



Catherine Ann "Cathy" McCall

June 5, 1946 - December 30, 2017

VERNON - Catherine Ann "Cathy" McCall, age 71, passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2017 in the comfort of her home after a brave struggle with Lymphoma.

Born in Yonkers, NY on June 5, 1946, Catherine was the daughter of the late Ambrose V., Jr. and Bette (Flynn) McCall. Raised and educated in Yonkers, she was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School. She furthered her studies at the University of Dayton where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. She went on to earn her Masters degree in Special Education from Manhattan College in the Bronx. She also received two Masters degrees from Fordham University in Counseling and Administration. Cathy was dedicated to advising and meeting the needs of her students during her career as a Guidance Counselor at Rome Free Academy, the position from which she retired in 2010 after more than 20 years of service.

Cathy also had a calling for adventure that she pursued through traveling and exploring new places. She loved Alaska and the awesome auroras in the Northern Lights. She was great at the game of golf and had a preference for the sport of hockey, particularly the Utica Comets. She was a parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Cathy is survived by her sisters and brother-in-law, Dr. Marybeth K. McCall and Dr. Frank Dubeck, and Maureen J. McCall, all of Utica; and her brother and sister-in-law, Thomas A. and Karen McCall of Frisco, Texas. She also leaves her nieces and nephews, Beth Dubeck and her husband Matthew

Schiller, Thomas and Jessica Dubeck; Joseph and Liz Benincasa, Connor Benincasa; David and Katherine McCall, and Christina McCall; great-nieces and great-nephews, especially acknowledging Abigail, David, Maxwell; Joseph, Courtney; and Joey; and her cousins, with special mention of Tara Kenny with whom she shared a special bond.

In keeping with Cathy's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Catherine's Memorial Service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning, January 13th at 11:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church where her Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Tom Servatius. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. By family request please omit floral offerings.

Tribute Wall

 Ellen
Valeriano

“ We are so sorry to hear about Cathy. She was a lovely lady and it was a pleasure to help her. She always had a smile on her face and seemed to be very upbeat during short time we knew her. Our prayers are with the family at this time of sadness.

*Jim Bremer and the staff of
Bremer Hearing and Audiology*

Ellen Valeriano - January 11, 2018 at 09:59 AM

 ES

“ Dear Tom, Karen & the whole McCall family, I have very fond memories of Cathy. She was always full of life & fun & a little kooky. I know she will be missed.

*My love to all,
Eileen Sullivan*

Eileen Sullivan - January 05, 2018 at 03:27 PM

 JB

“ Cathy was always full of life, a force of nature! She was kind and generous, and always found a way to help others. She made her own way in the world, and made the best of every moment she had. She gave so much of her time to my children, time they'll always remember. I'll miss her love, sense of humor, and kindness. Goodbye, Cathy!

Joe Benincasa - January 05, 2018 at 12:33 PM

DD

“ Mary Beth and family, I am so sorry for your loss and for the loss of Catherine. We only knew each other a few years, but I so enjoyed her company on the golf course and over coffee at Panera's. She was a tough but fair golf "coach" and a wonderful listening ear as we helped our daughter navigate the transition from high school into college. Please know that you all are in our prayers, as is Catherine.
Donna Donovan

Donna Donovan - January 05, 2018 at 11:31 AM

AK

“ Dear Marybeth, Tom and Maureen
My heart goes out to you and the family at this time. Cathy will hold a special place in my heart , I will never forget her driving Tara to the church while I only brought a card board cut out of hers so I wouldn't miss her presence there.

Cathy choice to spend her time with Tara and allowed me to attend her brother's wedding while Tara was under strict isolation and couldn't be exposed to the outside.

Thank you Cathy, your time was far to short on this earth, the ladies are happy to see you again



Anne Kenny - January 04, 2018 at 01:24 PM

SK

“ May she rest in peace. Mark, Saleah, Aleks and Stephen send our condolences to the entire McCall family. Love, The Kopera's from Queens

Saleah Kopera - January 04, 2018 at 03:36 AM