

(Donald A.)

# Cheryl Jean Berry

Funeral services were held for Cheryl Jean Berry, 51, of Montezuma on Saturday, March 17, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma with Dr. George M. Salnave of the First Presbyterian Church, Montezuma, officiating. Music was provided by soloist Melissa Vasconez and pianist Marcy Bryan. Casket bearers were Mark Van Der Veer, Tom Berry, Dale Chevront, Brad Baker, Mark Baker and Glenn Cruchelow. Interment was in Friends Cemetery, Lynnville, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to Montezuma Community High School Marching Band.

Cheryl Jean Berry died at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston, Iowa from complications of multiple sclerosis.

She was born January 8, 1950 at Oskaloosa, the daughter of Keith Warner and Margaret (Geer) Davis. She graduated from Montezuma Community High School in 1968. While in high school she excelled in basketball, serving on several state championship teams. In 1968 Cheryl was named the State Girls Basketball Tournament Queen. That same year she was also the Montezuma Homecoming Queen and Poweshiek County Dairy Queen.

Cheryl attended the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls for two years and took further courses through the University of Iowa.

On April 3, 1970 she was united in marriage with Donald A. Berry at the Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls. To

this union two daughters and one son were born. They lived all their married life near Montezuma.

Cheryl began working at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company in 1971. She was the Human Resources Director for the company until she retired in 1998.

She enjoyed the water and water skiing, as well as snowmobiling. Seventeen years ago Cheryl discovered she had multiple sclerosis, but the progression of the disease did not slow down her courageous spirit. The computer became her passion and lifeline. She enjoyed her work, friends and family and especially loved her grandchildren and was looking forward to the arrival of Shannon and Mike's new baby. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and has served as trustee. She also was a member of the Lafayette Chapter No. 232 O.E.S.

She was preceded in death by her father, Keith Davis; an infant brother, Charles; and her father-in-law, Lyle Berry.

Cheryl is survived by her husband Don and their family: Shelley and Jeffrey Shoemaker and their son Koby of Des Moines, Shannon and Michael Arendt and their children Alisha and Brayden Gaige of Montezuma, and Brian Berry at home; her mother, Margaret Davis of Grinnell; two sisters, Karen Johnson of Marathon, Iowa and Ruth Davis of Council Bluffs; her mother-in-law, Betty Berry of Grinnell; and other relatives and many friends.

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She was the daughter of Keith Warner and Margaret Geer Davis and was born Jan. 8, 1950, in Oskaloosa. She was a 1968 graduate of Montezuma High School, where she played on several state championship basketball teams. She was named State Girls' Basketball Tournament queen in 1968 and was also elected Montezuma homecoming queen and Poweshiek County dairy queen that same year.

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She was married to Donald A. Berry April 3, 1970, in Cedar Falls. She began working at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Co. in 1971, retiring in 1998 as human resources director.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as a trustee of the church. She also was a member of Lafayette Chapter No. 232, O.E.S.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Shelley Shoemaker of Des Moines and Shannon Arendt of Montezuma; one son, Brian at home; her mother, Margaret Davis of Grinnell; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Karen Johnson of Marathon and Ruth Davis of Council Bluffs.

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma High School Marching Band.

MR March 21, 2001

H-R March 19, 2001