



## Cheralan "Cher" Graham Vahedi

April 30, 1948 - July 23, 2020

Cheralan "Cher" Graham Vahedi, 72, passed peacefully on July 23, 2020 at the Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City, Florida, where she was surrounded by her husband, daughter, and son-in-law.

Cheralan was born April 30, 1948 at Alachua General Hospital to Alvin Earl and Charlotte L. (Pearce) Graham. She lived at various locations throughout Florida. After graduating from Gainesville High School in 1966, she enrolled at Santa Fe Community College where she was a member of the very first graduating class of 1968. It was here that she received her Dental Assistant Certificate. She continued her education at the University of South Florida in Tampa and University of Florida in Gainesville. She was a Dental Assistant for over 50 years. Cheralan worked over 30 years for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs in Tampa, Jacksonville, and Lake City. She retired in April 2017 from the Lake City VA Medical Center.

Cheralan enjoyed retirement with frequent road trips, trying new eateries (especially good southern cooking), and loved anything Star Trek. She was an avid cat lover and collector of cat themed prints and clothing. She was most happy spending time with her daughter. The two of them were happy-go-lucky shoppers, always looking for fun, laughing all the way and feelin' groovy. They sailed away on epic trips to the crystal blue waters of the Bahamas and explored the many majestic snowcapped fjords of the Alaskan wilderness. She celebrated the "trifecta" of her musical dreams: seeing Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, and Englebert Humperdink live in-concert. Her life was filled to the brim with kindness and love for her family and friends. Cheralan was the epitome of a perfect mother, best friend, and loving wife. She was always there to brighten the lives of others. Cheralan touched more hearts and lives than we are able to mention. Cheralan will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

Cheralan is survived by her husband, Seyed, of 48 years. She leaves behind her daughter, Sayedeh Vahedi-Daley

(Michael). She is preceded in death by her parents Alvin Earl and Charlotte L (Pearce) Graham, brother Alvin Paul Graham, Maternal Grandparents, Allison and Clara (Tyre) Pearce and Paternal Grandparents Paul R and Clarine (Vinzant) Graham.

A Celebration of Life and Remembrance will be held in the Chapel of Williams-Thomas Funeral home, 404 N Main Street on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 2 pm. The family kindly and respectfully asks that all friends/family wear a face mask to help deter spread of the Coronavirus. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32606.

# Events

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**AUG**   **Celebration of Life**                      02:00PM

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Williams - Thomas Downtown

404 N. Main St., Gainesville, FL, US, 32601

# Comments

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“ Sayedeh Vahedi-Daley lit a candle in memory of Cheralan "Cher" Graham Vahedi



Sayedeh Vahedi-Daley - July 25, 2021 at 04:04 PM

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“ I can't believe it has been a year since you went away. I love and miss you more than words can ever express. I think about you every second of the day. I promise to continue to make you proud.

Sayedeh Vahedi-Daley - July 25, 2021 at 04:03 PM

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“ In our hearts it doesn't seem possible that it's been a year. These months have been extremely difficult in so many ways because we miss your laugh, your kindness and love, hearing your voice and talking to you. Simple things are no longer simple. Every day is a struggle. Each thought, every sound, even the fragrance of your purse brings back memories of family togetherness that are cherished. We wanted more time together. It's not fair that we are apart. We would give anything in the world to have you back with us. Anything.

Michael Daley - July 23, 2021 at 12:09 AM

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“ Michael Daley lit a candle in memory of Cheralan "Cher" Graham Vahedi



Michael Daley - July 22, 2021 at 11:40 PM



“ Michael Daley lit a candle in memory of Cheralan "Cher" Graham Vahedi



Michael Daley - June 18, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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Michael Daley - May 15, 2021 at 07:58 PM

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“ All that is left is loneliness, sorrow, and emptiness. You are missed so much more than words can ever describe. Things are just not the same anymore. Like a little tepid pool drying inward from the edge. Your birthday came - we missed being together. The little dragonfly you sent is cherished every day. A second does not go by without us thinking of you.

Michael Daley - May 15, 2021 at 07:56 PM

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“ Today is the first Mothers Day since you've gone to a better place. I miss you more than words can express. I promise to continue to make you proud.

Sayedeh Vahedi-Daley - May 09, 2021 at 09:36 PM

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Sayedeh Vahedi-Daley - August 23, 2020 at 09:20 AM

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“ It has been a month since you left us to go to a better place. I know that you are not in pain anymore. I'm told it gets better as time passes. I still miss you more than words can express. I think about you every second of the day. I feel like a part of my heart is missing. You were there when I took my first breath and I was there when you took your last. I'm feel like I'm on a never ending roller coaster. One minute I'm fine and the next I'm a complete wreck.

You were my best friend. Not many daughters can say that. The one thing that keeps me going is all the pictures, videos, and memories we shared. I know that every day I spent with you was the the best day of my life. I cherished each and every moment.

I sometimes wonder how I'll go on without you. I know I have to be good, so I can see you again. I love you mama more than anything. I would give anything to see and be with you again.

Just remember the “3 musketeers” will be back together again soon.

Sayedeh Vahedi-Daley - August 23, 2020 at 09:14 AM

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“ Sayedeh Vahedi-Daley lit a candle in memory of Cheralan "Cher" Graham Vahedi



Sayedeh Vahedi-Daley - August 06, 2020 at 07:40 AM

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## “ Video Tribute



**Williams-Thomas Funeral Homes** - August 03, 2020 at 08:02 AM

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## “ Michael Daley lit a candle in memory of Cheralan "Cher" Graham Vahedi



**Michael Daley** - August 02, 2020 at 02:07 PM

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“ I will remember Cheralan as being the kindest person I've ever known. She welcomed me with open arms when I married her baby girl. Her trust in me was above reproach. I made a lifelong promise to honor and love her daughter. We made a pact to never lie to one another. To always say what was on our minds. I will remember Cheralan as that special once in a lifetime mother in law who loved me, respected me, and simply loved being around me. To say that our family is now lost without you, Cheralan, is not a lie. Like a ship without a wheel drifting along. I count you as a best friend. You will live in our hearts and minds forever more. I will miss you from this day forward.

**Michael Daley** - August 01, 2020 at 10:28 AM

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“ Dear Ahmad, Cheradhi, and Mike,

Our thoughts are with you during this rough time. Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. May her soul rest in peace.

Neda & Shahab

**Neda Shahab** - July 30, 2020 at 05:44 AM

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“ To Ahmad, Cheradhi, and Mike,

I wish express my condolences to your family. I know her VA Dental friends send their sympathies.

**Sharon Pepper** - July 29, 2020 at 06:16 PM

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“ To Ahmad and Family,

Please accept our deepest sympathy and prayers that God will bless and comfort you at this time.

Patti and David Heilman

**DAVID W HEILMAN** - July 29, 2020 at 05:20 AM

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“ Cher and I had a mutual cousin on his father's side and I am on his mother's side. Cher and I however did not meet and learn of our mutual "favorite cousin" until we met best friends who had come from the same country to the US in 1972. She married Ahmad and I married my Naser within 30 days of each other-48 years ago. We lived our lives, grew our respective families over those years, many times from afar and suffered but survived hardships, health issues and grief. We send condolences to Ahmad and family in this time of sorrow and loss but know that for Cher the journey is complete and the pain and suffering of the human experience has gained her a permanent and beautiful peace. Rest in Peace Cher and thanks for the memories.



Dell Anne Hines & Naser Afzal - July 27, 2020 at 10:03 PM

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Williams-Thomas Funeral Homes - July 27, 2020 at 05:07 PM