



Cheri Sue Crabtree

November 12, 1958 - February 11, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved sister, Cheri Crabtree (Rippeth), who left us on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026, at the age of 67.

She was a free spirit, an adventurer at heart, and someone whose love for life was as boundless as the open fields she cherished.

She was born on November 12th, 1958, in Gallipolis, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Brubaker Hoops, Father Richard Rippeth, Sisters: Brenda Nicholson, Melody Tate and "Sissy Bug" Michelle Rippeth.

From a young age, Cheri found her greatest joy in horses and horse riding. The stable was her second home, and being in the saddle was where she felt most alive. She loved the quiet understanding between rider and horse, the rhythm of hooves on the trail, and the freedom of wide-open spaces. Her adventurous soul led her to explore new trails, embrace challenges, and live boldly and fearlessly.

Beyond her love of riding, she was a devoted sister and friend. She brought laughter, strength, and warmth to our lives. She encouraged us to be brave, to follow our passions, and to greet life with courage. Her stories of adventure, her contagious smile, and her unwavering support are gifts we will carry with us always.

She is survived by her brother Richard Rippeth (Michelle), Mike Rippeth and Sister Shunna Graham, her beloved dog Moonshine, her horse Rocky, several nieces, nephews and dear friends, who will forever miss her spirit and her steady presence.

A visitation to celebrate her life will be held on Sunday, February 15th, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Mayhew Brown Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 16th, at 11:00 AM with Pastor Rob Erin officiating. Burial will follow in Fairmount Cemetery.

Though she has ridden beyond our sight, her spirit runs free in every sunrise over an open field and every hoofbeat along a quiet trail. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Cemetery

12 Fairmont St
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-2090

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4161

Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VK

“ Im so very sorry for your loss. Cheri and I worked together at Superior Hardwoods, many years ago. We had so many fun times at work and outside of work. She was such a delight to be with. May I ask what caused her passing? RIP Cheri

Vicki (Spratt) Kiernan - February 18 at 09:31 AM

JM

“ Cheri and I ran around together in our early 20's. She was beautiful, stylish, and full of life and laughter. Our group of friends had so much fun. I treasure those times. Rest in peace Rip.
Jill Massie

Jill Massie - February 16 at 08:46 PM

JC

“ I met Cheri almost 20 yrs ago . Asking for someone to help Rocky just after she bought him .his feet was a mess and I told her I'd do my best . A long battle and he made it through it . After the loss of her mare Pretty Girl . I thought Cheri was going to give up riding. But big oaf wouldn't let her quit. The quite trails and lots of laughs will be forever missed . I know shes in a better place without pain ,or suffering. Until we meet again my friend keep the always head to the sunset

Jonthan Creech - February 16 at 09:53 AM

SH

“ I’m sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories made with Cheri, over the years, when we lived in Chillicothe. No matter what we were doing, there was lots of laughter involved. My favorite memories are our road trip to Lake Erie to see the huge, frozen ice blocks and our bus trip to NYC. I’m so thankful to have spent a day with her, on our trip back to Ohio last year. RIH, my friend...you will be missed.

Sharon Hawkins - February 13 at 04:37 PM

SR

“ I have so many memories over nearly 30 years of friendship. She was my boss for many years at Herrnsteins. We had exciting and interesting adventures during that time. That might be an understatement. She was definitely a treasure that will be missed.

Shonda Rich - February 13 at 03:55 PM