



Catherine Jean Drake

July 16, 1952 - October 3, 2022

Catherine (Cathy) J. Drake of Zolfo Springs, Florida passed peacefully on October 3rd, 2022, at the age of 70.

Cathy is survived by her children Kevin McKee, Corey Creager (Avey), Tyler Creager (Heather);

her siblings Connie Giggi (Jim), Jim Drake (Donna), and Lynn Smolen (Ed); her six

grandchildren Michael, Cameron, Connor, Cavan, Kyden, and Kenzie; her two great-

granddaughters Adilyn and Lilah; as well as several nieces and nephews, other families

members, and close friends. Cathy is preceded in death by her parents Edgar and Barbara Drake.

Cathy was born in Columbus, Ohio on July 16, 1952. She grew up in Ohio and worked at Ohio

State University until retiring at the age of 55. In 2012, Cathy moved to Florida with her long-term partner where she spent the rest of her years enjoying the sunshine and traveling back

and forth to visit family and friends. She was greatly adventurous and enjoyed

hiking, fishing,
and camping. She loved tending her garden and sharing her knowledge about
plants and
wildlife with others. She would take clippings of flowers and make beautiful
cards to share with
family and friends. Jazzercise was one of her greatest passions and she
would exercise and
teach multiple times a day. Cathy was a loving and caring woman who would
always greet
family and friends with a beautiful smile and a warm embrace. She was
devoted to her family
and loved them all very much. She was known for putting the needs of others
far above her
own and she left a lasting impression on all who knew her. Cathy will be
missed greatly, but she
will always be remembered and never forgotten.

A remembrance for Cathy will be held on October 24th, 2022 at the
Jazzercise studio, Town

Center Plaza, on Highway 17 North, Wauchula, Florida.

Friends and family may join a Celebration of Life for Cathy that will take place
on November

5th, 2022 at 1 pm at 8088 McKittrick Rd, Plain City, Ohio.

Tribute Wall

JK

“*Sad loss for our world. Cathy brought a lot of energy and joy to those around her. We met several years ago and had fun experiences in Florida with her and Foster and when they visited us in Virginia. From our very first meeting, she was friendly and accepting. Her cheerful and uplifting ways were contagious. Cathy helped us see the bright side, smile more, and be more outgoing and upbeat. We will continue to enjoy the many perennials generously contributed to our flower beds. She often spoke about her children and grandchildren and looked forward to her meetings with all.*”

Judy and Richard Kyle - October 21, 2022 at 09:32 AM

KE

Thank you for your condolences. The world lost a beautiful loving soul. She impacted so many lives and is sorely missed.

Kevin - November 02, 2022 at 04:13 PM

SM

“*Such a kind and wonderful person. My first trip to Colorado was with Cathy and another friend - Mary. It was a fun trip. We were living in Ashland, Ohio and decided to go out west. We just pointed a finger on a map and that is where we went. We traveled the entire state seeing many sites. A great time! I loved Cathy and am so sad now that she is not with us.*”

Steve McKee - October 11, 2022 at 08:16 PM

KE

Thank you for your kind words on mom's obituary dad. This is a heartbreak like anything I have felt before.

Kevin - November 02, 2022 at 04:12 PM

JW

*We are saddened to hear Cathy is gone ... and shocked ! Wondered why we had not gotten our annual Christmas letter . Tried to call and when phones disconnected did some searching . □
I saved her letter from a year ago today and she and I agreed “ getting old sucks”. We were in disbelief we’d soon be 70.
Cathy and I had many fun times at Brush High School in Lyndhurst, Ohio. Then as roommates at OSU,
We share your sorrow. Gone too soon for sure !
Tom and Janet Welding*

Janet Welding - December 30, 2022 at 01:36 PM

LS

It was wonderful to talk to Janet today. I'm sorry for your loss. It was wonderful to hear all of your Memories of Cathy. We lost a beautiful sole!

Lynn A Smolen - January 03, 2023 at 08:17 PM