



## Catherine A. (Barto) Helms

November 18, 1946 - February 12, 2019

Catherine A. (Barto) Helms, born 11/18/46, went back home to Spirit on 2/12/19 after courageous battle of pancreatic cancer at the age of 72. She died in peace at home with her husband, Russell C Helms by her side.

As a child, she travelled across America with her family on adventures her father, William (Wild Bill) would plan for their summers together. Colorado held a special place within their families heart.

Cathy had a quick wit. She enjoyed a good get together of friends and one would often find her with a smile and hear her laughter within the crowd.

Cathy helped many local businesses with their accounting needs. When she wasn't keeping books in check, you could find her figuring crosswords or working on a jigsaw puzzle. She enjoyed watching the seasons of hockey, baseball, football & basketball betting friends on the outcomes of the games. She spent many years enjoying bowling, as well.

Her love of animals was immense and dogs were at the top of her totem pole. Rarely, throughout her life, did she walk without a dog as a constant companion. Her kind heart would lead her to shoo flies out the door rather than swat them!

She is predeceased by her mother, Ethyl Annabelle Barto; father, William Barto; sister, Jody Horner; and son, Kevin Barto. She is survived by her brother, Tom Barto and his wife, Holly, and family of Rhode Island; John Barto, his wife, Nancy and family of Colorado; her step family in Vermont; close friends Maryanne Dileski; Pat Troeger; Joni and Jack Maskell and her dog, Tuxedo.

Her family will receive visitors Friday, February 15th at the Arsulowicz Brother East Mortuary located at 937 Michigan Ave NE. at noon with a service to follow at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests for donations to be sent to the Humane Society of West

Michigan. 3077 Wilson Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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East Chapel

937 Michigan Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI, US, 49503

**FEB** **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ My Aunt Cathy was a wonderful person and the world will be a sadder place without her. I loved her calm demeanor and nice smile and beautiful soul. My best memory of her is when I got to tag along with her and her sister Jody and her friend Pat on a California road trip. We had an awesome time! I love you Aunt Cathy and I hope you have found true peace. I will see you someday on the other side. Love, Wendy

Wendy - February 16 at 01:01 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine A. (Barto) Helms.



February 14 at 03:19 PM