



Catherine L. "Cathy" Centofante

July 31, 2024

Catherine L. "Cathy" Centofante died peacefully at her home on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 surrounded by family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father Joseph and her mother Catherine "Kitty", nee Conway. She is survived by her sister Joann Winterle and brother Joseph Centofante II (Marybeth), and her nieces and nephews Jenna (Mark), Hilary, Joseph III, Rachael, Molly (Jeffrey), and Elijah. She is also survived by a wide extended family, and many friends, all of whom she loved like family.

Cathy was an avid traveler, and especially enjoyed visiting her beloved Ireland. In recent years she also traveled to Italy, Hawaii, England, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Canada, in addition to taking numerous road trips across the U.S. to see historic homes and landmarks.

As an amateur photographer, Cathy used her talents to capture and preserve wonderful memories for many grateful families, including her own. She had a flair for cooking and baking. She spent many happy hours crafting, scrapbooking, and creating beautiful "Junk Journals." Harnessing her affinity for genealogy, she researched her family history and taught her family about their ancestors.

Cathy also loved cheering on Philadelphia sports teams, especially the Phillies and the Eagles, enjoyed watching (and quoting) her favorite movies, played along with vintage game shows, and hosted her own versions during holiday gatherings.

Also known as Kate to many of her friends and colleagues, she worked in the office furniture industry for over four decades. She supported her coworkers and served her clients with the same care and attention that she gave to everything she touched.

Of course, what Cathy will be most remembered for is her unconditional love and devotion to her family and friends. In her retirement, she lovingly cared for her mother, Kitty. She was always a phone call away anytime anyone needed her (prompting her to describe herself as the as the “Original UBER”).

The world will be a little dimmer without her contagious smile and infectious laughter.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Cathy’s life on Wednesday, August 7 at Saint Francis Xavier Church (24th and Green Streets, Philadelphia). The gathering will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Following mass, everyone is invited to Fergie’s Pub (1214 Sansom, Philadelphia). In her honor, everyone is encouraged to wear a wee bit of green, Cathy’s favorite color.

The inurnment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Cathy’s memory to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation at <https://cholangiocarcinoma.org/donate/>

Tribute Wall

DT

“*Kate was a good person and loved all around her. I am heartbroken to have seen her gone way to soon. She deserved to travel a little more and live a little longer to enjoy her retirement. I know she is an angel looking over those who need her the most.*”

Dawn Troupe - August 02, 2024 at 03:43 PM

MP

“*147 files added to the album Treasured Memories*”



Molly Peters - August 02, 2024 at 03:12 PM

AP

These pulled all the heart strings. Very bittersweet to look through.

Alexandra Pratz - August 02, 2024 at 07:41 PM

DS

“*Diane Stafford lit a candle in memory of Catherine L. "Cathy" Centofante*”



Diane Stafford - August 02, 2024 at 02:15 PM

HM

“*Cathy was my oldest and dearest friend for 68 years. She was kind, funny, loving, so proud of her family, especially her nieces and nephew. She was the friend u could rely on in good times and bad. She is now a special angel r l in heaven reunited with her beloved parents and her little dogs, Murphy and Kilarney*”

Helene Zadworniak Michalko - August 01, 2024 at 06:59 PM

KL

May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten. My heartfelt condolences to all.

Kathleen Daubaras Lutz - August 02, 2024 at 11:15 AM

BF

I wanted to write some wonderful sweet memory of my friend, Katie! She called me Barbie so I called her Katie our little joke! But I am so consumed with such sorrow and pain. How brave and strong she was through these last months, always keeping her faith and sense of humor! We met when I was the receptionist at A. Pomerantz & Co. in the 1525 building. So very many years ago! So many funny and some sad stories are all jumbled in my mind. Starting with our Pomerantz days and then me going to work at Montgomery McCracken at her insistence. Our fun trips to Sedona, our cruise with my daughter, Aimee, and our friend Maria! Katie's love and support when my son died. Katie and Miss Kitty coming to visit me and Aimee and her kids. Her fabulous pictures of Aimee's family! Kate always came out to my house in North Wales because she said "Barbie, it's easier for me to drive out there than for you to take the train to Fairmount." On one of our recent visits with Kate, she told me and Aimee about the time she told Miss Kitty that she was going to have to glue some shoes on Barbie. She laughed so hard when she told us Kitty was horrified because Kitty thought Kate was going to glue shoes on me!! It was the Irish Barbie doll that sat in their kitchen who needed her shoes glued on! lol So many memories! My heart aches and I think if this is how I feel, I hate to think how devastating it is for her family. She had such love and admiration and respect for all of you. My most heartfelt condolences to Joann and Joey and to all of your children and family members. May we will all eventually find peace.

Barbara Fabik - August 02, 2024 at 02:20 PM

MS

Katie was truly one of the loveliest women I was fortunate to know. She was kind, gentle, loving and very witty. Miss you, Katie.

MS - August 05, 2024 at 11:44 AM