



Cheryl Lynn Maiorano

May 11, 2025

Cheryl Lynn Maiorano, affectionately known as "Queen Veen," passed away on May 11, 2025, in Providence, Rhode Island, at the age of 67. Born on June 15, 1957, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Cheryl brought light and laughter to those around her throughout her vibrant life.

Cheryl was a woman of many passions and talents. She had an enduring love for music, dancing, cooking, sewing, crafting, and thrifting—interests that she wove into the fabric of her daily life. Her home was a reflection of her creative spirit: adorned with ornaments and keepsakes she lovingly collected over the years. A master decorator and mannequin dresser—her beloved Shirley often dressed to match the season or occasion—Cheryl had a flair for turning everyday moments into celebrations.

She found immense joy in gathering with family and friends. Whether it was hosting her legendary backyard parties complete with live bands, delicious food, and games or simply enjoying time surrounded by loved ones, Cheryl thrived in the warmth of community. Her enthusiasm was infectious; one memorable story recalls her selling “devotee tees” and hot dogs in the school lobby during her son Devon’s basketball games—chasing folks around with tongs in hand and laughter in her wake.

Cheryl is survived by her two sons: Devon Maiorano (40) and Dylon Maiorano

(38), both of whom she cherished deeply. Her adored grandson Bryce Pearson held a special place in her heart. She also leaves behind her sister Doreen Weimer (66), brothers William H. Schmidt III (64) and Michael T. Schmidt (63), and sister Karen J. Barnshaw (60). Cheryl shared many years with her ex-husband William Maiorano, father of their two sons.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roberta E. Schmidt and William H. Schmidt II.

A passionate saver of trinkets and mementos, Cheryl believed in preserving memories—not just through objects but through experiences shared with others. Her legacy lives on not only through the family who loved her but also through the countless lives she touched with her humor, creativity, and boundless energy.

Two quotes that resonated deeply with Cheryl were:

“Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves.” – Confucius

“A smile is the beginning of peace.” – Mother Teresa

{Thanks Poops x.o}

A Celebration of Life is being planned to honor Cheryl’s memory; family and friends will be notified once details are finalized.

May Cheryl’s memory bring comfort to all who knew her and continue to inspire joy in every celebration yet to come.

Tribute Wall

SU

“ Cheryl was born with a beautiful spirit we had so much joy drinking mamaritas on the beach behind bon vue pub in Narragansett RI in early 80's beautiful memories ❤️

Susan - February 15 at 07:52 AM

DR

“ I met Cheryl years ago, she was taking care of her special needs kids. She enjoyed working with them and she was marvelous at it. Love her sense of humor, we have spent many good memories together with Sue, Rose and myself
May she be resting in the sweetest peace.

Donna Wentworth Reed - May 26, 2025 at 04:28 PM

LD

Devon & Dylan and her extended family :
Nat & I thoroughly enjoyed being in Cheryl's presence .
One of many fond memories that are recalled of Cheryl is how she'd cut out eyes out if magazines . She would attach them to random things around the house bringing a smile to whoever saw them .
Sending you all love & prayers .
Nat , Lisa, Caleb, and Tatum Dyer ♡

Lisa - Marie & Nathaniel Dyer - July 07, 2025 at 12:29 PM

AM

“ I met Cheryl through the Rehoboth Fire Dept. Our husband's served on the dept together. We became friends and soon after opened our Co-op gift shop "Out On A Whim" together. We had a blast, 30 yrs ago, making pottery and selling it! Cheryl knew how to bring out the Best in everyone! She will truly be missed. Our condolences to Devan, Dylan, Billy, and her beautiful grandson, and her family.
Love, Alison & Rick Mancini

Alison Mancini - May 20, 2025 at 07:52 PM

JV

“ I treasure all my memories of dancing to live music all night long on the Wharf in Newport with Queen Veen and her dedicated court. I am grateful to have been included in that remarkable and extraordinary circle of love.

jillian vannostrand - May 20, 2025 at 07:00 PM

JB

“ I had the pleasure of being part of Cheryl's life. She was most happiest when speaking of her family and loved ones and telling me many creations she had made in her life. I love and will miss Cheryl dearly. May she fly with the angels. ❤️

Jeannie Bricault - May 18, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ Cheryl and I had lots of fun together. Our families were close as our children grew. She was a terrific auntie to my kids and her heart was huge. Her backyard bashes were always fabulous with the perfect mix of family and friends. Her goal was to make sure everyone was having fun. She was so creative and a wonderful cook. Although we had our differences and distance was a factor I will always cherish our long phone conversations with lots of laughter and some tears. Cheryl and her family will always have a special place in my heart.

Jeanne' Schmidt - May 18, 2025 at 11:25 AM

JQ

“ My favorite memory of my cousin Cheryl was her smile... Her bright bright smile will live on in my mind... I will miss her deeply in my ❤️ Rest easy Cousaino ❤️🌹❤️

Joanne Quinn - May 18, 2025 at 11:05 AM

RC

The first-time we met was at Wills store The heating company. Here comes into the shop this blue eyed blonde carrying bags. She says to me.....want to see my shoes as she whips them out and onto her feet, A DOLLAR, I got them for a dollar From that moment on she had me. I soon was introduced into the QUEENS WORLD. The thing is I got her. She was as we said my conjoined twin from our past lives. So many adventures. So many uncontrollable laughs. She was what I needed. Especially when I had a bout with depression. She showed me how to embrace the fun side of life. The Bunko games, REHOBOSTOCK, OUT ON A WHIM DANCING LIKE NO OTHER. Weekends in Newport. You were the glue. I hate that you are gone. But I all these incredible memories. Love you Queen.

Robin aka Gidgy cook - May 18, 2025 at 01:25 PM