



Catherine (Cathy) M. Heagerty

July 23, 2018

Catherine (Cathy) M. Heagerty, 77, of University Park, Florida passed away Monday afternoon July 23, 2018. Cathy grew up in Frankfort NY. David and Cathy were married in 1961 in Frankfort NY. She graduated from State University of New York at Oswego in 1962. She taught at Veeder Elementary School in South Colonie Central School District for 35 years. She died at Bradenton Hospice House after a short illness. She was a long time teacher of the third grade where she excelled in teaching math and cursive, among other subjects. Although she had high standards for her students, Cathy was quick to reward them with “doughnut Fridays” and other enrichment activities. As a teacher, she was pioneering in the use of literature in the elementary classroom to motivate and strengthen reading skills. Cathy was a beloved member of her faculty and a generous teammate. As a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, she served as an Eucharist Minister and a member of the parish council. She volunteered in the pet therapy program of Tidewell Hospice with her dogs Missy and Minny. As a member of Bright and Beautiful Therapy dogs, she helped train and evaluate other therapy dogs. She volunteered with many other organizations in activities to help others in a variety of ways. Cathy was passionate about every activity that she took on and at various times in her life she immersed herself in cooking (chocolates, pickles), crafts (knitting, quilting), and technology. Her family remembers her as a vibrant and supportive woman who could be relied on to offer help every time that it was needed. She took great pride and joy in her five grandchildren

and her three great-grandchildren. Cathy is survived by David Heagerty (spouse), Colleen Laymon (daughter), Patrick Heagerty (son) and Claudia Karll Heagerty (daughter-in-law). Her grandchildren are Amelia Heagerty, Ross Laymon, Rebecca Brown, Kelsey Laymon, and Margaret Heagerty. Her great grandchildren are Benjamin Brown, Elliott Laymon and Nora Brown. Predeceasing her were her parents, Madlyn and Elliott App. Visitation will be held Tuesday July 31, 2018, from 5 to 7 pm at Toale Brother Funeral Home: 40 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota FL 34236. Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday August 1, 2018, at 10 am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: 833 Magellan Dr. Sarasota FL 34243. Please send memorials in lieu of flowers to: Our Lady Queen of Martyrs 833 Magellan Dr. Sarasota FL 34243 or Tidewell Hospice, Philanthropy Department 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238.

Tribute Wall

KP

“ *Cathy and David have been customers of mine for many years. When ever she would come in, she always had such a gentle way about her and a smile that was contagious. Her heart was so giving, taking her dogs to visit others that were in need of some puppy love and a kind woman to help brighten their day. She and David would stop in and surprise me with the best Ham salad from one of their favorite deli's.. and remember, I am just the pet food shop owner, but that is how they were to me and I imagine many that knew Cathy could tell similar tales of kindness. I will hold her in my heart as one of my favorite people that I have had the pleasure to know.*

Kathy Pontillo - August 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *I noticed Cathy's obituary in the Schenectady NY Gazette. The name sounded familiar and I said to my husband John Berggren that I knew a Cathy App who became Cathy Heagerty while at Oswego State. He got out my 1962 yearbook and there she was! The ironic thing is that I taught for North Colonie for almost 30 years, my last being 12 years using literature to teach 6th grade Reading/Language Arts. Although I never knew she was in this area, we both graduated in 1962 and I know we shared many college professors. Please accept my sympathy at this time.*

Carol Humphey Berggren - August 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Im sadden to hear of the loss of this beautiful soul. My thoughts and prayers are with Mr heagerty and family and missy and minnie. She will be dearly missed. She was an amazing sweet person. She will always hold a special place in my heart.*

Melinda Rutherford - August 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dave so sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Marie Klucina - July 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ May your memory be for a
BLESSING

Nancy Greene Jonas - July 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dave, Chris and I are very sorry to hear about Cathy. Sending thoughts and prayers your way.

Jennifer Buttridge - July 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dave, I'm so sorry. I love her and one day, we'll all dance together in Heaven. Teaching with her was an honor and a pleasure.

Peggy Schalit - July 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Will miss my dear friend
So many great memories
Condolences to the whole family
Share her memories with each other!

Janet Hotis - July 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Very saddened to read about the passing of Mrs. Heagerty and would like to extend my condolences to all who loved and cared for her. May the God of all comfort be with you all in this time of grief.*

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