



Cheryl Renee Lero

April 6, 1961 - April 20, 2026

Cheryl Renee Lero, age 65, of Houston departed this life on April 20, 2026 after a brief battle with cancer. She was born on April 6, 1961 to Fred and Patricia Gorski Lero. Born and raised Catholic, she attended St. Theresa Catholic School through the 8th grade and was a 1979 graduate of St. Pius X High School.

Cheryl graduated from the University of Houston in 1993 with a BS degree in Psychology. She recently retired from Air Liquide after 44 years of loyal service in their legal department.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her father, Fred Lero, her paternal grandparents Louis and Ima Belle Caraway Lero, and her maternal grandparents Ike and Louise Philips Gorski. She is survived by her daughter Payton Archer, her mother Patricia Lero, sister Michele Lero James (Guy), nieces Laura Beth James, Kate James Hermes (Blake), Leighton James Hathaway (Patrick) and sons Logan and Elliott, and nephew Freeman James (Korey).

Cheryl will be remembered as a loyal friend and a devoted mother. She loved to fish, was an avid Astros fan, and above all she poured her life into any activity involving her daughter Payton, including Special Olympics swimming, raising and exhibiting animal projects in FFA, and traveling the world together.

She was a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

Services will be at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Memorial Park on Monday April 27th with visitation beginning at 9 am, recitation of the Holy Rosary at 9:45 am and Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am. Graveside services will be at 1 pm at Forest Park Lawndale with reception following in the Fellowship Hall at St. Theresa Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in memory of Cheryl to Special Olympics Texas or the Down Syndrome Association of Houston.

Cemetery Details

Forest Park Lawndale

Tribute Wall

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“ My sincerest condolences to all of Cheryl's family and friends. Cheryl was truly one of a kind! A devoted mother to Payton, a loving daughter and sister, and a true and dedicated friend. My memories are many, too many to list but the years of laughter and joy will stay in my heart forever. As we always ended our calls "miss you girlfriend, love you sister!" May Cheryl rest in peace; forever and always in my heart. ❤️

Jeri Post - April 27 at 12:52 AM

JG

“ Cheryl and I had many great memories. We use to hangout and then get ready to go out dancing. We had the best times. She was a true friend to me!! She was the best Mom as well to Payton! May she rest in peace. 🙏❤️

Janice Glass - April 26 at 07:50 PM

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“ I saw Cheryl's obituary in this morning's paper and instantly recognized her. I had the honor of knowing Cheryl for only a brief time through the beauty of Payton. As an infant, Payton came to Pediatric Therapy Center for physical therapy. Cheryl's commitment to her Catholic faith and to her family was immediately evident. May Cheryl rest in the peace of our heavenly Father. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. Prayers for Payton, Pat and all Cheryl's family and friends. Marla Lafferty

Marla Lafferty - April 26 at 12:54 PM



“ I was with Cheryl when Peyton was born. Have been with her all throughout Peyton’s life. I am so saddened and shocked to hear of her passing. All my love to Peyton and family.

Shannon Hayes

Shannon Hayes - April 26 at 12:33 PM



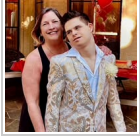
“ Cheryl & I worked together at Air Liquide for ~8 years. She was then, and for many years since, a great, true-blue friend to me! My heart breaks for Payton & the rest of her family. Keeping you all in our prayers, for God to provide peace and comfort that can only come from Him!

Shelly Moschak - April 22 at 08:12 PM



“ Cheryl was a smart, loyal and dedicated member of the legal department. With her many years of service, she was somebody you could always unquestionably rely upon for accurate corporate history. she was a wonderful person to work with, and a major contributor to the legal department..I always enjoyed working with her. My condolences to her family. John Baird.

John Baird - April 22 at 05:03 PM



“ *Payton, Pat, Michele and family,*

We are so thankful that you shared Cheryl with us. We became fast friends when we noticed our kids shared "almond eyes".

Payton, your mom loved you so very much and she is always with you. Keep making her proud with your determination and faith in God.

Love,

Susan and Carter



Carter Berg - April 22 at 03:44 PM

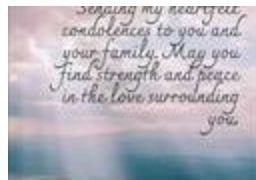


“ *May GOD surround the family and strength the love and care you have for each other.*

Ms. Cheryl lived a purpose filled life and advocated for her daughter to do the same. She equipped Payton with bravery and the confidence necessary to live a plentiful life.

She is surrounded with God's protection and a strong support system.

Be encouraged by holding on to the fond memories and by continuing to work as a team in this next phase of life.



Sandra OxOx - April 22 at 01:45 AM

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“ *A collective set of memories of Cheryl would be all the giggles and fun she had with Payton- especially when a dance floor was involved.*

We love you Aunt Cheryl and promise to keep dancing with Payton.



Korey Coburn - April 22 at 01:34 AM

KC

“ My favorite memory of Cheryl is seeing how much fun she had with Payton, especially when a dance floor was involved.
We love you Cheryl and we promise to keep dancing with Payton!



Korey Coburn - April 22 at 01:32 AM

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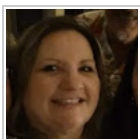
“ Cheryl and i met on a rodeo committee for CyFr Metro Texan . Cheryl was always a positive force in all she attempted to do. It was all or nothing. She was a counted on friend and client. Never let you down. Always kept her word. I was amazed at her being a mother. Not only did she love her daughter Payton, but she exposed her to world travels, raising and being a responsible person for animals, exposed her to a life not many of us could ever imagine. I was so proud of this rodeo girl's ability to achieve as much in her life as she did. My dear Cheryl, i loved you for being a real friend, the talks, the prayer requests we shared, our hopes and dreams will forever be cherished. I will miss you terribly but look forward to the day we meet again. Rest in peace my friend.

Jean Ranshaw - April 22 at 12:55 AM

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“ My sincere heartfelt condolences to the Lero family. I will miss my dear dear friend and sister. We had some wonderful years together all those gatherings at our house, trips to the rodeo and every event and activity with Peyton thru the years. Since our meeting at St Pius, if you were her friend, it was for life. And I was honored, to be part of her tribe. She was absolutely a beautiful friend to me taught me so much along the way. She worked hard on her life, Our Lord, close to her side, teaching the same to her daughter. God was 1st, and last in her life. She was an amazing mother to her Peyton her pride and joy. Truly I will miss my dear friend so very much love you Cheryl. God bless you and your family in this very difficult time.

Carmen Reyes - April 21 at 11:55 PM



“ Cheryl was my best friend for 60 years. She left me with a tremendous amount of memories and love. But the best thing she did was taught me about devotion. Devotion to God, to friendship and devoting her life to her daughter. She loved her daughter, Payton more than life itself and left her with wonderful, beautiful memories. I love you Cheryl Lero and I will miss you terribly. I will be there for Payton and share our memories with her. You will never be forgotten. Thank you for our beautiful friendship!

Janet Ballard - April 21 at 11:15 PM

PC

“ My heartfelt condolences to all Cheryl's family and friends. My fondest memories of Cheryl is how proud she was to be the mother of her beautiful daughter, Payton. Cheryl will be greatly miss by all who knew and loved her.

Patricia Chersky - April 21 at 03:08 PM