



Catherine Woskobnick

November 18, 1958 - June 10, 2019

Catherine Ann Kovach Woskobnick, age 60 of Powell, Ohio passed on to the Lord peacefully at 6:23 PM on Monday June 10th, 2019, surrounded by her loving daughters. She had valiantly fought and suffered from early onset frontotemporal dementia since 2012. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Dr. Robert Woskobnick, and her three beautiful daughters, Laura, Katie, and Jackie. Cathy was a graduate of Caldwell High School in 1977, and continued her education at Ohio University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude, in the year 1980. Cathy advanced her studies with a Master of Computer Science degree from The Ohio State University in the year 1987. Upon graduation Cathy began her career with Alcatel-Lucent where she worked for 25 years as a distinguished senior software engineer. She routinely developed presentations to help train new engineers on her team, and lead a team of engineers as their technical supervisor. Cathy embarked on many work trips over the years where she traveled to London, Toronto, Texas, and Tennessee amongst other places.

Cathy was a dedicated member of St. Joan of Arc parish, where she was actively involved in teaching CCD religious education classes, as well as dutifully volunteering at church events and participating in the annual Christmas play. She loved attending the services of Holy Week and had visited St. Peter's and the Vatican in Rome. Cathy was intimately involved in raising her 3 daughters and poured her heart and soul into their upbringing.

She was constantly on the road, driving them to different activities and hobbies over the years, including soccer, swimming, and piano, just to name a few. Not only did Cathy drive her children to practice, games, and countless swim meets, but she also coached and officiated during both the soccer and swim seasons. She spent many a Saturday watching her daughters races and cheering them on. She was a devoted wife and cared for her husband Robert deeply, aiding him during his own health downturns. Cathy was also an avid reader and was a strong supporter of the local libraries, where she passed on her love of books and learning to her daughters. Cathy encouraged this habit with her children as she read *Gone With the Wind* with Jackie, her youngest daughter, every night before bedtime. Cathy also had a love for the *Godfather* movie collection, which she would rent and watch from the local library once a year.

Cathy was a strong woman who led by example. She always advocated for keeping your word, doing your best work, and ALWAYS doing the right thing, even if it wasn't easy. Cathy always instilled in her daughters that it's not what you look like or what you have but it's who you are on the inside that counts. Cathy could whip up a tasty meal, and some of her specialties were her vegetarian lasagna, Hungarian cabbage and noodles, stuffed cabbage, and home-brewed iced tea. One of Cathy's favorite meals to enjoy was a hearty cheeseburger with all the fixings, and Red Robin, and TGI Friday's were among her favorite restaurants. She enjoyed Peanut Butter Chip or Dutch Chocolate Almond ice cream from UDF for dessert.

Cathy adored sunny Sanibel and Captiva Islands in Southwest Florida, where she vacationed with her family annually for the past 18 years of her life. Many a fun time were enjoyed boating, gazing at the horizon for dolphins, or merely taking long walks on the beach in search of the perfect shell. Cathy was an extremely active individual. Her daughters remember her daily workouts in the basement alongside Denise Austin. Cathy also loved having family outings to

play tennis together at Liberty Park in Powell. She enjoyed walking in the neighborhood with beloved family pet Trixie, swimming, and biking. Cathy also developed a love for swimming through her daughters Jackie and Katie, who participated in swim team for 8+ years. Cathy would swim laps while her daughters were lifeguarding at the Powell Pool during the summer, even into her years battling dementia.

Cathy loved to attend car shows with her husband, Dr. Bob. Bob and Cathy travelled to many car shows throughout Ohio and the Midwest each summer in her 1999 triple-black Corvette. Another favorite past-time of Cathy's was music. She loved attending rock concerts with Bob, and they were lucky enough to see their favorite band, The Rolling Stones, in concert 5 times over the years. Cathy and Bob were truly soulmates and one would find them routinely sitting outside during nice weather, just watching the sunset and enjoying one another's company.

Cathy indeed had a full and rich life. She lived well and was well loved. Everyone who was blessed to know her will certainly grieve her loss as her time on Earth was too short. We know she is in a better place, a heaven with plenty of Coronas with lime and ice cream, calm sandy beaches, and always always a good Rolling Stones song on cue. We bless her passing by keeping our memories of her alive. The world was a better place for Cathy having lived... Her life mattered and her legacy will live on in her three beautiful and accomplished daughters; Laura a pharmacist, Katie an industrial hygienist, and Jackie a chemical engineer. Cathy would be proud to know her daughters all have careers that they love and are strong, independent women, something we know she instilled in them. We wish to thank all of the kind dedicated caregivers at the Ganzhorn Suites Memory Care in Powell. We thank Cathy's beloved Aunt Mary Siebert and her sister Lisa and husband Meade Freeman for standing by us in these difficult years. God Bless you all

for caring for our lovely wife and mother. We wish to thank the Neurology Department at Ohio State for helping us through this transition, especially in the difficult later stages.

Cathy's funeral showing is to be held at Rutherford Funeral Home in Powell; 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065 on Thursday June 13th from 5 PM - 8 PM.

There will be a Catholic Mass held in Cathy's honor the next morning on Friday, June 14th at 10:00 AM at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 10700 Liberty Rd, Powell, OH 43065. The burial will immediately follow at Resurrection Cemetery located at 9571 High Street in Lewis Center, OH 43035.

Please send condolences to www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
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Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Woskobnick*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *With sympathy and prayers on your loss. Cathy was always smiling in high school, and was always nice, polite and friendly. I remember Cathy being a cheerleader and our queen. May God Bless each of you. Sincerely, Veronica Tonnous McConkey*



Veronica McConkey - June 18, 2019 at 06:52 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Woskobnick.*



June 13, 2019 at 03:19 PM

LC

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Luz Colvin - June 13, 2019 at 09:28 AM

LC

how i will remember my dear friend Cathy

Luz Colvin - June 13, 2019 at 09:29 AM

MW

I am so, so sorry for your loss. I worked with Cathy at Lucent - she was such a beautiful human being. I so admired her intellect, and truly enjoyed my conversations with her - she would always fill me in on her daughters. She was also extremely sweet to me - always asking how things were going, when I was dealing with hard times. My prayers are with the family..she will be missed by many.

Martha Wolfe - June 14, 2019 at 01:41 PM

GS

“ *Greg Smith purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Catherine Woskobnick.*



Greg Smith - June 13, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Woskobnick.*



June 13, 2019 at 02:39 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine Woskobnick.*



June 12, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Woskobnick.*



June 12, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Woskobnick.*



June 12, 2019 at 08:14 PM

JK

“ I remember that little blond headed girl with her white sandals excited about summer vacation.looking back 50 yrs Cathy, you were a breath of fresh air and will be greatly missed god bless you love dad.

joseph kovach - June 12, 2019 at 07:31 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Woskobnick.



June 12, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Catherine Woskobnick.



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