



Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer

September 10, 1951 - July 7, 2025

Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer, aged 73, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 7, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Born on September 10, 1951, to John Daniel Fuller and Nancy Ann (Byrd) Fuller Avery in her beloved hometown of Muskogee, Cheryl's life was one marked by devotion—to her family, her community, and the work she cherished.

A proud graduate of Muskogee Central High School's class of 1969, Cheryl carried her love for learning and achievement throughout her life. She went on to serve as a Compliance Officer at Green Country Behavioral Health Services, where her commitment and care touched countless lives until her well-earned retirement in 2023. Her integrity and compassion in her professional life were matched only by her warmth and generosity outside of it.

Cheryl was a storyteller at heart. As a journalist in her own right, she brought words to life and inspired those around her. Her membership in a writing club allowed her to share her voice and creativity, building friendships with fellow writers who will remember her enthusiasm and encouragement.

On April 29, 2007, Cheryl married, Charley C. "Butch" Bowyer, in Muskogee. Together they shared 18 beautiful years filled with love, laughter, and the joys of family. Their marriage was a partnership built on mutual respect and unwavering support, creating memories that will be cherished always.

Faith was an important part of Cheryl's life. She was a devoted member of Muskogee First United Methodist Church, where her spirit of kindness shone

brightly in the community she served.

Above all, Cheryl treasured her family. Nothing brought her greater joy than spending time with her grandchildren, showering them with love and guidance. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of all those who were fortunate enough to know her—her steadfast love, gentle wisdom, and the countless moments of joy she shared.

Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer's life was a testament to compassion, dedication, and the enduring power of family. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Fuller and Ann Avery; her husband, John Nelson; step-dad, Bob Avery; brother-in-law Richard Peak; her daughter-in-law, Heather Nelson; and step-son Kenny Bowyer.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, Butch Bowyer of the home; sons, Shane Nelson of Oklahoma City, OK and Jody Nelson of Muskogee, OK; sisters, Debbie Peak and Linda Gipson both of Muskogee, OK; special daughters, Melissa Cunningham and Cheryl Cunningham both of Muskogee, OK; grandchildren, Natalie Locke and fiancé Austin Davis of Maine, Jordan Cunningham and wife Theresa, Alison Henson, Hunter Jenkins, Waylon Jenkins all of Muskogee, OK, Matthew Church and wife Alissa Baker of Welling, OK, Darby Church of Muskogee, OK, Madisyn Cunningham of Muskogee, OK Rylinn Bowyer, and Kolby Bowyer both of Chouteau, OK and Brett Bowyer of Pryor, OK; great-grandson, Nolan Cunningham of Muskogee, OK; special sisters, Betty Rogers and Linda "TJ" Smith; nephew, Wade Gipson and wife Michelle Wright of Muskogee, OK; niece, Jennifer Gourd and husband Johnson Gourd of Porter, OK; and many other family members and friends.

A celebration of Cheryl's life will be 2 PM, Monday, July 14, 2025 at Muskogee First United Methodist Church with Chaplain Cindy Culver and Rev. Andre Contino officiating.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
600 E. Okmulgee Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Ray and Melissa Shofner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer.

Ray and Melissa Shofner - July 13, 2025 at 10:33 AM

RS

“ Ray and Melissa Shofner purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer.



Ray and Melissa Shofner - July 13, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DF

“ Danny an Susie Fuller purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer.



Danny an Susie Fuller - July 12, 2025 at 06:29 AM

LL

“ Linda Basden and Kimberly Lane purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer.



Linda Basden and Kimberly Lane - July 11, 2025 at 02:27 PM

KS

“ Kenneth and Sandra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer.

Kenneth and Sandra - July 11, 2025 at 12:38 PM

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TG

“ Tina Goad purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer.



Tina Goad - July 11, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - July 11, 2025 at 09:52 AM

MN

Cheryl was a beautiful person inside and out. I will always cherish the memories of us at Coleman and Fleeta's at Christmas when our children were young. I used to joke with her so often about her age. I'd say, "Oh Cheryl, I forgot how much older you are than me". We were pretty much the same age. She was 4 months older. She always had a clever return to that statement.

Butch you were her rock and now she's your guardian angel.

MaryGail Nelson - July 12, 2025 at 04:44 PM

DP

Written by Cheryl's granddaughter, Ali -

*If walls could talk,
They'd tell you stories of a home that fostered the sweetest souls
A home filled with heart-shaped strawberry cakes and a Christmas tree
that stood way too tall,
They would tell you the stories of filming home movies, going on late
night walks about the neighborhood, and midnight baking sessions
They'd sing you the songs that filled the kitchen, and show you the
magic etched within the walls of the blue room
They'd tell you of the games played by the grandchildren that grew
there—
Planted like little seeds and tended by a woman with big earrings and a
blue watering can
The walls would tell you about that woman; how she was "full of
singing" and claimed that all her grandkids looked "just like her"
They'd tell you of her sweet smile and warm hugs
They'd tell you the stories she told; the tales of love at first stair step
and a living room wedding
They'd tell you that she filled her home with love and nurtured the
creativity and compassion of her grandchildren*

*But after the walls had exhausted all their stories, told you everything
there was to tell, and let you sit in the comfort of that red recliner
They'd say: "There's really no space like Nana's place."*

Debbie Peak - July 14, 2025 at 12:39 PM

DA

“ *Diane Alderson lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Bowyer*



Diane Alderson - July 10, 2025 at 11:30 PM

DA

“ *My name is Diane Alderson. Cheryl was my supervisor of 18 years at Green Country Behavioral Health back in Oklahoma from 1993 to 2012.*

I looked up to her. She was my friend and like a mom to me. She was the sweetest soul and had a wonderful heart, as well as was a woman of faith. She is still alive, but not down here. She is playing her guitar in Heaven with Jesus right now, I just know it.

I love you, Cheryl, and I'll see you later. You can teach me how to play guitar and we can have our talks again. There is hope in Jesus.



*Diane Alderson
Fort Wayne, IN*

Diane Alderson - July 10, 2025 at 11:28 PM



“ 65 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - July 10, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer.



July 10, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ *JV and Ruth Ann And V enable family* purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer.



JV and Ruth Ann And V enable family - July 10, 2025 at 09:17 AM

JH

“ Jerry & Royce Hopper purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cheryl Sue Nelson-Bowyer.



Jerry & Royce Hopper - July 09, 2025 at 09:04 PM

GL

“ Geraldine Lee lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Bowyer



Geraldine Lee - July 09, 2025 at 02:30 PM