



## Cheryl L. Poling

October 26, 2020

Cheryl Lynn Poling, 63, of Huntington, passed away at 8:00 am Monday, October 26, 2020 at her residence.

Cheryl was born on August 1, 1957 in Huntington, the daughter of Harold E. Poling and Margaret A. (Chambers) Poling. She graduated from Berrien Springs High School in 1975 and then earned her Bachelor's Degree from Huntington College. She retired from Eco Lab formerly Huntington Lab after 35 years of service as a Lab Technician. Cheryl had a great love for the Lord and was faithfully active at Faith Community Church of God. She sang in the choir, had served as Sunday School Superintendent and sound technician in the past, and was currently the church Treasurer.

Cheryl was passionate about serving others in the community. She volunteered at the ReStore, The Indiana Room at the public library and was a past member of the Huntington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Cheryl was also a Matthew 25 Volunteer at Victory Noll Center and the Pins & Needles sewing group making quilts and other items. She crocheted hundreds of hats, mittens and scarves for the homeless, for school children and for pregnancy centers. Cheryl had a love for crafting, card making, reading and working puzzles. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her mother, Margaret A. Poling of Niles, MI; four sisters, Becky (Kent) Fahl of Berne, IN; Nancy (Tom) Rach of Comitan, MX; Janet (Brett) Elms of Niles, MI; Ruthie (Michael) Clanton of Niles, MI; her eight nieces and nephews, Rachel (Justin) Szucsits, Rob Fahl, David Rach, Joe Rach, Brianna Elms, Ty Elms, Sam Clanton and Jon Clanton. She is preceded in death by her father, Harold E. Poling.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Faith Community Church of God, 3615 N. Norwood Rd., Huntington, IN.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Cheryl to the Faith Community Church of God, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Cheryl Lynn Poling.

# Events

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Faith Community Church of God

3615 N. Norwood Rd., Huntington, IN, US, 46750

# Comments

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“ We just finished watching the beautiful memorial service for Cheryl. She was an amazing person, always helping. She was a constant in the 15 years we were at Faith Community. We were shocked and saddened to hear of her untimely death, but we are comforted in knowing that she is with Jesus and all of this world's pains and griefs are over for her. We'll see her again one of these days!

**Steve and Janet Stull** - November 21, 2020 at 12:02 PM

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“ Berrien Center Bible Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cheryl L. Poling.



**Berrien Center Bible Church** - November 20, 2020 at 08:53 AM

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“Hearing of Cheryl’s sudden and unexpected death, I feel an overwhelming sense of sadness and shock. My heart goes out to her mum Margaret, her sisters Becky, Nancy, Janet and Ruth and her nieces and nephews, and all the people who were close to her and grief for her.

I got to know Cheryl when she was a teenager. I lived with the Poling family as an exchange student in Berrien Springs. Cheryl was fifteen at the time, I was in the final year of senior school. I’m sure taking on an exchange student was a bit of an adventure for all involved. Cheryl always looked out for me.

Living with the Polings meant we did some travelling, to family and friends, on missions, to some interesting and far flung places. Not long after my arrival the car was packed full of camping equipment, children and food, and we set off on a long road trip to Yellowstone Park and many other places. It was an extraordinary introduction to the USA. Right from the start Cheryl helped me in her sensitive way to settle into the American and Poling family way of life. I’m very grateful to her, she had a gentle nature and at the same time was very generous.

Living a long way from each other, I have not seen Cheryl for decades, I knew that she lived in her grandparents’ house in Huntington.

Recently Cheryl contacted me out of the blue via social media. Her gesture really touched me. She showed such curiosity, persistence, care and tenderness in the short interaction we had. Her humor and insight shone through her communication.

I hope her family can find comfort in those difficult times, that their faith will carry them, and that the memories they have of their life with Cheryl will bring consolation.

**DOROTHEE BECHINGER-ENGLISH** - November 19, 2020 at 06:32 PM

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“Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cheryl L. Poling.



