



Cheri Rae Anthony

December 30, 1960 - September 12, 2025

Cheri Rae Anthony, PhD, 64, of Salisbury, passed away September 12, 2025 at the Laurels of Salisbury.

Born December 30, 1960 in Lee's Summit, Missouri, she was the daughter of the late Robert Anthony and JoAnn Bristol Anthony. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 1983 from the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO, and attended graduate school at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, CA, where she earned a PhD in Clinical Gerontology.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a nephew, Eric Zimmerman.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Robbie Bergstone of Atlanta, GA; sisters, Pam Anthony-Theiss of Lee's Summit, MO and Cindy Anthony of Dallas, TX; niece, Lisa Zimmerman of Dallas, TX and nephew, Brad Houx of Chicago, IL.

During her extensive career, Dr. Anthony served U.S. veterans at the Salisbury Veterans Administration Medical Center. She started her career at the VA as a Staff Psychologist specializing in Geriatric Psychology. She was promoted to Supervisory Psychologist and then became Psychology Program

Manager in 2013. In the latter part of her 33 year career she served as the Salisbury VA Suicide Prevention Program Manager. Dr. Anthony made a difference in the lives of an untold number of veterans' lives through her care and counsel.

Her son, Robbie, was her pride and joy. Cheri was always there for Robbie's activities and encouraged his academic endeavors. While she stayed a proud Mizzou Tiger, she was "all in" as a devoted Bama Mom. She enjoyed the opportunity to see them play each other in the Southeastern Conference during Robbie's time at the University of Alabama.

Cheri was a devoted pet mom, too. Her animal babies included many breeds and species of cat and dog, whom she provided with special nicknames and undying love and affection. Left to cherish her memory is her Labrador Retriever mix, Truman, named for the mascot at the University of Missouri.

The family will receive friends 3-4 p.m. Saturday, September 20 at Summersett Funeral Home, 1315 W. Innes St, Salisbury. A memorial service will follow at 4 p.m. in Summersett Memorial Chapel.

Burial will be in the Historic Cemetery in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Plans for a celebration of life for Cheri will be shared soon on her Facebook page and the Lee's Summit High School Class of 1979's Facebook page.

Memorials may be made to Faithful Friends Animal Sanctuary, 220 Grace Church Road, Salisbury, NC 28147.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Anthony family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

SEP **20**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

KE

“ My first thought of Cheri is "what a lovely person!" One of Kandi's best friends in high school and always warm, generous of spirit and fun when I was around, I wish Cheri's family comfort and peace as they adjust to her death. I am so, so sorry for your loss.

Ketra - October 19, 2025 at 11:57 PM

AL

“ Cheri and I, with two other girls, shared an apartment in Los Angeles for a year. Two Royals fans ending up in the same apartment in Los Angeles -- what are the odds? L.A. wasn't the California Dream it had once been -- gang activity was up, "Valley speak" was taking over, and the neon eighties were going full blast. But smog was down, and the city was still a good place to spend some formative time in one's youth. After that year we crossed paths a few times, but we did not stay in touch. A couple weeks ago I got to thinking about Cheri, and now when I did a search, well here I am ... In a note of said irony, we lost another of our apartment-mates in 2021, also on September 12.

Aleen - October 03, 2025 at 05:30 AM

KF

“ Cheri was always kind, caring, supportive and dedicated. I am grateful for her many years of outstanding service to veterans.



Kathleen Farrar - September 19, 2025 at 10:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cheri Rae Anthony.

September 19, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cheri Rae Anthony.



September 19, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cheri Rae Anthony.

September 19, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ Landrea Rhyne sent a virtual gift in memory of Cheri Anthony



Landrea Rhyne - September 18, 2025 at 10:40 PM



“ Karen J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheri Rae Anthony.

Karen J. - September 18, 2025 at 05:27 PM

SW

“ Sheila Womack lit a candle in memory of Cheri Anthony



Sheila Womack - September 18, 2025 at 07:44 AM

CM

“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cheri Rae Anthony.

Cindy, Lisa and Mikey - September 16, 2025 at 12:57 PM

CM

“ Cindy, Lisa and Mikey purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Cheri Rae Anthony.



Cindy, Lisa and Mikey - September 16, 2025 at 12:57 PM

KN

“ Katherine N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheri Rae Anthony.

Katherine N. - September 16, 2025 at 07:30 AM

CA

“ Carolina A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheri Rae Anthony.

Carolina A. - September 16, 2025 at 07:00 AM

FB

“ Frank B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cheri Rae Anthony.

Frank B. - September 15, 2025 at 10:14 PM

TP

“ Theresa Steele, Ph.D. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cheri Rae Anthony.



Theresa Steele, Ph.D. - September 15, 2025 at 10:03 PM

JL

“ I worked for Dr. Anthony at the VA in Suicide Prevention. She will be missed. May God bless her son and family in their hour of bereavement.

Janet Lomax - September 15, 2025 at 04:22 PM

KS

“ Dr. Anthony was an advocate for psychologists and people in need of love, kindness, and connection in times of emotional pain. She made a difference through her honesty, attention, presence, and wisdom. We will honor her daily by continuing the work she made possible for VA psychologists to do. We send our warmest and sincerest sympathies to her son, her family, her furry four legged companions, and her friends that were there for her by her side in time of need, because you know she would have been there for you. Find comfort that Cheri will continue to be by your side in spirit, especially when you are advocating for others in need.



KER Psychology Service - September 15, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cheri Rae Anthony.



September 15, 2025 at 03:40 PM

MP

“ Michelle Privette lit a candle in memory of Cheri Anthony



Michelle Privette - September 15, 2025 at 03:04 PM

KL

“ *Kernersville VA Psychology Service Line purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Cheri Rae Anthony.*



Kernersville VA Psychology Service Line - September 15,
2025 at 11:35 AM