



Cheryl Renee Somerville

August 18, 1959 - February 28, 2025

Cheryl Renee Somerville of Portsmouth, VA passed away unexpectedly on February 28, 2025. She was born on August 18, 1959 in St. Mary's County, MD to the late Archie and Mary Somerville.

She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1978 where she played the flute as a member of the Marching Presidents. After high school, she attended Tidewater Community College, then later begin her career working in various shipyards. Cheryl has over 35 years of Shipyard experience including Moon Engineering, Norfolk Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation (NORSHIPCO), BAE Systems and Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY). Her longest tenure has been with NNSY spanning over 25 years as a federal government employee. While working at Shop 71 (Nuclear Paint Department), Cheryl was known as the "Mother of the Yard."

Her career with NNSY afforded her the opportunity to work Temporary Duty Assignments (TDY) in Yokosuka, Japan; Guam; Kings Bay, GA; New Hampshire; Washington State; and Charleston, SC.

Cheryl re-dedicated her life to Christ and joined Union Baptist Missionary Church under the leadership of Bishop C. Vernie Russell, Jr.. Cheryl was a part of the Kitchen Ministry and a volunteer for anywhere they needed her. She would also feed the homeless.

Cheryl was one of a kind, the life of the party, loved to entertain and had a heart of gold. We can't forget that she was hilarious, she would definitely make you laugh. Anyone she came in contact with instantly fell in love with her. She had such a loving, kind and giving spirit. She enjoyed spending time with her family, listening to music (her favorite song was "Leave the Door Open" by Bruno Mars. She loved to dance and looked forward to learning the latest dance moves with her daughters and granddaughters. She was an avid Lifetime TV and TLC network viewer, as well as going shopping with her sisters.

Her prize possessions were her three children and grandchildren. She would spoil her grandbabies so much...when Momma and Daddy said no, Grandma Cheryl to the rescue.

Cheryl was a devoted mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, niece, cousin and friend. She was deeply loved and respected by all who knew her. She was predeceased by her parents Archie and Mary Somerville and nieces Joi Hargrove and Wanda Ashton.

She leaves to cherish her memory three children Chiquita Patillo of Portsmouth, VA, Shakoya Holt (Mark) of Chesapeake, VA; Kio Somerville (Deja) of Virginia Beach, VA. Seven grandchildren: London Holt, Khyron Somerville, Kahlia Somerville, Kourtney Somerville, Sydney Holt, Tayleigh Exhem and Kaelani Somerville. Six sisters Mary Holton of St. Mary's County, MD; Dorothy Felton of Portsmouth, VA; Evelyn Eason (Shelton) of Chesapeake, VA; Sheila Williams (Walter) of Stafford, VA; Judy Ali (Brian) and Nicky Edwards (Paige) both of Suffolk, VA. Two brothers Glen Somerville (Maggie) of Fayetteville, North Carolina and James Somerville of Suffolk, VA. God-Daughter Paris Davis; special nieces Drea Somerville, Monica Somerville (Harold), Markita Davis, Kaniya Simmons, Teesha Patillo and Demetria Patillo.

Best Friend and second family Verona Elam and family. Host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Missionary Baptist Church
5414 Nansemond Pkwy
Suffolk, VA 23435

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Cheryl Renee Somerville



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 19, 2025 at 07:06 PM

KS

“ i miss you so much grandma and i love you

kahlia somerville - March 24, 2025 at 12:50 AM

WC

“ William P Clarke lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Somerville



William P Clarke - March 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM

M9

“ Ms. Cupicake (Retired Code 970) lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Somerville



Ms. Cupicake (Retired Code 970) - March 08, 2025 at 10:17 AM

SX

“ *My condolences to the Somerville family my God strength you and keep you all in perfect peace*



Shelia Spratley X-71 - March 08, 2025 at 12:15 AM

VJ

“ *Vicky Brown Jennings sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheryl Somerville*



Vicky Brown Jennings - March 07, 2025 at 07:53 PM

MM

“ *Ms. Mattai/Crys/Jaxon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Renee Somerville.*

Ms. Mattai/Crys/Jaxon - March 07, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MM

“ *Ms. Mattai/Crys/Jaxon purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Cheryl Renee Somerville.*



Ms. Mattai/Crys/Jaxon - March 07, 2025 at 02:18 PM

AM

“ Dear Mark, Shakoya, London, Sydney, and the entire Somerville family, I was deeply saddened to learn about the passing of your loved one (Mother-in-Love, Mother, Grandmother), "Cheryl Renee Somerville."



