



## Cheryl "Rocky" Haag Nielsen

March 20, 1958 - August 24, 2019

Cheryl "Rocky" Haag Nielsen passed away August 24, 2019 in Phenix City, AL.

Born in Akron, Ohio on March 20, 1958. Rocky was destined to be a star. At the young age of 11, she began performing with her family's circus as an aerialist, bareback horse rider, and juggler. By the age of 13, she had mastered the daring Upside Down Loopwalk and audiences would hold their breath as she walked upside down from dizzying heights at the top of the big top.

Nothing about Rocky was ever ordinary. She carved her own trail through life, never taking the easy path. Strong willed but generous and caring, she was always willing to share her blessings with others, whether it was her time, talents, or her home. She loved to entertain and to make others happy.

As she grew up, the family circus closed down but Rocky took the spotlight with her wherever she went in life. She had an irreverent, disarming sense of humor that never failed to draw a perfect blend of gasps and laughter. Rocky was never second in line at karaoke night. Between turns at the mic, she nurtured a reputation as a vicious pool shark and never met an opponent she couldn't humble in an honest match.

Without realizing it would be her last day on Earth, Rocky spent Saturday living life to the fullest - enjoying the company of her friends, soaking up the sun, and talking to her sister about their upcoming cruise to the Bahamas. Her suitcase was already packed and ready for the trip when she unexpectedly passed away at home. While Rocky didn't make it to the Caribbean this weekend, her sister has been granted permission to scatter her ashes at sea so that Rocky can enjoy one last tropical vacation.

Survivors include: her sons, CW2 Christopher Nielsen (Krystal) of Fort Hood, Texas, and Luke Jachimowicz (Brandy Waller) of Phenix City, Alabama. Her two grandsons, Collin Nielsen and Cameron Nielsen of Fort Hood, Texas. Her Dublin family is mother, Patricia Haag, sisters Kim Haag Gay, Ruby Haag Bryan (Darren), Alice Haag Dees (Larry) and

brother Harry Haag, Jr. (Jeannie). Nieces and nephews Kallie Gay, Kasey Gay, Caleb Gay, Emma Dees, Parker Bryan, Kathryn Bryan, Kaitlyn Bryan, Harry Haag IV, and Graysen Haag.

Rocky's friends in Phenix City are celebrating her memory with a toast this Thursday, August 29 at 6PM. They are meeting at her favorite pub, Hustlers, located at 3928 US Highway 80 W, Phenix City, AL. Friends are invited to attend.

Rocky's family will hold a private memorial service in Dublin, GA on Saturday, August 31.

"To be a star, you must walk your own path, shine your own light and not be afraid of the darkness, because that's when a star shines the brightest" (Joel Brown). Shine bright, Rocky. The world will be a duller place without you.

# Comments

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“ So very sorry to hear about Cheryl. Me and my family are sending our condolences.

**James Eagon** - September 03 at 01:13 PM

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“ Sterling Hill lit a candle in memory of Cheryl "Rocky" Haag Nielsen



**Sterling Hill** - August 28 at 10:39 PM

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**Kim Gay** - August 28 at 02:07 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Kim. Such a sparkling life extinguished.

**Rhonda** - August 28 at 02:32 PM



“ Our Prayers are with you and yours, We will miss you Rocky! Rick and Pam

**Pamela** - August 28 at 09:19 PM