



Catherine Marie Marketto

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Catherine (Cathy) Marie Marketto, age 72, of Bridgeville, Delaware, peacefully entered the arms of her Lord and Savior on January 31, 2025, at Delaware Hospice after a courageous battle with ALS.

Born on September 18, 1952, in Rochester, New York, Cathy was the cherished daughter of the late Louis and Katherine (Kay) Wilhelm. She earned a Bachelor's of Science in Social Science with concentration in Sociology and Psychology from Frostburg State University, dedicating her life to serving others with compassion and grace.

Cathy was a devoted and loving wife to Ralph Marketto, with whom she shared 52 beautiful years of marriage. Together, they built a life filled with love, joy, and countless adventures, traveling the world and enjoying peaceful drives through the countryside. Her greatest joy was spending time with her beloved family.

For 27 years, Cathy served as a patient advocate at Kent General Hospital and Nanticoke Hospital, where her kindness, empathy, and dedication touched countless lives. Beyond her professional work, she was a gifted artist who found joy in painting, drawing, and quilting. Her heart for service extended to her local community, where she volunteered generously, sharing her time and talents.

Cathy's unwavering faith was the foundation of her life. She exemplified Christ's love in her words and actions, offering kindness, wisdom, and a listening ear to everyone she encountered. Her legacy of faith, love, and selflessness will forever be cherished by those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her devoted husband Ralph; her three sons, Erik, Aaron, and Jon; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Cathy is also lovingly remembered by her three brothers, three sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Louis and Kay Wilhelm.



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A Celebration of Life service will be held 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at Cross Road Community Church, 20684 State Forest Rd., Georgetown, DE 19947, where family and friends may begin visiting at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Delaware Veteran Memorial Cemetery, Millsboro, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Cathy's memory to one of the following:

ALS Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter
1015 Virginia Drive, Suite 110, Fort Washington, PA 19034

Delaware Hospice
100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963

Salvation Army of Seaford
22318 Sussex Highway, Seaford, DE 19973

Though our hearts are heavy with loss, we rejoice in knowing that Catherine has found eternal peace in the presence of the Lord. Her beautiful spirit will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all those she touched throughout her life.

Please sign the tribute wall located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025 BY 3PM TO OUR BRIDEGVILLE LOCATION.



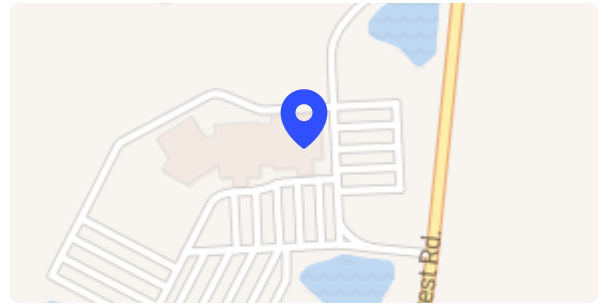
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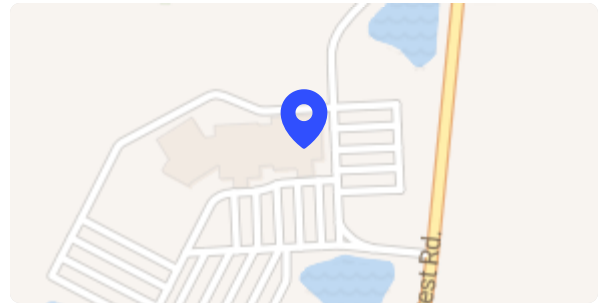
Visitation

- Thursday**, February 20, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Crossroad Community Church**
20684 State Forest Road, Georgetown DE



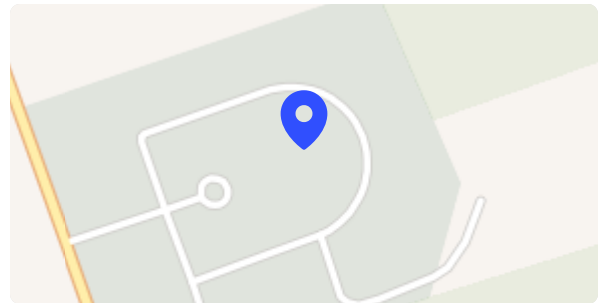
Memorial Service

- Thursday**, February 20, 2025
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Crossroad Community Church**
20684 State Forest Road, Georgetown DE



Chapel Committal

- Thursday**, February 20, 2025
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
- Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





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LG

Love Always, The Garretts sent a Pretty Please to the Marketto family.

February 18 at 7:13 AM



LG

Love Always, The Garretts planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Catherine.

February 18 at 7:13 AM



CB

Cheryl & Randy Beers posted:

We did not have the blessing of knowing Kathy for more than a few years, but she is the most beautiful, brave soul I have ever known. She is welcomed with open arms

February 17 at 10:48 AM

IJ

In The Hands Of Jesus.Love, Bill & Joyce sent a Basket of Memories to the Marketto family.