The unexpectedness of this loss makes it all the more heartbreaking. "May you find strength and solace in the memories you shared together." May her love and wisdom continue to guide you, even in her absence.

"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers."

London and Sydney, "Thinking of you and sending love as you celebrate your Grandmother's remarkable life."

Sorrowfully,

Arlene M
Chesapeake, VA

Arlene Mattai - March 07, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cheryl Renee Somerville.

March 07, 2025 at 01:53 PM

NI

“ Father God ✨ I pray that you will strengthen and comfort the Somerville family and friends in their time of bereavement and mourning. I thank you Lord God ✨ for blessing ✨ us a friendship connect down through the many years that you did. In our eyes we were family, and still are, the entire Prentis Park crew, Lord ✨ you know how we do...you made us and you have established our day 1 connect into our infinity connect. We love you Lord ✨
Cover, guide, protect and keep the family and friends in perfect peace, together, love, unity and in your will and way, I pray.
Thank you.
Amen.



My deepest condolences and prayers 🙏🙏🙏

RIH 🙏

Nisey - March 07, 2025 at 12:34 PM

VH

“ Vera Lee Holland lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Somerville



Vera Lee Holland - March 07, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ *Maria Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Renee Somerville.*

Maria Davis - March 07, 2025 at 03:18 AM



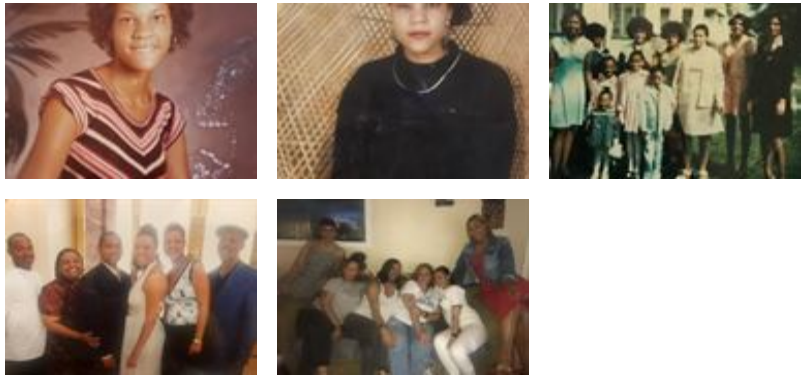
“ *Maria Davis purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Cheryl Renee Somerville.*



Maria Davis - March 07, 2025 at 03:18 AM



“ *43 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 06, 2025 at 10:49 PM

LH

“ Laverne Howard lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Somerville



Laverne Howard - March 06, 2025 at 07:24 PM

TF

“ The Owens Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheryl Renee Somerville.

The Owens Family - March 06, 2025 at 03:18 PM

TF

“ The Owens Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Cheryl Renee Somerville.



The Owens Family - March 06, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cheryl Renee Somerville.

March 06, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Cheryl Renee Somerville.*



March 06, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *Prayers and condolences sent to the Sommerville family from the Smith family (Camden Ave) RIP Cheryl*



Marsha Gale Jordan - March 06, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cheryl Renee Somerville.*



March 05, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ *Valerie Reid lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Somerville*



Valerie Reid - March 05, 2025 at 11:51 AM

AB

“ Antonio Y. Brickhouse lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Somerville



Antonio Y Brickhouse - March 05, 2025 at 06:27 AM