



Catherine "Cathy" John

November 17, 1943 - October 12, 2023

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home sends condolences to the family of Mrs. Cathy John.

On October 12th, 2023, Catherine "Cathy" John, 79, passed away surrounded by her family. Cathy was born November 17, 1943, in Pittsburgh, PA and was the daughter of the late Henry "Hank" Dapper and Rita A. Gringere. In addition to her parents, Cathy was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony "Tony" John, infant son Christopher Michael John, son-in-law Lewis Lindner and brother Joseph "Joe" Dapper. She is survived by her five children, Rita Lindner, Carla Reynard, Donna (Jeff) Baumgartner, Tony (April) John and Linda John; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and siblings Gene Dapper, Henry Dapper and Tina Sayti.

Cathy's passion was sewing. She was well known as an excellent seamstress; she created many wedding dresses, all types of clothing and performed countless alterations. She was actively involved with The Angel Gown Program, making countless burial gowns from donated wedding dresses, to honor babies lost by their families. During COVID, Cathy made and gifted hundreds of masks to family, friends and strangers.

Cathy loved the Lord and was an active member of Virginia Hills Church in Woodstock and led a weekly Bible study with former members of Master's Touch Ministries in Strasburg. She served Woodstock Moose Lodge 575 for many years as a Guide, Chaplain, Junior Regent, Senior Regent and

Recorder; and received her Cap & Gown in Chicago in 1988. She volunteered at the Shenandoah Community Health Clinic and the Shenandoah Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

After a 20+ year career at the Shenandoah Valley-Herald, Cathy remained close with the friends she made along the way. She was always up for adventure and never passed up an opportunity to attend an event or travel, if able.

Cathy touched so many people and did so many great things throughout her life, it is difficult to minimize in one brief newspaper clip.

A Celebration of Life is planned for 11:30am on Saturday, November 18th at Woodstock Moose Lodge 575 located at 152 Moose Road.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Shenandoah Community Health Clinic in her memory at 124 Valley Vista Drive, Woodstock, VA 22664.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

Woodstock Moose Lodge #575
152 Moose Road
Woodstock, VA 22664

Tribute Wall

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“ From Jules and Ryan Fooks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine "Cathy" John.

From Jules and Ryan Fooks - November 14, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine "Cathy" John.



November 14, 2023 at 07:46 PM

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“ My heart goes out to the family in this trying time.. I know Miss Cathy from the fitness center in Woodstock where she loved to do the seated strength classes. She was always so sweet and always had a smile on her face even when she was dealing with struggles of her own. I always enjoyed seeing her come in and greeted her every time. I always loved her genuine personality and getting to meet Rita and other family. So sorry for your loss, heaven has surely gained an angel.

Courtney McKinney - October 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM

AP

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, with my deepest sympathy,
April Baker

April - October 27, 2023 at 11:00 PM

PH

“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers sent your way

Phyllis Hollar - October 26, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ Rita, Carla, Donna, Linda, Tony and family,
Miss Cathy was a beautiful person who always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. We should all strive to be more like her. I'm so glad I got to know her over the years. May her spirit shine on through all of you.
Kelly Good Singleton

Kelly Singleton - October 25, 2023 at 01:38 PM