



Cheryl "Cherry" Lee Prochaska

November 5, 1944 - August 4, 2025

Cheryl Lee Prochaska was born in Silver City, New Mexico on November 5, 1944 to Emil and Janet (Olson) Kumpf. She graduated High School in Windom, MN before marrying Gerald "Jerry" Prochaska on December 25, 1962 in Columbus, Nebraska. They were blessed with two daughters, Ann and Jill. They raised their family in Elkhorn where they lived for 44 years until Jerry passed away in 2017. Cherry later moved to Omaha near friends until last fall when she moved to Rapid City to be near family.

Cherry focused on being a mom but enjoyed selling Avon and Mary Kay before going to work at CSG Systems until retirement. She enjoyed a wide variety of crafts, especially toll painting. Although Cherry never met an animal she didn't like, she truly valued time with her friends through luncheons and card parties.

Cherry passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025 at Arrowhead Lodge Senior Living in Rapid City, South Dakota at the age of 80. She was preceded in death by her parents Emil and Janet Kumpf, sister Carol, and husband Jerry. Cherry is survived by daughters: Ann (Brady) Holmes of Rapid City, SD and Jill Cross of Firestone, CO; and three grandchildren: Keegan, Alaina, and Mia. Funeral service will be held at Noon Friday, August 8, 2025, at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn with visitation from 10AM-Noon prior to the service. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Westlawn Cemetery in Omaha.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Westlawn Memorial Park-Omaha

56th & Center
Omaha, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SP

“Cherry was such a neat lady. I was her Avon lady for a while. We bonded over our love of animals.
Deepest sympathy
Sherry Paden

sherry paden - August 08, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cheryl "Cherry" Lee Prochaska.



August 07, 2025 at 03:07 PM

LL

“LM Ladies Mary, Lauren, Cindy, Lynda purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cheryl "Cherry" Lee Prochaska.



LM Ladies Mary, Lauren, Cindy, Lynda - August 07, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cheryl "Cherry" Lee Prochaska.



August 07, 2025 at 12:37 PM

FF

“ From dear friends purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Cheryl "Cherry" Lee Prochaska.



From dear friends - August 07, 2025 at 10:32 AM

TF

“ The Lakeman Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Cheryl "Cherry" Lee Prochaska.



The Lakeman Family - August 07, 2025 at 09:46 AM

SH

“ Met your mom at my first Mary Kay meeting way back in February of 1981...she was always so welcoming and we shared a lot of laughs together over the years. Deepest sympathy to you Ann and Jill and entire family. Sandy Harrison

SANDY HARRISON - August 07, 2025 at 09:35 AM

TP

“ Terry and Debra Pederson purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Cheryl "Cherry" Lee Prochaska.



Terry and Debra Pederson - August 07, 2025 at 08:40 AM

“ I am so sorry for everybody’s loss. Cherry was such a wonderful person and made us all feel welcome.

We made almost an instant connection. I say almost because at first she thought I was not much of a morning person.

Over time, not long, she saw through that. She loved a challenge.

Over the past 31 years, there have been many memories of Cherry and her husband, Jerry, before he passed away.

Anniversary dinners, Christmas, and Valentine's Day, Birthday dinners, husbands' birthdays were a week apart in April and our birthdays' were about a week apart; we shared. Before Cherry retired in 2010, we would go to lunch and explore so many different places.

We would go to almost all the craft shows in Omaha, from the schools and churches to the Spring and Fall Festivals.

But, of course, over the years, we had to cut back to just the Spring and Fall Festivals.

We stayed in touch even after she retired. The weekly calls and monthly lunches. I loved to pick up lunch and bring it to her place just to sit and talk.

Once she decided to make the move to Rapid City to be closer to family, I helped with the downsizing of things in her apartment. I so hated to see her

Go but enjoyed the time spent with her. Sometimes she would just call to talk, and she called it; getting me off the roof. She was nervous about the change coming up and just wanted to talk about it.

So many things to get done, and I think I would help her realize it would all get done. My heart broke as I watched her drive away to move so far away. We could only share FaceTime and phone calls but we did that often.

She did fight the fight for a very long time with so many health struggles. When she knew she was tired and couldn't do it anymore, we had our talk about that and said a final goodbye.

I am so happy to have her in my life for as long as I have. She helped to make me a better person for that.

Cherry, I will miss you dearly.



Debra Pederson - August 07, 2025 at 08:19 AM



“ I loved Cherry. She always had a smile on her face and of course was impeccably groomed—always looking her prettiest. I’m So sorry for this huge loss, Ann and Jill. You will miss your Mom forever. 💔

Pam Holmes - August 06, 2025 at 09:28 PM

JG

“ Jerry, Mark & Shelly, Skyler & Gus purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Cheryl "Cherry" Lee Prochaska.



Jerry, Mark & Shelly, Skyler & Gus - August 06, 2025 at 09:04 PM

WD

“ Such a wonderful happy outlook on life I especially remember her Avon days she could sell like nobody else 💔



Wendy Humberger Deane - August 06, 2025 at 07:36 PM