



Cathy Kivitt

January 11, 1955 - April 12, 2022

Cathy Ann Kivitt went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 12, 2022. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family after a courageous two-year battle with cancer.

Cathy, the daughter of a career Navy man, was born in Pensacola Naval Hospital and spent her early years in Florida, Guantanamo Bay Cuba, Maryland, and Bermuda. Her father retired in Norfolk, Virginia and the family settled in Alexandria, on land that once was George Washington's farm. Cathy graduated from Mt. Vernon High School and earned an associate degree from Ferrum College. After graduating she moved to California where she lived for the next 30 years.

Cathy raised her daughter Jennifer with her husband Bob in Lakewood, California where she spent 20 years working in federal service for the FAA before retiring with Bob and relocating to Leesburg, Florida. While living in California, she was a highly active member of Long Beach Community Presbyterian Church, and was known by many for her infectious positivity and her strong faith. Cathy took an eight-year break from the FAA to stay home with Jennifer and run her own business "Cathy's Keepsakes." You could often find Cathy in her ceramic studio painting away, at the local craft fairs selling her creations or volunteering at the church. During her retirement years, Cathy made countless new friends as an active member of her community. She

enjoyed playing softball, pickleball, Mah Jong, gardening, collecting antiques and discussing their uniqueness and individual value. She loved sewing and passed that passion and skill on to her granddaughter. Cathy was actively involved in the Bear Club, Covers for Comfort, Habitat for Humanity and taught ceramic classes.

Cathy fiercely loved her family and never turned down an opportunity to spend time together regardless of whether it was on an extravagant vacation or game night around the kitchen table. Her presence was never unnoticed, and she is dearly missed by all who love her.

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Theresa Shorten. She is survived by her husband Bob of 35 years, daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Erik Olson of Windham, New Hampshire, grandson, Jacob, granddaughter, Kate, sister and brother-in-law, Paula Shorten and Patrick Long of Hernando, Florida, niece Kelly, and nephews, Christopher and Kevin.

A celebration of life will be held for Cathy at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, Florida on July 30, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to LovExtension, Inc., P.O. Box 1095, Umatilla, FL 32784. LovExtension is a nonprofit organization that Cathy was passionate about and supported, it consists entirely of volunteers who are serving to improve life for the under-served elderly and disabled communities in Lake County and The Villages, Florida.

Celebration of Life - Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89669718554?pwd=QllrSDkwcEVtL0d5eWhwRnhnbXE2UT09>

Meeting ID: 896 6971 8554

Passcode: 1111

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Leesburg
1123 W Main St
Leesburg, FL 34748
(352) 787-4343

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cathy Kivitt*



Beyers Funeral Home - July 17, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Celebration of Life Service - password is: 1111 in memory of Cathy Kivitt*



Beyers Funeral Home - July 15, 2022 at 06:07 PM

BR

“ Cathy and I go back to our days at the FAA, including the birth of Jennifer and the night she dragged me to an FAA beach party when she and Bob, I guess, officially started dating.

Luckily Cathy writes great Xmas letters so I feel that, though miles apart when they moved to Florida, I have followed her life events. Never has she changed over the years. Always fun, full Of adventures and caring for others.

Great celebration of life today and many people and family will Continue to hold her dear in their hearts, myself included.

Beth Rollins

Beth Rollins - July 30, 2022 at 04:01 PM

PS

“ Paula Shorten lit a candle in memory of Cathy Kivitt



Paula Shorten - July 30, 2022 at 11:13 AM

LR

“ 3 files added to the album Cathy with her Ferrum friends



Liz Reiley - July 16, 2022 at 09:37 PM

LR

Cathy and I were good friends since 7th grade and we went to high school and Ferrum College together. She was funny, vivacious, strong willed and positive. Some of our Ferrum group got together in 2010 in Virginia and we were so grateful that Cathy and Bob joined us from Florida. She will be greatly missed but always remembered. My heartfelt condolences to Jenny, Bob, and Paula. May peace be with you.

Liz Reiley

Liz Reiley - July 16, 2022 at 09:52 PM

NN

“ I will always remember Cathy as full of life and energy!! Interested in loads of things and enthusiastic about every one of them! I believe she was a great mom and wife and probably a fabulous grandmother - she loved her family well!!! We could use more people like her in this crazy world!! So sorry for your loss1

Nina Nance - June 02, 2022 at 10:51 PM

BL

“ I played Mahjong with Cathy for many years and loved her outgoing, exuberant and optimistic spirit. Although I haven't been with her for several years now I will never forget her and feel the world has been diminished.

Bernice Lightfoot - June 01, 2022 at 05:53 PM

JH

“ As a friend of Jen's in college, Cathy was a mom that always welcomed Jen's friend. I alway got an amazing hug from Cathy and loved talking with her. She was super positive, a great listener, and loved her family dearly. She will definitely be missed.

Jane Hutchens - June 01, 2022 at 03:29 PM

MP

Cathy and I met at the FAA and became fast friends. I enjoyed being in a work bowling league with her and Bob. Jennifer was our flower girl in my husband's and my wedding. It was sad to see her and Bob move to Florida, but when she would come back and visit, I, along with other FAA friends, would get together for lunch and catch up. I treasure some Christmas and Easter ceramic pieces she gave me, and I will always treasure our friendship! I'll see you again someday, dear friend!

Marie Peters - June 01, 2022 at 05:11 PM

TA

Cathy and I became dear friends in our community which we both loved. She loved her family dearly and spoke with such passion about each of them. Cathy was like a guiding light to me and I went to her several times when I needed guidance with matters that were troubling me. She was always there with calm, thoughtful and wise counsel. Her faith helped to guide me as well through some troubled times. I will miss her immensely. Trudy Alms

Trudy T Alms - June 02, 2022 at 04:39 PM

KN

Missing my beautiful, kind and caring cousin. There are no words for someone taken too soon. Dance with the angels.

Ken Nawrocki - June 02, 2022 at 05:45 PM

JW

Sending condolences to the family. You are now pain free, rest in peace Cathy.

JOANNE WHEELER - June 03, 2022 at 09:12 AM

PS

It's been over two months, and I think about her every day. I mourn for the time we should have had to enjoy together, but I remember the good times we had recently seeing the world together. My house is filled with Cathy's treasures to remind me of her. She touched so many people with her kindness, enthusiasm, and good deeds. She fought courageously to stay with as long as she could. We have lost a treasure way too soon.

Love, Sis

Paula Shorten - July 30, 2022 at 11:21 AM

MS

It is so very difficult to put into words the sadness felt by the entire Shorten family on the passing of Cathy. We have years of photos, memories of fun times, family gatherings, holiday celebrations, long conversations. We will have to be content with knowing she is now no longer dealing with illness. We will remember her beautiful smile, her gift of joy in life, her creative talent. Love, Uncle Jim, Aunt Marcia, and all of the family.

Marcia Shorten - July 30, 2022 at 12:45 PM

LM

We will remember Cathy for her kindness, her smile, her upbeat personality, and her positive attitude in the face of adversity. She will be sorely missed by our community.

Sherry and Larry Morris

Lawrence Morris - July 30, 2022 at 02:25 PM