February 15 at 9:58 AM



AF

Al Frech posted:

When we first moved to Delaware 7 1/2 years ago, we knew nobody neither friends nor relatives. Cathy our neighbor immediately reached out to me and my wife, warmly befriended us and quickly made us feel at home in our new neighborhood. Cathy and I clicked immediately with common interests, including political events and discussions, and in 5 to 10 prayer meetings at Crossroads to which she invited me and which we attended together. Quickly I came to know Cathy, as a tender, most loving person committed to her faith, who gave generously of her time and energy to those in need in the community. It is with my deepest pleasure and gratitude to have been included in her life. She enriched my life and I firmly believe Cathy was God's gift to me. Cathy, I will remember you in my prayers forever. Love Al

February 12 at 2:00 PM



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Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Marketto family.

February 10 at 8:00 AM



Dr. Joseph Kim sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Marketto family.

February 9 at 2:21 PM



Patrick W Gaffney posted:

There is so much that one would want to say. Cathy was a wonderful person. She embraced life, faith, her family and her friends. I had the privilege of knowing her for 25+ years. She was ever so gracious, kind and thoughtful. She loved a good laugh and truly enjoyed being with and doing for others. She will be missed. Her suffering is over: now forever embraced in the palm of our Lord's hand. I pray her eternal peace and love of Christ reaches from Heaven to comfort and strengthen Ralph and the family. She will always have a special place in my heart. I certainly plan to be there for the celebration of her life! Blessings to all!!! Pat (Pete) Gaffney

February 9 at 6:41 AM



Michelle Sawyers sent a Fairest of All to the Marketto family.

February 8 at 6:16 PM



Cindy Vasant lit a candle in honor of Catherine.

Ralph,Erik,Aaron,Jon It's hard to express my feelings of sadness in the loss of Cathy. She hired me in 1994 Kent/Bayhealth Guest Relations. Wow was I lucky. Cathy touched my life in many ways over the years. For that I'm eternally grateful. Broke my heart when Cathy left Kent, but i understood. Rest in Peace my friend. You are loved by many. Wishing Peace to the family.

February 8 at 12:32 PM





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WB

Wendy Brown posted:

To Ralph & family....even though so many people will miss her; we know all of you will miss her more....only God can provide the peace & comfort you will need through the difficult days that lie ahead - - at least she's resting with our Lord & Savior; no more disappointments/suffering

February 8 at 12:04 PM

AM

Amy McCartan posted:

I am so sorry to see this. Cathy was a lovely person. I'm thankful for our time together at Bayhealth where she was a huge asset. Rest in Peace, Cathy.

February 8 at 10:23 AM

BT

Barbara Twilley posted:

I worked with Miss Cathy at Nanticoke, and she was such a sweet and wonderful lady and friend. To her husband and family please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. She will be sorely missed. May God continue to place his arms of love and comfort around each and everyone of you.

❤️❤️❤️❤️ Barbara Twilley

February 6 at 4:19 PM

MO

Michael Odonnell posted:

Keeping Your Entire Family in my Prayers. Remember Cathy Very Well. A Beautiful Christian Friend. Worked with her and was Grateful for her Service

February 6 at 4:07 PM

SB

Sue Barnes lit a candle in honor of Catherine.

Cathy was my director for many years at Bayhealth in the Guest Relations Department, that later became Patient Advocacy. She was a wonderful person. Very patient, kind and helpful. She was genuine, sincere and always made others feel important. I am so very sorry about her loss and send condolences to her family. Heaven has gained an angel for sure. Rest in peace Cathy. ❤️



February 6 at 2:12 PM



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MM

Monica Morris lit a candle in honor of Catherine.

So sorry to hear this sad news. I worked with Cathy for many years at the Kent campus. Adored her and always enjoyed her company. She was one in a million and such a genuine person. Was sad when she left Kent.....was a loss. She loved both her home family and work family... my deepest condolences to her family and those whose lives she touched. Rest easy Cathy and God speed beautiful lady.



February 6 at 1:18 PM

AB

Anne Burke posted:

Cathy was an amazing and beautiful lady. She never looked away from anyone in need. I worked at Kent/ Bayhealth for many years and Cathy was a ray of sun shine each and every day to see and to hear her voice so soft and sweet when speaking was uplifting. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Rest high in heaven Cathy!

February 6 at 3:29 AM

DW

Deborah Watson February 11 at 8:02 AM

To The Family I have such fond memories of Cathy at Bayhealth. What a tremendous advocate ahead was with a generous heart. What a tremendous loss! May God Bless you all and comfort your hearts. Rest Easy Cathy and we will see you on the other side.

MC

Mary Paullisky-Covington February 9 at 4:52 AM

I am so sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Cathy at Bayhealth for many years. I always admired her compassion and caring nature that she displayed to so many of the patients and families that she helped. She always gave her best and was such a true pleasure to work with and know. She was truly missed by all when she left Bayhealth. My deepest sympathy to her family. Rest in peace Cathy.

LJ

Lu Ann Jester February 6 at 1:49 PM

Cathy was a shining star. Her compassionate and genuine love for people made her a role model for all of us. I worked with her at Bayhealth and she truly was an advocate for patients and staff. Most of all, she was a wonderful friend. My sincere condolences to her family. May she rest in peace.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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