November 19, 2020 at 09:27 AM

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“ We are so sorry we will be out of state when Cheryl’s service occurs. We found Cheryl’s sweet spirit and kind heart were a blessing to both of us. She is greatly missed. Our church family is better because of her abiding love that extended to our entire community.  
Bill and Sandy Webb

sandy webb - November 16, 2020 at 08:17 PM

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“ TOTALLY SHOCKED & COMPLETELY BROKEN! There's just no other words I can find that even come close to the feelings that instantly swept over my whole body the second I received the devastating news of this VERY UNTIMELY death. Cheryl was one of THE MOST CARING, GIVING, COMPASSIONATE, NON-JUDGMENTAL people I have EVER met! She would LITERALLY give you the shirt off her back if you needed it. I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE like... Faith Community Church of God... without Cheryl in it. This passing will leave a GREAT EMPTY SPACE that won't easily be fill, IF ever be filled, by anyone else. My is breaking for her mother, sisters, and the entire family! I pray that they ALL feel God's love and presence near them as they navigate through this EXTREMELY DIFFICULT time. I pray that they can lean on each other, and draw strength from each other and from God when the grief seems overwhelming. (Which from what Cheryl has shared about her family I am SURE they are already doing. ) I pray that EVENTUALLY as time goes on that the pain and grief they feel now will be replaced with only joyful, happy memories of time spent with Cheryl. In Jesus precious and holy name. May the Holy Spirit minister to each and every one in this family. AMEN

Nora Niswonger - November 16, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ To Cheryl's family - - she was an amazing person and one that we will always be grateful that God brought into our lives. Bob valued working with her at Huntington Lab/EcoLabs and I valued her friendship. Please know that we mourn with you in your loss but rejoice in knowing that she is now with our Lord.

Bob & Carla MacDonald - November 21, 2020 at 03:35 PM

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“ I can't believe my cousin is actually gone! Am SO happy to know, though, she is now in Heaven with all the others who have gone before. I miss her already.

Bobbi Sue (Chambers) Gardner - November 12, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss Manny prayers for the family God Bless



**Brent Foster** - November 12, 2020 at 12:28 PM

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“ So sorry, will keep Cheryl's family and friends in my prayers - I attended Huntington U with Cheryl and remember her being kind. Hugs and prayers!

**Jennifer Haskell** - November 09, 2020 at 04:42 PM

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“ Cheryl was a kind, cheerful and generous soul.

**Debbie Hersey** - November 06, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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“ So sorry, Becky Prayers for comfort and peace for you and your family

**Eleanor Hill** - November 06, 2020 at 06:56 PM

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“ Came to know through our workplace.  
Such an awesome, kind hearted woman.  
Surely I will missed you and i will continue to cherish our good memories together.

**Nancy Pierce** - November 06, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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“ Worked with Cheryl for 10 years at Ecolab. Sorry to hear of her passing. Thoughts with her family and friends.

**Brandon Dalrymple** - November 06, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ Ted and I went to college with Cheryl. She had a heart of gold and had a love for the Lord and others. Cheryl always had a smile on her face and was a sweetheart. Our prayers are with you all.

**Linda Doolittle** - November 06, 2020 at 08:20 AM

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“ Cheryl was my best friend growing up  
Sadly, we lost touch after graduation and my marriage, but I know she was a very dear, special person. She always put everyone ahead of herself in everything. I'm broken hearted we will never have the chance to talk again here on earth, but I hope we will see each other again, and share in the next adventure someday.

My condolences to her family. She will always be missed.

**Julia (Patrick) Hill. Carrollton, Texas** - November 04, 2020 at 01:34 AM

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“ So sorry to hear. I talked with her often at the Re-Store. She was very nice and will be missed.



**Mary Waters** - November 02, 2020 at 08:35 AM

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“ In all my memories of Cheryl she is smiling. Anytime there was something going on at church it seemed like Cheryl was always there, helping out in any way she could. You could see her love and devotion to God through everything she did and in her gentle ways. We will all miss her very much, but are celebrating her new life in paradise with Jesus, where she truly belongs.

