



## Catherine "Cathy" Lewis

July 15, 1951 - December 27, 2024

Catherine Grace "Cathy" Lewis, age 73, passed peacefully on December 27, 2024, surrounded by close family. Born on July 15th, 1951, the second eldest of seven children to John and Ruth Caullay, Cathy grew up on Detroit's east side and was a graduate of Detroit Denby High School.

Cathy married the love of her life, Gary D. Lewis. They were married for 51 wonderful years and had been sweethearts since they were 15 years old. Cathy and Gary grew up together. They were each other's best friends and "rocks" in life. She was devotedly cared for single-handedly by her love, Gary, who was with her until the very end.

Over the course of her life, Cathy was a neonatal nurse's aide, a visual artist, an entrepreneur, an art and antique collector, everyone's biggest cheerleader and a stay-at-home parent, a role she approached with great thought, intention, and pride. She had impeccable style and carried herself with grace. Cathy loved music, history and vintage fashion. She was a podcast enthusiast and was fantastic at trivia - she truly was the "queen" of random facts.

Cathy was an amazing wife, mom, sister, grandmother / nana, mentor, and friend. The proud mom of three - now adult - children, Cathy was also an unofficial "mom" to many of her family members and friends. She had a way with words and made sure that others felt heard, seen, and supported. Cathy

saw so much potential in others and helped to make sure that they saw that potential in themselves. She was an incredible human being and encouraged and inspired others to become the best versions of themselves as well.

Cathy stared down all of life's challenges with unmatched and remarkable strength and resilience. Despite her health challenges, Cathy never wanted to be defined by them and didn't want to be a burden to others. Instead, she was best known for her unshakeable character. She was fiercely loyal, had an unwavering moral compass and a strong sense of integrity. She charted her own path in life, trusted her gut instincts, and never worried about the judgment of others. Cathy was the most determined person you could ever meet. She gave all of herself to those she loved, especially her family, and was everyone's biggest advocate, defender, and wisest counsel. She never lost her positive outlook and was known for her quick-witted sense of humor.

Cathy's legacy will live on through the many lives she touched. We know that she will be forever in our hearts.

Cathy is survived by her husband, Gary D. Lewis; her children, Gary N. Lewis (Laura), Ryan (Sarah) Lewis and Maria (Juanita) Lewis; her grandchildren; her siblings, John Caullay, Kevin (Bernadette) Caullay, Ruth (Dave) Barrie and Ian (Danielle) Caullay; and much extended family and many dear friends who join her family in mourning her passing. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Susie Velthuysen and Julie Trump; brother-in-law, Charles R. Lewis; and her father- and mother-in-law, Charles B. and Madeline Lewis.

Visitation 10am Thursday, January 2nd until the 12 noon Funeral Service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons. 54880 Van Dyke Ave (Shelby Twp.) at 25 Mile Rd. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to National Public Radio (NPR) or Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), Cathy's favorite sources for her daily podcasts.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township  
54880 Van Dyke  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Funeral Service

JAN 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township  
54880 Van Dyke  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis*



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**Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.** - January 02, 2025 at 07:26 AM

RJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I had the privilege of meeting Cathy in State College during a visit with Maria and Juanita. Her incredible sense of humor and deep love for her family left a lasting impression on me. Sending love and light to you all during this incredibly difficult time.*

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**Royel Johnson** - January 02, 2025 at 10:03 AM

TN

“ *Tom N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.*

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**Tom N.** - January 02, 2025 at 09:35 AM

CP

“ Cascade Partners purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.



Cascade Partners - January 01, 2025 at 02:00 PM

TL

“ The Luttschyns purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.



The Luttschyns - January 01, 2025 at 12:57 PM

TL

“ The Luttschyns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.

The Luttschyns - January 01, 2025 at 12:57 PM

LB

“ Love, your friends at Benchmark purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.



Love, your friends at Benchmark - December 31, 2024 at 05:27 PM

DM

“ holding you in my thoughts--Dana Mitra (colleague of Maria)

Dana Mitra - December 30, 2024 at 10:52 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.



December 30, 2024 at 11:40 AM

VS

“ Vito Lafata and Sandy Schultz purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.



Vito Lafata and Sandy Schultz - December 30, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.



December 30, 2024 at 09:28 AM

CF

“ Chad & Dora Arntz & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.



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**Chad & Dora Arntz & Family** - December 30, 2024 at 04:51 AM

CF

“ Chad & Dora Arntz & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.

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**Chad & Dora Arntz & Family** - December 30, 2024 at 04:51 AM

KB

“ I am deeply sorry to learn of Cathy's passing. She had such a beautiful balance of love and courage. She embraced the ups and downs of life with determination to celebrate the joys and rise above the challenges. My heart is with her family and all who are grieving such a huge loss. Special love to my sweet sister-in-law Ruth--be assured that Cathy holds you and all her precious ones in her heavenly arms. Karen Barrie

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**Karen Barrie** - December 29, 2024 at 07:38 PM

GB

With a tender heart I share in the deep sorrow of Cathy's passing. What I will remember most about Cathy are her light and her beauty, and how I felt enveloped in warmth by her presence. May grace bring comfort to this immeasurable loss for Cathy's family and all who hold her dear. May her memory be a blessing, always.  
Gail Barrie

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**Gail Barrie** - December 29, 2024 at 08:23 PM

JC

“ John A Caullay sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis



John A Caullay - December 29, 2024 at 06:35 PM

JC

“ John A Caullay lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis



John A Caullay - December 29, 2024 at 06:33 PM

BI

“ Learn today of my cousin Cathy's passing from my brother, we haven't seen each other in 50 years. But the memories are all wonderful smiles tears and a car accident with my older sister in her dad's new Chevy 2 convertible black with red interior. Lots of love Cathy and tell your Mom And Dad I said Hi.

brain ivers - December 29, 2024 at 04:31 PM

Jl

Love ya!

J DAVID IVERS - December 29, 2024 at 06:03 PM

JC

Thank you, my cousin and long time friend.

John A Caullay - December 29, 2024 at 06:37 PM

BB

“ *Bill & Gloria Beatty purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.*



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**Bill & Gloria Beatty** - December 29, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.*



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December 29, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.*

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December 29, 2024 at 01:13 PM

DI

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. Her obituary made me sorry that I have not seen her for many years, she was a beautiful person. My sincere condolences to the Lewis and Caullay families.*

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**DONNA INGRATTA** - December 29, 2024 at 01:03 PM

JC

*Thank you, dear Donna.*

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**John A Caullay** - December 29, 2024 at 06:39 PM

TS

“ Tiffany S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine "Cathy" Lewis.

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**Tiffany S.** - December 29, 2024 at 12:51 PM