



Cecilene Howell

August 4, 1946 - August 21, 2022

The world lost and heaven gained a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt, Cecilene Howell or “Cec” as many called her, on August 21, 2022. Cecilene is survived by her children, daughter Kimberly O’Bar, her husband Mark O’Bar and son Brian Howell and his wife Kathryn Howell, 10 Grandchildren, Amber Kemp, Breanna Keita, Nathan Garnica, Phebe Castner, Tristan Howell, Cecilene Marie Howell, Aaralyn Howell, Mia Howell, Jamen Howell, Maxwell Howell and her sister Donna Jones and her family, husband Don Jones, Niece Tonya Holler, Nephew Todd Holler and Great Nephew Taylor Holler.

Cecilene is preceded in death by her mother Marcene Dunagan and her father Cecil Dunagan.

Cecilene, or Mom, whose parents were deaf, loved the deaf community and was active within it. She was fluent in American Sign Language and interpreted for deaf students and deaf handicapped students in the local public school systems and community colleges for much of her career.

Mom passed due to cancer. To say she passed because she stopped fighting would be wrong, she never gave up or quit her struggle. Our Mother did not lose her battle with cancer, she stayed strong and endured, at times for us and at times for herself but she never gave in. Even in her passing, Mom

taught us what resilience and perseverance truly looks like.

Lisa-Jo Baker once wrote “Losing a mother doesn’t happen in a moment. It takes years to appreciate the impact of what’s gone.” We will miss you, we will never forget you and we will forever be reminded of what we lost and heaven gained.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Brian and the Howell Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Cecilene's passing. We are thinking of you in this difficult time. We hope that you can take some comfort in knowing that you will meet again someday. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do.*

Brendan Whitlatch and Makenna Mattal - August 25, 2022 at 11:40 AM

DJ

“ *Sis I'm going to miss you but glad you are no longer suffering. You are with our Lord and with mom and dad. I love you sister*



Donna Jones - August 25, 2022 at 09:14 AM

BH

“ *Mom, I will miss you dearly and love you forever.*



Brian Howell - August 24, 2022 at 08:42 AM

MC

*I WILL FOREVER HOLD YOU AND OUR MEMORIES IN MY HEART
FLY HIGH I MISS YOU SO MUCH RIP LOVE YA*

Marilyn Hughes Crawford - August 24, 2022 at 09:16 AM