**Kathy Fruit** - November 01, 2020 at 03:23 PM

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“ My condolences to Cheryl's family. She was always ready to be there for others in any situation. Our lunch group after church, she was usually there before we were holding a table for us. As we filed in she told us to go ahead and get our food first. Thinking about those moments, I believe she was wanting to finish that last row she was crocheting on the many hats she was always working on. Always explaining what type of hat, where it was going and how many she had done. In so so many ways she put God first. Cheryl saw with his eyes, felt with his heart and walked with his feet every moment of her life. I will truly miss her, but I know she is with God now.

**Michele Bostic** - November 01, 2020 at 07:46 AM

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“ Marilyn Cecie Ziegler lit a candle in memory of Cheryl L. Poling



**marilyn cecie ziegler** - October 31, 2020 at 07:40 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Cheryl's passing. My condolences to Margaret and all the girls. We will see her again, and the way things going, Jesus return is very quickly now, so we won't have long to wait for that reunion day. Stay strong, and know that people love you all and are praying for you.

**Alice Nelson** - October 31, 2020 at 03:31 PM

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“ Dear Poling Family,

We offer our sincerest condolences regarding the passing of Cheryl. While we do not know your family very well, the one thing we do know is how close you all are to one another and how sorely this new hole in your family will be felt by you all. Prayers and hugs.

Dan and Peggy Judge

**Peggy Judge** - October 31, 2020 at 12:43 PM

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“ Cheryl and I were co-sound technicians at Faith Community Church of God for many years. She was kind and encouraging, and a willing worker in many areas, often behind the scenes. My condolences to Cheryl's family and friends, and to all whose lives she touched.

**Lyn Wetherbee** - October 31, 2020 at 09:05 AM

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“ Back in pre pandemic days, I noticed a church member shivering and went to try to find a sweater for her to wear. I asked Cheryl what was available, and she quickly found something. Then she made it her mission to knit (or maybe crochet) a couple of shawls to keep at the church so they'd be available on days the AC was over compensating. I don't know if anyone ever noticed, but this was the kind of thing she did.

**Janice Harshbarger** - October 30, 2020 at 11:34 AM

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“ Cheryl was one of the kindest people I know Always thinking and being creative on how to help people from quilting, knitting, stamping countless acts of kindness for people she didn't even know. I hope everyone takes comfort in knowing she has gone to be with her Heavenly Father. Rest Easy Cheryl God Bless your momma and sisters and their families as we will all miss your sweet soul here on earth.

**Kristi Young** - October 29, 2020 at 06:55 AM

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“ Cheryl had started to volunteer here at the Keefer Center in the Huntington City-Township Public Library. She was going through some of the research done by her grandmother, Doris Chambers, and integrating it with other research we had on churches. She was a delight to work with: always positive, never complaining. I was just starting to get to know her as a person. I was looking forward to developing a closer relationship as what I had experienced so far was only good. She will be greatly missed. Gone too soon.



**Sarah AV Kirby** - October 28, 2020 at 12:16 PM

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“ Donna and I extend our sincere condolences the family of Cheryl Poling. We knew her and saw her at reunions as she was growing up and in recent years she would bring her mom to the family reunions in Cullom. May God Bless and Keep you, May God make His face to shine upon you and may God Keep you forever in His fold.  
Gerald and Donna Buckler

**Dr. Gerald & Donna Buckler** - October 28, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ Cheryl you were my very first friend when I moved to Indiana 20 plus years ago. You were part of my kids growing up here. We had so many adventures I don't know where to begin. You will be truly missed.

**Terry Clough** - October 28, 2020 at 09:11 AM

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“ Terry and Scott Clough purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cheryl L. Poling.



**Terry and Scott Clough** - October 28, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ Cheryl was our neighbor for the last 9 years. I talked to her a lot after we moved in. And my son helped her with what she needed done. She was a good friend and she will be missed. Prayers for her family and friends.

**sharon Tackett** - October 27, 2020 at 09:40 PM

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“ Cheryl was one of a kind. She had a big heart and always wanted to help others. I will always remember her with a book and needles and yarn with her wherever she went. Enjoy heaven, my dear friend. You will be missed! Supper Club will have a missing link from now on. God bless to family and friends. May everyone who knew Cheryl take a little bit of her compassion for others and willingness to give into their own daily lives.

**Sue Ellet** - October 27, 2020 at 04:08 PM