



Cathy Ann Schmitt (Ziebarth)

July 30, 1955 - December 27, 2021

Cathy Ann Schmitt (Ziebarth), age 66 of Comstock Park, MI joined her husband Joseph Christian Schmitt III in heaven on December 27, 2021. Cathy was affectionately nicknamed “Ceez” by Joe.

In the heat of the summer, July 30 1955, Cathy was born and adopted by Richard Fredrick Rericha and Dolores “Dana” Ziebarth of Rockford, Michigan. After Richard’s passing, Dana

married Charles William Ziebarth who adopted Cathy in 1960. Cathy graduated from Rockford

high school in 1973. After high school Cathy pursued a philosophy degree from Grand Valley

State University there she met her husband Joe and they married in 1979. After college Cathy

completed cosmetology school, while home with her children, her kitchen was her salon. In the

early 1990’s Cathy began a rewarding and successful career in Real Estate with Coldwell Banker and served the Grand Blanc, MI community until her retirement in 2010. Cathy and Joe

moved to Grand Rapids, MI in 2010 where Cathy volunteered her time at the Grand Rapids

Public Library helping others with researching their own ancestry.

Those missing her most dearly are

her children; Melisa (Kurtis) Nance, Rhiannon (Steve) McCalmont, Dr Joseph (Lauren) Schmitt

IV, James (Tonja) Schmitt and John Schmitt;

her grandchildren Keegan and Ella McCalmont, Madison (Maddi) Nance and Sofia Schmitt.

Her siblings; Tracy Asah, David (Rebecca) Ziebarth, Julie Schmitt, Rick (Joni) Schmitt, James

(Jan) Schmitt, John (Deborah) Schmitt, Greg Tornga, Susan (Dennis) Dunning, Micki

(Roger) Ackerman; Many nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, and friends.

Cathy joins her father Richard Fredrick Rericha, mother Dolores "Dana" Zeibarth, her father

Charles Ziebarth, her mother in law Virginia "Ginny" Schmitt and father in law Joseph Christian

Schmitt II as well as sister in law Mary Tornga in heaven.

Cathy adored her husband Joe and often enjoyed the gorgeous Michigan sunsets with him at

the Grand Haven Pier. Together they always provided a space for many, Joe would cook and

Cathy provided counsel. Many have said they are better for knowing Joe and Cathy. Other interests of Cathy's were laughter and grand stories. She had a passion for health and wellness,

she thrived on research, specifically related to ancestry and lineage.

Above all Cathy loved God. She confessed Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior in July of 1986.

From that time on she became passionate about the word of God and the power of prayer. If

there was something worth fighting for, she was praying. Cathy could be found, at the end of a

long day, in her closet, with her prayer journal communing with the Lord. Cathy was a long time

member of Mount Hope Church in Grand Blanc, MI.

Cathy wished to have a private family gathering to remember her. We ask that you consider

taking this time to reach out to a loved one and connect with them. Tell those you care about,

that you love them.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations can be given to:

David's House Ministries

2251 Hope Grave Ave SW

Wyoming, MI 49509

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear extended Schmitt family,
Sorry for your loss. My wife (Cindy) and I were blessed to know Cathy and Joe while attending Mt Hope Church, Grand Blanc. In our early thirties, seeing an older couple always there, always serving, always speaking into others (sometimes without them even knowing, just through there actions)....it so influenced us, as a young couple, toward a stronger walk with Jesus. We are grateful God placed Cathy and Joe in our path at that time, they left a permanent imprint in our lives. God 's peace and comfort over your loss.

Eric and Cindy Austermann - January 01 at 10:46 AM

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“ My dear cousins, I'm so sorry that you find yourself grieving the loss of your mother so soon after the loss of your father. I loved your mother dearly. I'm so thankful I had the chance to grow up under her and around her. She shaped my life in the best way possible. I learned so much from her. I consistently remember her determination and will to overcome so many obstacles and difficulties that came her way. She is for sure one of the strongest people I know. Love, prayers and hugs to all of you. ~Amy Lee

Amy Beebe - December 31, 2021 at 12:29 PM

EZ

My friend's parting is bittersweet - to her children - our love and deepest condolences. We know without a doubt, December 27th was the happiest day of her life❤️ She met her Jesus face to face and joined her love for eternity. She is dancing, singing, jumping hallelujah! They both have left us with the greatest memories of love and laughter and one of the best "friendships" we have ever had. I believe they taught all of us lessons in faithfulness, endurance, strength, love for everyone. They are together and that's how it's suppose to be ❤️ God's perfect peace comfort all of you- we love you! Greg and Elaine Ziegler

Elaine ziegler - December 31, 2021 at 03:13 PM

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We are heartbroken for your family's loss. Joey & I are the people we are today because of the influence of Cathy & Joe. Our sincere heartfelt love & prayers.
❤️ Joey & Tammy Lajewski

Tammy Lajewski - December 31, 2021 at 07:24 PM