



## Cheryl Joy Theriault

March 25, 1964 - April 4, 2025

Cheryl Joy Theriault, born March 25, 1964 in Whitehorse Yukon, lived true to her name, seeking and sharing joy with friends and family throughout her life. She passed peacefully on April 4th, 2025 surrounded by loved ones. Her last words were "I love you all".

Cheryl was blessed by more friends than anyone but her could sensibly manage, and too many talents to be pigeonholed into any one label. She was deeply involved in community theatre, directing, acting, producing, and generally helping to ensure that the show would go on at the Theatre Arts Guild. She would like to think she invented the idea of Frenchys tours (even if she didn't), and for decades she made an annual tradition of traveling Atlantic Canada with a car full of close friends, rummaging through bins to come home with mountains of rare finds. Above all else, Cheryl was always an artist, and in the past several years she finally embraced that label. She worked in many media, including oil, watercolour, and collage (among others), and in 2021 exhibited her work, with friends and colleagues, at the Chase Gallery in the Nova Scotia Archives. It breaks our hearts to lose her, but we will always be grateful that she left so much of herself with us in her work.

Cheryl was the daughter of Mary 'Lorraine' and Irwin 'Robbie' Robinson of Digby, Nova Scotia. She is survived by her daughter, Rachel Theriault, her son Jordan Theriault-Brown, her daughter-in-law, Amelia Theriault-Brown, and her brother Dean Robinson. She would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Victoria Grace, who were a comfort and bedrock of support in the past few

weeks (and whom she quickly won over with her wit and charm). Like her mother, she was against the idea of a traditional funeral, and would prefer a celebration of life, which will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in her memory to Shelter Nova Scotia (<https://www.shelternovascotia.com/>).

# Tribute Wall

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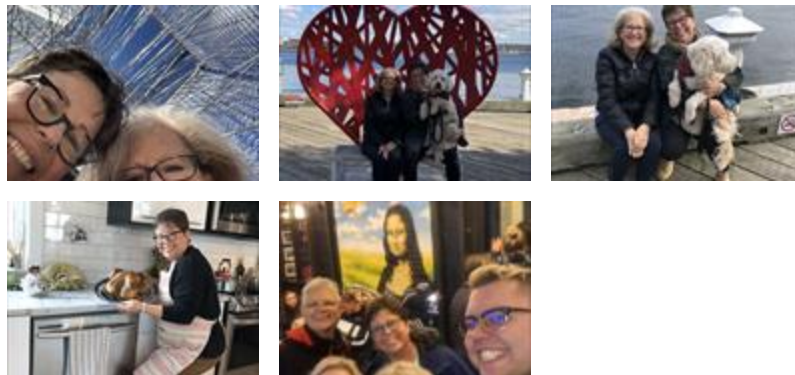
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Marilyn Kienapple - April 28, 2025 at 09:47 AM

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Lily Oakenfold (Therault) - April 19, 2025 at 01:12 PM

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“ I am one of Cheryl's sister-in-laws. The oldest who married the oldest Theriault, my first husband. Died at 49. I only got to know her really well the last 15 years or so, but have known her since she just met her husband at her age of 16, I think. I miss her dearly. And we became close even though I live in Calgary, by FT every 2 or 3 weeks, talking for hours. Plus staying with her when I visited. I admire her greatly. Her creativity in so many realms, painting, theatre, crafts of all natures, interior designing, she was the most creative person I know. She looked at things and people so uniquely, and always tried to see the good in them. And she made me laugh, she was hilarious. I admired her greatly for her candor, about herself and people. She really was joy, as she lived her life with much happiness and joy and was always grateful. We helped each other in our losses and traumas. She was compassionate, warm and loving. She was a true loyal best friend and more like a sister to me. She loved her children fiercely and was proud of whom they had become. We both shared our love of our children and them growing up. She was a light to me. and now her light is low. But I sense her in my memories, and feel her all the time. I know she has touched many. And will continue to do so. My life has changed for the better because I was honored to become her friend. I miss her every day, she's gone too soon. She was a unique woman and courageous in so many ways. I'm sure many of you saw all her gifts. RIP Cheryl. You are now Joy forever. I look forward to being with you again one day. I love you dearly. I am so heartbroken for Rachel, Jordan and Dean. I am here for you



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**Lily Oakenfold (Theriault)** - April 19, 2025 at 01:06 PM

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*What a beautiful tribute, Lily. You are so right.*

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**Louise Renault** - April 21, 2025 at 08:30 AM