



Cheryl K. Maples

March 2, 1950 - August 22, 2019

Cheryl K. Maples, 69 of Heber Springs passed away Thursday, August 22, 2019 in Little Rock, Arkansas. She was born March 2, 1950 in Santa Monica, California to Harvey and Patricia Ware Smith.

Cheryl lived in Pacific Palisades, Calif. until 1962 when she then moved to Springdale eventually moving to Springbrook Farm in Fayetteville. She graduated from Fayetteville High School in 1968, and married the love of her life Richard on that same day. She entered college when she was 30 and graduated seven years later from UALR with a law degree. She was the first Truman Scholar to stay in Arkansas for her college education. She was a nationally recognized civil rights advocate known for her work with the poor and disadvantaged. Her family was the most important thing in her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Maples of the home; two sons, Gregory Smith of Fayetteville, Ark. and Darin Monroe of Boise, ID; three daughters, Monica Keese and husband Randy of Benton, Ark., Melina Granger of Sherwood, Ark and Meredith Moore and husband Steve of North Little Rock, Ark; one brother, Harvey Smith and wife Amy of Fayetteville, Ark; two sisters, Linda Smith of Fayetteville, Ark. and Cindy Starr and husband David of Cedaredge, Colo; twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 11 A.M at Bluff Cemetery in Springdale.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 6 to 8pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 4 P.M. at New Beginnings Church in North Little Rock, Ark. A candlelight vigil will follow at 8 P.M. at the Arkansas State Capitol Grounds.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Bluff Cemetery

795 N. Shiloh Street
Springdale, AR 72764

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Graveside Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Springdale, AR 72764

Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl K. Maples

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ Richard no words can express the sorrow of losing a loved one !
May God hold you in his arms as you go through this. Jann Cothran
Jordan / White Bear Lake MN

jann jordan - August 28, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. She was a special person and I
am privileged to have met her. My thoughts are with you, Rich.

Rosemary Rodibaugh - August 27, 2019 at 02:45 PM



“ Our condolences to the family. We were so proud to have met
Cheryl in Eureka Springs a couple years ago. She was a truly great
person and friend of the LGBTQ community. Her contributions will
never be forgotten. She was a HERO to us here in Arkansas.

Bob & Orlando Herrell - August 26, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss Rich. Sending prayers of comfort for all
the family.

Martha Thorpe - August 26, 2019 at 03:41 PM

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“ *Love The Starr and Arcana Families purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Cheryl K. Maples.*



Love The Starr and Arcana Families - August 26, 2019 at
03:07 PM