



## Cheryl Perkins

September 9, 1956 - September 10, 2021

Cheryl Butters Perkins, “Mother Hen”, age 65, passed away peacefully on September 10, 2021, due to a long-term battle with physical and mental illness. She was born September 9, 1956, in Winthrop, Massachusetts to surviving parents, Ronald (Ronnie) and Constance (Connie) Wright of Conyers, Georgia. She lived in Conyers, Georgia, with her husband, Arthur “Gravedigger” Perkins, who preceded her in death in 2016.

Cheryl, Mother Hen, Nanou, Mom, Auntie loved to love people. Her special gift was making people who felt somewhat invisible feel seen, loved, and welcomed, and that was despite the fact that she happened to be blind. She loved big while she was able. She was passionate about riding motorcycles and spending time with her Southern Cruisers family, finding charitable causes to support with big event rides she loved to coordinate.

Her love of all things in nature was evident when she was surrounded by it, whether working in her garden planting beautiful flowers, or enjoying the hum of the hummingbirds and the flutter of the butterflies they attracted. She could lose hours enjoying the gentle water-dwelling manatees or trying to jump in the tank with the sweet-natured belugas. She was always trying to rescue animals, even if her means didn't support it, she would find a way to help them, sacrificing whatever she could for any cat, squirrel, bird, or dog that found its way to her doorstep. They could all find shelter with her.

Being told she was unable to do something was only fuel for her fire to accomplish whatever that thing was. That said, she loved to express herself artistically through drawing with pastels and especially loved to arrange flowers into bouquets and other arrangements. At one point, she aspired to become a florist, and her arrangements were stunning. It's amazing what she could accomplish when she set her mind to it. Blindness was not a disability just a challenge to overcome.

Cheryl is survived by her daughter and son, Jennifer (and her husband Bill New) of Hahira, Georgia, and Jeremy Butters (and his fiancée, Arlet Vargas) of Conyers, Georgia; preceded in death by her brother, Steven "Bunga" Wright and survived by brothers and their wives, Allen and Carla Wright, Darren and Sue Wright, and Todd and Shannon Wright; grandchildren, Ted and his wife Lisa Bilak, Ashley and her husband KJ Ruehle, Morgan New and Noah New; plus 2 great-grandsons, Gavin and Gage Bilak and her many nephews and nieces, aunts and uncles, cousins, dear friends who were more like siblings than friends, as well as riding brothers and sisters. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

The family will host a private memorial celebration of life at a later date for relatives and close friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to help the belugas <https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/beluga> or her memory would be honored if you would plant a tree or butterfly bush in her name or spay or neuter your pet or a stray animal.