



Cherilyn R. Rechner

February 9, 1945 - March 6, 2026

Cherilyn R. Rechner (née Anders), 81, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 6, 2026 surrounded by the deep love of her family. She was born February 9, 1945 in Cleveland, Ohio and had been a resident of Vernon Hills, Illinois since 1977.

In 1967, Cheryl received her Bachelor of Sciences degree in Home Economics from the College of St. Mary's of the Springs, in Ohio, and taught for one year. On April 20, 1968 she married her husband, David, and traveled to Germany to live while he served in the military. During her career, she was a homemaker, managed a fabric store, and worked as an insurance agent. Cheryl was an original member of St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church in Indian Creek, where she remained a very active and faithful parishioner.

Her lifelong passion was being a seamstress and she took immense pride in being a founding member and dedicated volunteer for the local chapter of the Dress A Girl Around the World organization. During her 15 years as a DAG volunteer, she sewed thousands of dresses which were shared with deserving children all across the globe. Over the last several years of her life, her goal was to sew one dress each day and many days she doubled that number. Cheryl also enjoyed gardening, boating, traveling, reading, swimming, watching movies, going to the theater, and especially hosting gatherings for her friends and family. She was always ready for a game night and new

adventures. Most of all, she loved being a wife, mother, and grandmother!

Surviving is her devoted and loving husband of 57 years, David Rechner; children, Andrea Perrin, Christine Rechner, Douglas Rechner; grandchildren, Jarred Winandy, Meredith Perrin, Sutton Rechner; brother, Dennis (Karen) Anders and sister, Pamela (Bob) Cibik; many nieces, nephews, and loyal friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Geraldine Anders, sister, Nancy Dela Roca, and nephew, Steve Anders. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to support the ongoing work of the Dress A Girl ministry. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church with Dress A Girl and Cheryl's name in the memo. Please forward your checks to the Parish office at 236 US-45, Indian Creek, IL 60061.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 2026 at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church, 236 US-45 S., Indian Creek, IL. Interment will follow at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Mass

MAR 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church
236 W. Hwy 45
Indian Creek, IL 60061

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Love Richard & Elaine Cibik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cherilyn R. Rechner.

Love Richard & Elaine Cibik - March 17 at 12:15 PM

LC

“ Love Richard & Elaine Cibik purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cherilyn R. Rechner.



Love Richard & Elaine Cibik - March 17 at 12:15 PM

NT

“ Northwest Trucks purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Cherilyn R. Rechner.



Northwest Trucks - March 16 at 10:01 PM

UL

“ Urbano Leos purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Cherilyn R. Rechner.



Urbano Leos - March 16 at 01:41 PM

JJ

“ From my first meeting with Cheryl nine years ago, I knew that I had met a special person. She had the ability with her smile and quick sense of humor to make everyone comfortable. When Cheryl hosted card games, she always made the occasion fun and she was quite the card player. Her devotion to making clothes for children was inspiring. Without a doubt, there is a special place in heaven for my Friend. My prayers are with Dave, the Children and Grandchildren as they travel this life's journey without Cheryl.

Jo Johns - March 13 at 08:43 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cherilyn R. Rechner.



March 12 at 01:41 PM

KC

“ Kathleen Calcott lit a candle in memory of Cherilyn R. Rechner



Kathleen Calcott - March 11 at 10:45 PM

CO

“ Dear Rechner Family, I am sorry for your loss. Cheryl and I were in book club at St Mary of Vernon for the last 7 years. Her joy, common sense, kindness, humor and understanding was a tremendous gift to us all. Her witness through her sewing for Dress a Girl has inspired myself and so many in our parish, especially the youth. I have missed her these past few months and have a great sorrow at her passing. My deepest sympathy to her family and all those dear to her.

Cindy Okinczyc - March 10 at 03:55 PM

MA

“ Dear Rechner Family, I am so sorry to hear of Cheryl's passing. I remember her from our early years (starting in 1977) in Deerpath. We had such a wonderful group of neighbors there with many get togethers. Roger and I moved away in 1986, and missed our Vernon Hills "family" terribly, but kept in touch when we would come back to visit. My favorite was our New Year's Day get together... everyone brought a dish to pass! Cheryl took over as hostess when we moved to Michigan. I always enjoyed talking to Cheryl...she brought a fresh perspective to every conversation! When we moved back to Illinois Cheryl became our insurance agent. When my daughter, my first child, was born Cheryl made her an Angel pillow for Christmas! My daughter called it her "doll pillow" and I swear she slept with it every night until she was in junior high! Cheryl was a good friend. Even though I haven't been back to Vernon Hills in years, I know we would have picked up right where we left off! Prayers for your family. Rest in Peace, Cheryl.

Maggie Ahlberg - March 09 at 05:17 PM