



Cathy Gayle Barber

March 18, 1948 - December 6, 2016

Cathy Gayle (Craig) Barber, of Bloomington, passed away 12/6/16 at Stonecroft Health Campus after battling Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) for over a year. A 1966 graduate of Seneca High School in Louisville, KY, Cathy received her MS from Indiana University and was a Special Education teacher at Stone Belt, University Middle School, and then Batchelor Middle School for over 30 years. She was instrumental in pioneering inclusion for Special students in all classrooms. She was very active in parent groups, including BHSS Band Boosters and gymnastics, and was Head Coach for the gymnastics team at Batchelor. She was passionate about preserving educational interests, like Honey Creek School. Cathy was preceded in death by her parents: Anita (Cernak) Craig and George Austin Craig, and her husband, Rex W. Barber. She leaves behind her daughter, Jennifer Barber Masuka, her son, David Hugh Barber, her brother, Gary R. Craig, and three grandchildren: Jason R. Barber, Wendy C. Davis, and Daylen C. Barber. Service will be Tuesday, 12/13 at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington, 47401. Visitors may call from 12-3, with funeral service at 3 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated made payable to Special Olympics of Indiana at www.soindiana.org. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

DEC 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CL

“ Carlton Patty Lance lit a candle in memory of Cathy Gayle Barber



carlton patty Lance - June 19, 2017 at 07:16 PM

CJ

“ Jen-I have many fond memories of your mom from all of our years together in dance. She was a kind and sweet woman always willing to lend a hand when we needed it. I have seen her through the years in town since then and will always think of her sweet smile and kindness. I'm truly sorry for your loss, and hope you can find comfort in knowing she touched so many lives in such a positive way.

Cymme (Hardy) Jent - January 04, 2017 at 10:42 AM

CS

“ Cathy Barber was a gentle and inspiring influence on me and my teaching. I was honored to work with Cathy at Batchelor and to have known her children as students. Her legacy of deep caring for her students lives on at Batchelor Middle School and throughout the Bloomington community through those who she so lovingly influenced. Peace to Cathy's family and all who loved her.

*With Great Respect,
Claire Schaffer*

Claire Schaffer - December 14, 2016 at 11:05 AM

JM

Hi, Claire. I remember you very well, and know that mom respected you and admired you as both a teacher and friend. Thank you so very much for your kind words.

Jenn Barber Masuka - December 16, 2016 at 02:05 PM

KD

“ *Dear Barber Family-
On behalf of Troop 100 please accept our condolences for your loss. Cathy was a fine lady, teacher, mother and grandmother. We are blessed and fortunate to have known her. We know she valued scouting and what it offers our young men, and we will do our best to honor that trust by continuing on that path.*

*Respectfully-
Keith Danielson
Scoutmaster, Troop 100
Bloomington, IN*

Keith Danielson - December 13, 2016 at 06:10 PM

JM

Hi, Keith. Mom truly loved being a part of your Troop's family over the years. Thank you very much for your kind thoughts.

Jenn Barber Masuka - December 16, 2016 at 02:06 PM

CL

*Dear Rex
Carlton and I truly remember the trip we made to California. I also remember Cathy and I were pregnant 3mos apart and naming our precious little girls "Jennifer"
Those times when all of us just were married are memories Carlton and I will always love please accept our deepest condolences on Cathy S passing we live IV golden colo
Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family
Patty and Carlton Lance*

carlton patty Lance - June 19, 2017 at 07:25 PM

EC

“ I me t Cathy through my daughter-in-law, Dena. Cathy was such a nice person and I enjoyed visiting with her at different times. Your Mom was a special person. I am so sorry we could not attend Cathy' s memorial due to the ice and snow.



Eugenia Chaney - December 13, 2016 at 02:56 PM

JM

Hi, Eugenia. Thank you very much for visiting mom and cheering her up. I truly appreciate it. I'm glad you got to meet her.

