



## Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang

December 16, 1956 - May 2, 2024

Cheryl Lynette Lang was born in Detroit, MI, on December 16, 1956, to Walter and Pocahontas Lang. She was the youngest daughter and the fourth of five children from this union. Cheryl's journey of learning began at the Hamtramck Public School system, where she was not just well-liked but also admired by both peers and teachers. Her dedication and hard work led her to achieve academic excellence and become a member of the esteemed National Honor Society. Cheryl's thirst for knowledge took her to Michigan State University, where she not only gained a master's in Speech Pathology but also a degree in Public Administration, a testament to her diverse interests and capabilities. Cheryl was a dedicated professional who made a significant impact during her 42-year tenure at Detroit Public Schools. Cheryl served as a speech-language pathologist and was widely recognized for her efficiency, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment to her work. Her exceptional skills and dedication earned her a place on the prestigious Green Bar team, where she continued to excel. Cheryl's exemplary performance led to her promotion to Supervisor in 2002, a role in which she served with distinction for eight years. Throughout her career, she was known for her professionalism, preparedness, and proficiency in all that she did. After retiring in 2010, Cheryl selflessly returned to the district to give back and continue supporting the community that she cared for deeply. Her legacy of hard work, dedication, and service has left an imprint on the many lives she impacted. She will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Cheryl loved spending time with her family and friends. She often hosted gatherings for holidays in her well-decorated home. She loved home décor and had decorations for every occasion. One of her greatest joys was playing board games and doing arts and crafts with her nieces and nephews. She would carry games and toys around just in case she saw one of them. Cheryl solved daily word puzzles; you could find her doodles from that day's puzzle on small pieces of paper. Although Cheryl didn't have any children of her own, she stepped into that role for her younger brother, Brett Lang, after the passing of their mother, Pocahontas. Their close bond was more of a mother-son relationship than a sister-brother one. Cheryl loved sharing stories, updates, and photos of her family with friends and coworkers so much that you felt a sense of knowing them even if you had never met them.

Cheryl's faith was a guiding light in her life. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age and was an active member of the administration team at Faith Experience. Cheryl's faith was not just a belief but a way of life. She would correct people when they said, "God is good," saying, "No, God is great!" Her faith was accompanied by a generous spirit, always ready to supply needs before a person even asked. Cheryl's words were a source of life and encouragement for those around her, a testament to her strong beliefs and generous heart.

Cheryl Lynette Lang departed this life on May 2, 2024, at 5:21 pm, surrounded by her three brothers. She was preceded in death by parents Walter Sr., Pocahontas, sister Angela, and nephew Julian. She will always be lovingly remembered by her siblings Walter Jr. (Carol), Gary, Brett (Arika), Nephews: Jason (Tanya), Alexis, Jonah, Xavier, Brett Zeric, Nieces: Jessica (Kazu), Porsha (Tremaine), Alana, Paige (Eddie), Elyse, Great nephews: Tyler, Jayden, Dorian Jr., Hero, Elijah, Great nieces: Taylor, Payton, Kali, Makenzie, Erin, Paisley Loved-like family: Margaret, Charlie Roy, Baron, D.D., C.J., Korey, Kyan, Carmen, Ronda, God kids: Christopher, LeiLani, Dear friends: Donna, Monica, Karen, and Sheila.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

Friday, May **10**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Saturday, May **11**. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
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info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Celebration of Life

Saturday, May **11**. 5:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

LT

“ I met Cheryl through our state speech organization. She was a wonderful sweet person. We spent a lot of time together at our state annual conference. She was kind and invited me to join her when I first started going because she knew I was alone. Our friendship blossomed from there. She was smart and a leader and just wonderful. I will miss her so much. Thoughts and prayers to her friends and family 🙏

Lori Tavtigian - May 20, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ Audrey Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Lang



Audrey Hamilton - May 11, 2024 at 06:18 PM

RS

“ Cheryl was a wonderful supervisor, full of energy and a true advocate who kept her staff in the know. I'll miss seeing her at church. The family is in my prayers during this difficult time.

Rhonda Simon - May 11, 2024 at 12:22 PM

AB

“ Amella W, Maria D, and Anita B planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.

Amella W, Maria D, and Anita B - May 10, 2024 at 04:38 PM

AB

“ Amella W, Maria D, and Anita B purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.



