



Cathleen S. Burke

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Cathleen Smyth Burke “Cathi”, age 80 of Dagsboro, DE, passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE. She was born on October 9, 1941, in the Bronx, NY, daughter of the late James and Lillian Smyth.

Cathi was an executive secretary for CBS for four years, which included an assignment working for Judy Garland’s as her personal assistant. She was active in community service and awarded “Outstanding Woman of the Year” in 1974. In addition to being a devoted and loving wife and mother, who provided a beautiful and nurturing home, Cathi was an avid tennis player. She thoroughly enjoyed organizing the tennis program at the local sports center. Cathi was an adventurous world traveler, taking every opportunity to visit new and exciting locales. She was a devout Catholic whose faith was very important to her. Above all, Cathi cherished time spent with those she held most dear, especially her six grandchildren, who were her greatest joy in life. She was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know her.

In addition to her parents, Cathi was preceded in death by her brother, James Smyth; and her sister, Eileen Faletti. She is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Robert “Bob” Burke of Dagsboro, DE; her children: Christine Kennedy (Frank) of Dagsboro, DE and Michael Burke (Maureen) of Libertyville, IL; and her grandchildren: Michael, Connor, Molly, Colleen, Emmet, and Ian.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 2:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Clarksville Chapel, 34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 12:00 PM. Interment will be private.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Parsell Funeral Homes requires masks to be worn at all times while inside the facility.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852, or www.kidneyfund.org.



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Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 10 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022 TO OUR OCEAN VIEW LOCATION.



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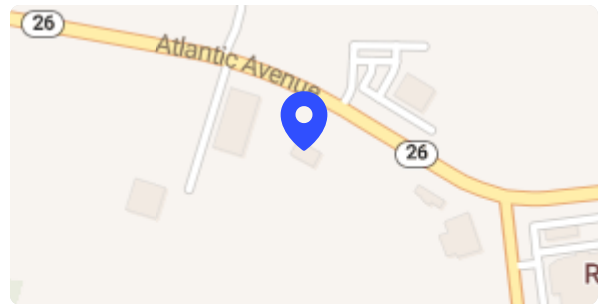
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, June 14, 2022

 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Clarksville Chapel**

34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View DE



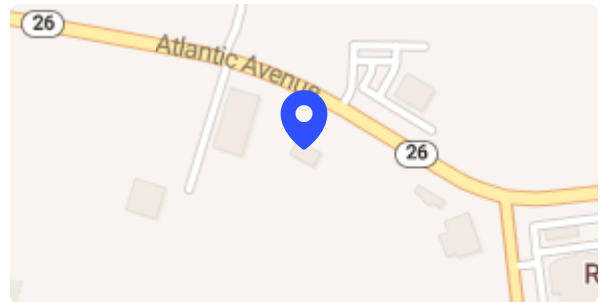
Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, June 14, 2022

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Burke family.

June 13 at 5:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Burke family.

June 13 at 5:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Burke family.

June 10 at 9:29 AM



NJ

Nancy Janssen posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Bob and the family. I first met both Cathi and Bob during her dialysis training years ago. She always showed such inner strength and humor. Bob, you were so supportive at her side. I remember enjoying a very nice dinner out with you both. Unfortunately, I missed the opportunity to stop and visit Cathi in recent years. It was my pleasure to have met you both and I'm so grateful for my time with Cathi. I wish the best for you, Bob, and your family. Nancy Janssen, RNBethany Beach

June 10 at 9:23 AM



SL

Sister Perpetua (Pet) Lester posted:

Cathy you were a treat to meet & share your journey of recent illness with Bob's strong support. You were an inspiration as you made the best of each day, still eager to share the milestones of your grandchildren. Your faith that God was with you through the ups & downs was always part of our conversations. God was no stranger to you Cathie enjoy your heave & prayer for us.

June 9 at 3:28 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Burke family.