Jenn Barber Masuka - December 16, 2016 at 02:07 PM

WE

“ Although I only got to spend a few days at a time during the occasional summer visit with Uncle Rex and Aunt Cathy when I was a little girl, I cherished the memories. I remember a camping trip with them when Jenn was the cutest toddler on the planet and then visiting again with the addition of sweet baby David. Uncle Rex with his playfulness and Aunt Cathy with her sweet, calm demeanor made me feel that I was exactly where I was supposed to be. I especially felt a peacefulness with Cathy that I rarely felt elsewhere.

Unfortunately, we ended up losing touch for a while.

It had probably been a decade before we got to see each other again in New York in the late 80s. I was working and taking classes at Hunter College and, during that visit together, I mentioned that I had fantasized about going to Indiana University. Without hesitating, Cathy offered to let me stay in their spare bedroom in Bloomington. Three months later, I took her up on her offer and transferred to IU. Although I appreciated their hospitality at the time, it was only after I got married and had a family of my own that I realized how incredibly generous and selfless it was for the Barbers to share their home and lives with me.



Wendi - December 12, 2016 at 08:25 PM

JM

Hello, my beautiful cousin. Though we were separated by many miles, mom spoke of you often and with great adoration. Thank you for your kind post. I love you.

Jenn Barber Masuka - December 16, 2016 at 02:11 PM

BP

“ *Gjcathy was a caring and inspiring inclusion partner at Batchelor. Sincere condolences to the family.*

Brenda Polley - December 12, 2016 at 05:03 PM

JM

Hi, Mrs. Polley. I remember you fondly and know that mom respected you and your dedication to giving all children equal educational opportunities. Thank you for your kind words.

Jenn Barber Masuka - December 16, 2016 at 02:13 PM

BP

“ *Bruce and Cindy Pierce purchased the Roses For Sympathy for the family of Cathy Gayle Barber.*



Bruce and Cindy Pierce - December 12, 2016 at 08:46 AM

EG

“ *Cathy was the first girl I ever dated and the first girl I ever kissed. This was while we were in the ninth grade at Seneca High School. Even though she has departed I will always have these memories of her and how special she was. My sincere condolences to your family.*

Earl Gelwicks

Earl Gelwicks - December 09, 2016 at 10:48 PM

JM

Hi, Earl. This post brought a smile to me. I'm glad you got to be a part of her life. Thank you for your kind words.

Jenn Barber Masuka - December 16, 2016 at 02:14 PM

HH

“ *Helen Hull purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Cathy Gayle Barber.*



Helen Hull - December 09, 2016 at 05:10 PM

AC

“ *Aunt Jan, Julie, Miles, Missy and Chris purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Cathy Gayle Barber.*



Aunt Jan, Julie, Miles, Missy and Chris - December 09, 2016 at 03:44 PM

CA

“ *We always enjoyed visiting your parents. We didn't get there often but tried at least 3 times a year. She always had a sweet smile. Love to the family, Uncle Norval and Aunt Carol*

carol - December 09, 2016 at 03:10 PM



“ *Im so very sorry to hear the news about Cathy :(I loved her at church growing up and she was the most kind and caring lady i knew. My heart and prayers to Jen and David and family ❤️*

Rhonda Carter - December 09, 2016 at 12:26 PM

JM

Thank you for your kind words, Rhonda. I remember you and your family fondly. I hope you are all well.

Jenn Barber Masuka - December 16, 2016 at 02:15 PM

CD

“ Our condolences to the family,i always remember coming down to the cabin's and staying a few nights with Jan.and Cathy and Rex were always so Nice and friendly.

Chris Dennis

Chris Dennis - December 09, 2016 at 11:35 AM

JM

Hi, Chris. Yes, many fun memories were made in those cabins. That is the most treasured time of my life, for sure. Thank you for your kind words. I hope you are well.

Jenn Barber Masuka - December 16, 2016 at 02:16 PM