used to do....the talks but mostly the laughs...LOVE YOU MAN...FOREVER! 🙏🦋
💔🌹❤️🥲



Tina - May 25, 2022 at 01:31 PM

TM

Fly high beautiful Girl! Although I haven't seen you for along time I always thought you were a great person! Always a beautiful smile on your face and always a joy to be around! My heart goes out to Cherrel's family and you are all in my thoughts! Love to you all! ❤️

tammy marvel - May 25, 2022 at 09:07 PM

MC

“ *Sincere condolences.
Pat and Sue Foley
Matt and Michele Cannon*

Michele Cannon - May 25, 2022 at 01:21 PM

LB

“ *Lora O'Dell Biddle lit a candle in memory of
Cherrell Ann Thomas*



Lora O'Dell Biddle - May 25, 2022 at 01:21 PM