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**Amella W, Maria D, and Anita B** - May 10, 2024 at 04:38 PM

AW

“ A wonderful supervisor and colleague



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**Amella B Washington** - May 10, 2024 at 04:25 PM

KA

“ Cheryl could work a project like no other. While others would believe the task to be complicated, overwhelming and impossible, Cheryl would just dig in. She said: "How do you eat an elephant?" "One bite at a time."

*Will sadly miss our many projects and nonet will complete so easily anymore.*

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**Karen** - May 10, 2024 at 11:22 AM

PD

“ May Our Lord provide comfort, and strength to the family, of Ms. Cheryl Lang. As, my Supervisor, Cheryl was inspirational, and her independent spirit motivated everyone to do better! She will be missed, dearly by those who loved her!  
From Patricia A. Davis, SLP



Patricia A. Davis - May 09, 2024 at 08:55 PM

FI

“ From your neighbors at Corktown II purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.



From your neighbors at Corktown II - May 09, 2024 at 06:04 PM

CF

“ Christine Yulkowski and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.

Christine Yulkowski and family. - May 09, 2024 at 05:07 PM

CF

“ Christine Yulkowski and family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.



Christine Yulkowski and family. - May 09, 2024 at 05:07 PM

PC

“ *Pastor Antonio Sweeney of Dew from Heaven Ministries Church purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.*



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**Pastor Antonio Sweeney of Dew from Heaven Ministries Church** - May 09, 2024 at 02:53 PM

PL

“ *Phoebe Lightsey lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Lang*



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**Phoebe Lightsey** - May 08, 2024 at 10:54 PM

PL

“ *First she was my colleague and later became my Supervisor in the Department of Communications Disorders for DPS. Cheryl was always kind to me, fair and the consummate professional. Her memory and sense of humor were amazing! She made sure we were always kept abreast of what was going on. I thank God for a life well lived. 🕊️🕊️ Rest well, Cheryl! Victory today is yours! 🌸🌸🌸 My condolences to her family. †*

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**Phoebe Lightsey** - May 08, 2024 at 05:43 PM

FS

“ *From Paul Chrustowski DPS Psych Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.*

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**From Paul Chrustowski DPS Psych Services** - May 08, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.



May 08, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ Oh Cheryl! Too young! You were so special. Always full of knowledge and humor. Thinking about "pigeon toes" will always bring a smile to my face.

Paul Chrustowski - May 08, 2024 at 09:54 AM



Sending prayers to Cheryl Lang's family 🙏 during this difficult time. I worked at DPS as a SLP and recall many memories with Cheryl. Will always remember your sense of humor and great work ethics. Rest in Gods Peace, Tanya Perry Smith

Tanya Perry Smith - May 09, 2024 at 10:36 PM



Prayers are with the family of Cheryl Lang 🙏. I worked at DPS as a SLP and Cheryl was one of my supervisors. She was a smart and friendly person with a sense of humor that made you feel comfortable working for her. She will be missed. Rest In God's arms, Tanya Perry Smith

Tanya Perry Smith - May 09, 2024 at 10:46 PM

NB

“ Cheryl was my supervisor at DPS for many years. She was the best! On May 2, this earth lost a beautiful, shining star, but heaven gained an angel. I will always remember her beautiful smile and her wonderful sense of humor. My love and prayers go out to her family as they navigate through this most difficult time.

Nancy Bacci - May 07, 2024 at 04:51 PM

GS

“ I can still hear her beautiful happy voice yelling, "Gary Ganski!" when we'd approach each other in the English classroom between classes in 1970 at HHS. It embarrassed me and made me laugh at the same time. She showed so much joy, like her Mom would.

Gary Saganski - May 07, 2024 at 08:06 AM

EF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - May 06, 2024 at 07:04 PM

LF

“ Love, Speech and Hearing Center Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.



Love, Speech and Hearing Center Family - May 06, 2024 at 03:41 PM

LP

“ Love, JP, Marizel & Kristina Porcalla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.

Love, JP, Marizel & Kristina Porcalla - May 06, 2024 at 11:01 AM

LP

“ Love, JP, Marizel & Kristina Porcalla purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.



Love, JP, Marizel & Kristina Porcalla - May 06, 2024 at 11:01 AM

SH

“ Sheila planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.

Sheila - May 06, 2024 at 10:31 AM

SH

“ Sheila purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Cheryl Lynette Lang.



Sheila - May 06, 2024 at 10:31 AM