



Catherine Anne McPherson

June 24, 2020

Catherine (Cathy) Anne McPherson, passed away at 65 years young on June 24th after a courageous battle with cancer. As she always wished to be comfortable at home, her children Stephen and Alysha (Justin) made that happen and were by her side the entire time. She showed every day what it meant to be a mother and best friend to her children. She truly lived for them.

Cathy, daughter of the late Norman and Rachel McPherson (nee Gunn) will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by her siblings, Norma (Rodney), Donald, her late brother Daniel (Hillie), William, her cousins, extended family and countless friends.

After 37 years of dedicated employment at Toronto Hydro, Cathy retired in 2010. She made many great friendships and always enjoyed the retirement lunches, the Credit Union bus trips, dinners and remaining connected with her co-workers.

In 2001, Cathy was diagnosed with breast cancer and again in 2014 when it metastasized to her bones. She never complained of any pain or sickness, and continued to live life with pride and strength, showing everyone, every day what it means to fight cancer with passion for life. She listened and let doctors guide her to face cancer without any fear, question or hesitation. Hope was never lost and courage led her as she fought this battle for 19 years. Her deep love for cats often made many wonder, if she too, had nine lives.

Being a single parent, Cathy worked full-time and dedicated much of her spare time to Stephen's sports and Alysha's dancing. Her selflessness and hard work will forever shape the lives of her children and they are so grateful to have been able to take care of her in her time of need. Her relationship with Stephen and Alysha was very special and over the years grew into a beautiful friendship.

Cathy had a real green thumb and loved nurturing plants from seed to then flourish in her colourful luscious garden. Her grass was always perfect with no weeds and she took so much pride in her home. She loved to feed the wild birds and even the squirrels; though

she didn't like those pesky creatures. Her quick wit and zest for the simple things in life will always remain close to our hearts. Veranda Bay was her favourite spot to be.

Cathy's positive and bold personality will live on within her children and everyone she was connected to. She will be deeply missed by so many. Cathy will forever remain an inspiration as a warrior at heart, leaving behind a legacy that reminds us to always walk on the sunny side of life and to embrace life's challenges with a smile.

We love you Mommy, you are our angel now.

A private funeral will take place on her birthday, July 22, 2020. A celebration of life will take place in what we hope is the near future.

Please connect with Stephen and Alysha at: caturvey@yahoo.ca to receive an invitation to Cathy's Celebration of Life

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Sonja - July 27, 2020 at 10:12 AM



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“ It has been so many many years since I saw Cathy. I was saddened by the loss for children who will live on without her. RIP Cathy.
Angela Cowie

Angela Cowie - July 24, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ This is sad for me. Cathy was a part of my work life for 20 years. We had a good group of people that made working at TH a place you wanted to be and Cathy was one of the nicest people I met there . My heart goes out to her family and friends .
Sincerely Simon Roach

Simon Roach - July 23, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ I will miss our weekly facebook chats, and all of the memories of when I was little, and you guys used to come to THE FARM so many great times and so many memories. Cathy was one of the bravest cousins I have, so warm and kind and hilarious. Fly high Cath, xoxo

Kim Johnstone Willems - July 12, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ I am so happy that I got to meet Cathy and spend time with her at our family reunion. She was so sweet and had a great sense of humor. Cathy-you are so loved and will be greatly missed. Love your cousin, Shannon Bakka

Shannon Bakka - July 11, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ 1st meeting. A whole group of friends camping. Alan and I joined the group a bit late due to me working. Party well under way. Cathy a few others sitting around laughing and enjoying a beer. To much partying had us driving to another friends place. Land his parents were building a house on. I was nervous as I knew so few. Cathy came over, offered me a beer, next think we were chatting and laughing like we had known each other forever. Cathy also introduced many of the friends, and (dogs). I ended up enjoying my weekend with all these fun people. Thank you Cathy God Bless, RIP

Gail Bourne - July 10, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ Knowing your mom was an honour. We would go for coffee and enjoy many great times. She was always full of positive stories and lots of laughs. Then of course we got talking about jewelry making. Her artistic ways came out in the unique jewelry she made. I know she is above us now keeping us safe and mostly I hope she is finally pain free. She was a warrior in her battle with cancer and was strong for so many years. I am sure it was her determination to survive that kept her going. May you Rest In Peace Cathy. Until we meet again.

With much love

Karen Worrall xo

Karen Worrall - July 10, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ Well growing up in the neighborhood regardless of the age differences from all her brother I remember playing with all of them from baseball to football and little bit of soccer to muckers to tether tennis. (last two things were in summer time at Regent Height we called them greenies). The people wearing green shirts running the activities at the school yard. As competitive as all the boys were so was Cathy. Growing up with 3 , 4 or more kids you had to be. I remember Cathy participating In June at birchmount stadium representing Regent Heights school in long jump, running and high jumping. Oh yes she was competitive and good at whatever she did. Rest In Peace. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family

Mark Traill - July 11, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ I have many childhood memories of Cathy and I playing, we had quite vivid imaginations which sometimes got us into a bit of trouble, but mostly we were lucky to just get a stern talking to, like giggling that Norma kissed the King of England!!! I was very fortunate to have such a great friend to spend my childhood with. She will be greatly missed, she was quite a special lady. God Bless Cathy.



Maggie McMillen Reid - July 10, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ I worked with Cathy at Toronto Hydro as far back as the old service center. We used to sit together for lunch(1993). In 2007 I joined her in the Facilities Asset Management Department at 500 Commissioners St. where she always was a pleasure to work with. I loved her feistiness as I am the same way. A small group of us took her out to a small restaurant for her retirement and at her retirement get together I remember making a small speech on behalf of all the custodians of how helpful she always was no matter how busy she was. Cathy, you will be missed by all!! Please RIP!!

Leslie Ford - July 10, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Stephen and Alysha we are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. She was a very special lady, full of fun and spunk to the point of almost getting kicked out of East York Ballpark at Stephen's game for "correcting" the umpires. She was at every one of Stephen's baseball games and then would run off of Alysha's highland dance practices. We miss her and rest peacefully love lady, Andy, Sue Trevor, Ian Munr, Lorraine and Gary Patterson.

Sue Munro - July 11, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ Stephen and Alysha was so sorry to hear of your MOMS passing she was a very Special Lady have know your mom for many many years as well as all the Macpherson Family my heart goes out to you all

Phil Bound - July 11, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ We lost a 'gem' so kind, and I remember her at Public School being so out going and kind to whoever she met. I attended the Regent Heights Reunion back in 97? and had a great time catching up. You will be greatly missed. RIP, Carol Miles-Marsala

Carol Miles-Marsala - July 21, 2020 at 04:39 PM