



Cheryl J. Ballance

June 14, 2025

Cheryl J. Ballance, 71, of Huntington, passed away at 4:33 pm Saturday, June 14, 2025, at her home.

Cheryl was born on February 19, 1954, in Portland, IN, the daughter of Jim Vance and Betty (Wright) Straley. She graduated from Portland High School with the class of 1972. In the early nineties, Cheryl found herself at a crossroads of curiosity and caution. Her friends, enthusiastic about setting her up on a blind date, had arranged for her to meet a man whom she had never encountered before. The blind date marked the beginning of an extraordinary love story. On October 7, 1995, in the town of Bluffton, Indiana, Cheryl and Richard "Gus" A. Ballance exchanged vows and committed themselves to a life together. Cheryl retired after dedicating 16 years of service to Continental Structural Plastics and was an Auxiliary Member of the American Legion Post #85 and the V.F.W. Post #2689 both of Huntington, IN.

Cheryl was an incredible cook, but her true passion was baking cakes for special occasions. Her kitchen was always filled with warmth and creativity, and each dish she prepared came from the heart. She loved spending her time arranging flowers, crafting, traveling and playing bingo. Bowling added energy and fun to her and Gus's life. She enjoyed the sound of pins falling, the thrill of a strike, and the friendships they built at the bowling alley throughout the years.

Cheryl possessed a unique and magnetic charm that effortlessly brightened any space she walked into. Her smile was not merely an expression; it was a beacon of warmth and joy that instantly uplifted those around her. It carried an infectious glow, an intangible energy that drew people toward her naturally. Cheryl was someone who believed in the genuine power of touch, rather it be a heartfelt hug or a tender kiss on the cheek. Those fortunate enough to know her left her company with hearts fuller, spirits lifted and forever touched by her glowing essence.

Survivors include her loving husband, Richard A. Ballance of Huntington, IN; daughter, Melissa K. Hines of Huntington, IN; granddaughter, Jessica M. Hines of Huntington, IN; brother, Ronald Vance of FL; twin sister, Melba Beaver of IN, sisters, Barbara A. (Bill) Gibson of TN, Alice D. (Greg) Imel of IN; and her four-legged companion, Emmett. She is preceded in death by her father, Jim Vance, mother, Betty Straley, three brothers, John, Jesse & Rex Vance, and sisters, Louann Vance & Tammy Straley.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Thursday, June 19, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 pm Thursday, June 19, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Jason Fields officiating. Cheryl's final resting place will be in Gardens of Memory

Preferred memorials to the American Diabetes Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Cheryl J. Ballance.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

JUN 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUN 19 (ET)

Gardens of Memory
11201 S. Marion Road 35
Marion, IN 46952

Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Cheryl Ballance.



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - June 17, 2025 at 11:42 AM

AT

“ I absolutely adored Cheryl. I love that I got to know her through CSP. Her laugh was contagious as well as her friendship.



Alyssa Tilson - June 20, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cheryl J. Ballance.

June 19, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Cheryl was a friend from CSP. I had the pleasure of working with Cheryl over the years. My condolences to the whole family.

Gregory Glass - June 19, 2025 at 10:27 AM

LF

“*Lairson family.colleen,Angie,Karla,Mandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl J. Ballance.*

Lairson family.colleen,Angie,Karla,Mandy - June 18, 2025 at 02:47 PM

LF

“*Lairson family.colleen,Angie,Karla,Mandy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cheryl J. Ballance.*



Lairson family.colleen,Angie,Karla,Mandy - June 18, 2025 at 02:47 PM

TB

“*It was always fun to sit and talk with Cheryl at the canteen. It was obvious she loved and cared for her family and friends. We, at Unit 85 Auxiliary, will miss her greatly. Prayers lifted for all. May she have eternal peace.*

Teresa (Terri) S Bartrom Brumbaugh - June 18, 2025 at 06:27 AM

LF

“*Larry, Carol & family purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Cheryl J. Ballance.*



Larry, Carol & family - June 17, 2025 at 03:40 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Smith lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Ballance*



Debbie Smith - June 17, 2025 at 08:44 AM

AF

“ *Cheryl you were so kind and sweet and always smiling I'm grateful that I got to know you.
You will be missed . 😭 Fly High*

Angela R Foster - June 16, 2025 at 08:34 PM

JW

“ *I worked with Cheryl at csp she was a very sweet lady that would lend a helping hand to anyone in need. You are going to be deeply missed. My deepest sympathy to her family*



Jackie W - June 16, 2025 at 05:45 PM

SG

“ *Steve Billie Garwood lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Ballance*



Steve Billie Garwood - June 16, 2025 at 04:45 PM

LW

“ *We will miss you, and laughing at the legion.
Rest in peace sweet woman.*



Larry and Ronda Wiland - June 16, 2025 at 01:25 PM