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Cheryl, age 71 of Harshaw WI, passed away peacefully at Howard Young Medical Center in Minocqua, holding the hand of her devoted husband of 46 years William "Bill" Crawford. She was born April 16th 1945 in Cicero, Illinois, the daughter of Raymond P. Rossberg and Elsie A. (Mudrak) Rossberg and was later baptized into the Lutheran faith. Her only sibling Guy Rossberg preceded her in death on June 3, 2015.

After high school, Cheryl studied English at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois, and in 1967, she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree. She met her future husband while in attendance.

Cheryl and Bill were married on April 12, 1970 in Lombard, Illinois at Trinity Lutheran Church. They were blessed with the arrival of Paul in 1971 and Joel in 1977.

Cheryl and Bill began their life together in the Greater Cincinnati area where Bill worked as an electrician. Cheryl was a homemaker, devoted to taking care of her family including her husband and raising her two small boys. She spent a lot of time volunteering in her community and working within her church.

In 1989, they moved to Green Lake, Wisconsin, where her brother was living, and purchased a small restaurant that they named Hinky Dink's. Cheryl ran the front of the house and made it the success that it was. She had a warm,

welcoming smile, whether you just met her or had known her forever. She helped to shape the lives of so many, including several “adopted kids” that worked for them.

While in Green Lake she and Bill purchased and published the Green Lake Magazine for many years. This gained them many friends and loved ones, and involved them heavily within the community.

In 2004, they moved again to their dream home in Harshaw, Wisconsin, overlooking a small lake in the Northwoods. They made many friends within their small community, and joined the Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua, under Pastor David Jensen.

Most importantly, Cheryl was a wonderful wife, mother, friend, and person. She was kind and caring, and a beautiful soul inside and out. She enjoyed cooking and trying new recipes. She adored visits from family and loved ones. She loved gardening and being able to walk out to the lake and going on pontoon boat rides with Bill in the small lake next to their home.

She is survived by her dear husband Bill; son Paul, daughter-in-law Lisa, grandchildren, Brianna and Nicholas; and son Joel, daughter-in-law Margo, grandchildren Victoria and John.

Should you feel inclined to do so, you may make a donation in Cheryl's name to the Northwoods Animal Rehabilitation Sanctuary, or to any charity that you wish.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 31, 2016 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Please check back for Cheryl's obituary.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ascension Lutheran Church
7937 Hwy 51 S
Minocqua, WI

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Cheryl, or Mrs. Crawford as I knew her, was a wonderful person. I grew up in West Chester with Paul, and knew her all those years ago. Although I hadn't seen her in many years, I still remember her voice and kind demeanor. I moved to Virginia Beach after college, and joined a popular local band. The Crawford's came down on vacation one summer, and I met them for dinner at a popular steakhouse. While we were there, a busboy 'recognized' me from the band, to which Mrs. Crawford's eyes opened wide and she exclaimed 'are you famous!?!?' To his day, I don't know if she was kidding or not....but I assume she was being nice, and making me feel good. That's the kind of person she was. Rest In Peace Mrs. Crawford.

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