June 9 at 6:52 AM



Sister Carole Tabano posted:

Cathi was an inspiration to me when we communicated. Her faith, strength and courage were always engrained in her spirit and love of life. Cathi was a true witness of compassion and love. May she know the loving embrace of her God. An angel FOREVER !!!

June 8 at 11:32 AM



Gail Cowser posted:

Dear CathiThe "Angels" of AHA, class of 1959, will miss you dearly and we will hold you in prayer as long we are here on earth. We fondly remember our visits to you and Bob in Dagsboro which only came to be after our 50th class reunion. How fortunate we all were to have had this special time together. Rest in Peace dear Cathi.Gail Moakler Cowser, AHA '59

June 8 at 11:03 AM



Becky Ascione lit a candle in honor of Cathleen.

Will never forget you Cathi, you had the most delightful laugh! I never saw you not smiling.



June 7 at 4:57 PM



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MB

Mike Burke posted:

Best Mom Ever. Love you Mom! Mike

June 7 at 3:02 PM

SH

Sharon Hoffman June 16 at 9:48 AM

Cathi will be sorely missed by our AHA girls. Will miss visiting with her. We will have her spirit with us always. A true earthly saint and now a heavenly one. Sharon Hoffman

AP

April Prior June 13 at 11:20 AM

A wonderful & strong woman, a wonderful & loving family. We are honored and blessed to have known her. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. We will always remember Cathi for her laughter, wittiness and sense of humor. She will truly be missed. Love & prayers, The Prior Family

EG

Eileen Gatti June 10 at 11:00 AM

Cathi will be missed, she was so brave and never complained, what wonderful fun happy memories we have- great tennis, lunches, birthday celebrations, and much much more. Love, hugs and prayers to Bob and all his family, Eileen and Rich Gatti, Rest In Peace Cathi

JL

Judy Cavallo Libonati June 10 at 10:10 AM

My deepest sympathy for Cathi and for her family. I am sure God carried her in His hands on her journey to heaven. Having graduated from the Academy of the Holy Angels she was definitely an ANGEL. Sending my prayers and love, Judy Cavallo Libonati

RB

Rona & Michael Balenson June 9 at 5:52 PM

Dear Bob & Family, Our deepest condolences on the passing of Cathi. We have such wonderful memories of our special times at the Beach. Her smile was so contagious along with her wonderful sense of humor. She will be missed, but never forgotten. Our prayers and love, Michael & Rona Balenson

ED

Elaine Mary Dwyer June 9 at 6:14 AM

God Bless Cathi. Bob, our prayers are with you and your family. Love, Elaine and Larry Dwyer

CL

Carol Lynch June 8 at 10:23 AM

Our deepest sympathy to you Bob and your whole family. When we moved here 12 1/2 years ago and I played bridge with the BC group, Cathi was so welcoming, warm and encouraging. She was a gift and blessing to all who knew her. Our prayers and love, IHL, Carol & Jack Lynch

LC

Lucrecia Carter June 8 at 7:34 AM

We are very sorry to hear about your Mom passing. Our condolences to you and your family. Fondly, John & Lucrecia Carter



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MB

CA

Carolyn June 8 at 4:39 AM

I have enjoyed Cathi's friendship since probably 2009 when we started playing bridge and mah jongg together. She was a joy to be with and was so brave. She also grew the prettiest hydrangeas I've ever seen. May peace be with you, dear Cathi. Love, Carolyn Corrigan

MV

Margaret Vogt June 7 at 8:12 PM

My deepest sympathy to you and all your family. I so enjoyed our time in IL sharing our faith and enjoying our tennis matches. Cathi was such a special friend, may she rest in Gods peace

AM

Alyce Mclaughlin June 7 at 4:26 PM

Alan and I are deeply saddened by the loss of dear Cathi. A friend we met on Longboat Key and remained in touch long after she and Bob stopped going. Rest In Peace our dear friend. Deepest sympathy to all the Burke family 🙏💜

GF

Gail Freedman June 7 at 3:44 PM

My sincerest condolences on your family's loss. She was amazing and loving. Praying for strength and peace and sending love 💜



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cathleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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