



Catherine A. Shearer

April 27, 1945 - June 16, 2023

Catherine A. Shearer, 78, of Zolfo Springs, Florida passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loved ones. Catherine was born on April 27, 1945, in Niles, Michigan to Allan and Catherine (Simpson) Gabbaert. Cathy was a tireless worker who overcame poverty to raise 5 children many times with little help. She was a production supervisor in Elkhart, Indiana prior to retirement. She was a wonderful loving wife, mother, and grandmother, who will be greatly missed. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, and reading. She was a member of Brookside Stitchers. She married David Shearer on March 2, 1996, in Plymouth, Indiana at Calvary Lutheran Church where she was a member from 1996-2012 with Pastor Jeff Paterson officiating. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Huntington, Indiana from 2012-2019, then became a member of Peace Valley Lutheran Church, in Wauchula, Florida when they moved here. She is preceded in death by both of her parents, and sister Sandy Carter, granddaughter Brandie Longfellow. Cathy is survived by her loving husband David Shearer; children Catherine (Steve) Roberts of Zolfo Springs, FL., John (Marla) Vandegrift of Huntington, IN., Don Vandegrift, Elkhart, IN., Sharon (Tim) McGuin of Huntington, IN., Kevin (Lori) Bendit of Greenwood, IN.; her brother Oliver Gabbeart of Michigan; 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Peace Valley Lutheran Church in Wauchula, Florida Pastor Anthony Arias will be officiating. The interment will be at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery in Huntington,

Indiana.

Previous Events

Funeral

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Valley Lutheran Church
1643 Stenstrom Road
Wauchula, FL 33873

Tribute Wall



“ I’m saddened to learn of Cathy’s passing. Know that she was loved and appreciated. I’m a better person for having her in my life. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. With Love and honor, Lee Lipowski

Lee Lipowski - June 21, 2023 at 07:50 AM



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

June 21, 2023 at 05:01 AM



“ Sharon, I am so very sorry ; you are in my thoughts and prayers, Love you

peggy tyler - June 20, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ Mary M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine A. Shearer.

Mary M. - June 20, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ Peace and Love to the family.

Penny Smith - June 20, 2023 at 02:06 PM

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Prayers and hugs for the family

Brenda Carl (Simpson) cousin - June 20, 2023 at 03:22 PM

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Rest peacefully dear cousin. I know where you are going, and you will be missed here. Have a wonderful reunion and eternal happiness.

Karin Forbes - June 20, 2023 at 07:51 PM