



## Cheryl A Hartill

June 24, 1946 - November 12, 2025

Cheryl Ann Hartill, 79, of Lowell, Indiana—formerly of Beecher, Illinois—was called to her heavenly home on November 12, 2025.

Born on June 24, 1946, to Arthur and Vera (née Boehner) Oldenburg, she attended Zion Lutheran School and graduated from Beecher High School. She married Traver E. Hartill at Zion Lutheran Church on June 18, 1977. A proud Beecherite, Cheryl never missed a chance to share that she grew up—and spent nearly her entire life—in Beecher, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Traver; her parents; and an infant brother, Richard A. Oldenburg. Cheryl is survived by her children: Becky (Arnie) Cooper, Barb (Ron) Lea, and Nick and Dan Hartill; her sister, Chris (Brian) Knapp; and her grandchildren: Samantha (Ben) Hickel, Miranda (Aaron) Malone, Olivia (Connor) Searcy, Rebekah, Logan, Jackson, and Emma DeHaan, and Ava, Audrey, and Owen Lea. Her blessings multiplied with the arrival of nine great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who loved her.

Cheryl was truly one of a kind with a memorable sense of humor. To know her was to know her steadfast belief in these truths: coffee is best enjoyed black, Christmas is a lifelong season, and above all, Jesus is her Savior. She had a remarkable gift for crafting, could style any room with warmth and creativity, and delighted in covering her walls with photographs of the people she loved most. She cherished sharing stories from her childhood, especially memories of her dad's milk route. Her love of movies and an extensive DVD collection

meant she was always ready for a movie night. She loved walking on the beach, digging in the garden, snowy days, being pregnant, JC Penny, anything purple, jelly toast, a good Rueben sandwich, oatmeal cookies with walnuts, eating pizza, quoting movies, and spoiling her “granddogs”, Tucker and Sully.

Above all, Cheryl’s greatest joy was being “Granny.” With her magical touch, she could soothe the fussiest baby, build the coolest living room forts, and host the most delightful tea parties. Most importantly, she taught her grandchildren, and all who knew her, to never stop believing in the magic and miracle of Christmas.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Hack-Jensen Funeral Home, with a memorial service to follow at noon. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

In honor of Cheryl’s deep love for Christmas, guests are warmly invited to dress for the season—including (and especially) those wonderfully tacky Christmas sweaters that would have made her laugh.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home  
753 Hodges Street  
Beecher, IL 60401  
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com  
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

DEC 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The cousins - Connie, Vivian, Diane purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Cheryl A Hartill.*



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**The cousins - Connie, Vivian, Diane** - December 05, 2025 at 09:40 AM

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“ *The cousins - Connie, Vivian, Diane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl A Hartill.*

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**The cousins - Connie, Vivian, Diane** - December 05, 2025 at 09:40 AM

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“ *Beth, Carol, Cor, Ellyn, Val, Lori & fam purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cheryl A Hartill.*



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**Beth, Carol, Cor, Ellyn, Val, Lori & fam** - December 03, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Cheryl A Hartill.*



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December 02, 2025 at 03:28 PM

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“ Nick and Danny, it’s been a while since I’ve seen you both. Since I left the Beecher Police Department. I’m so sorry to hear about your mom’s passing. She was a wonderful person and a great mom to you guys. I’ll always remember the meetings she and I had about you boys—they still make me smile. Stay strong and take care of each other. Your families are in my prayers.

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**Tim Mitchell** - November 14, 2025 at 01:42 PM

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“ Oh, my, so many memories. We lived next door to Cheryl when we were growing up. So we knew each other and her girls Becky and Barbie. Becky, Barbie, Nick and Danny, I am sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. May God comfort you at this time of your loss. Chrissy, so sorry for the loss of your sister. My prayers are with all of you. She is now with Traver, and your Mom and Dad, Vera and Art! Miss them too.

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**Kathryn L Scalise** - November 13, 2025 at 04:42 PM