



## Cathleen M. Dennett

August 2, 1954 - May 20, 2018

Cathleen M. Dennett passed away surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Cathleen has been called to heaven sooner than expected but joins her father James McCormick and brother Joseph McCormick in eternal life.

Cathleen truly lived life to its fullest through simple pleasures like playing golf, chatting with friends and family, and of course, spending time with her twin granddaughters. She also had the incredible talent of taking something ordinary and making it extraordinary. Cathleen was a successful and passionate businesswoman many people admired. She certainly had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep, authentic way. She made sure everyone felt welcome and comfortable in all situations.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years Michael Dennett, daughter Melissa Harrison and husband Keith, granddaughters Kennedy and Peyton, mother Jean McCormick, twin sister Christine Bullock, sister Mary Jo Gregory, and brother Gregg McCormick, as well as five nephews and four nieces.

Family, friends and others whose lives Cathleen has touched are invited to celebrate her life on Wednesday, May 23 at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL, 34236, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Services will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. at Church of the Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34239. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a gift of support to the Children's Miracle Network, a charity near and dear to Cathleen's heart: [www.givetoallkids.org](http://www.givetoallkids.org)., <https://www.helpmakemir>

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# Tribute Wall

AL

“ I have only known Cathleen for the last 3-4 years, and only worked closer with her in the last 2 years. Even during that short time, she made an impact on me. She was so easy to talk with. She was funny, witty, and it was very clear that she had an incredible passion for family and her work. Her zest for life was infectious. God bless you, Cathleen. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Allyson LaFave** - June 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My sincerest condolences to all of you. I, like everyone else, was so shocked to get the news, and I am so sorry that I did not make the services for Cathy. We had many fun times over the years, including the time we spent together when she lived with me during the construction of Cathy and Mike's River Club home. I have so many wonderful memories from the surprise 50th birthday she and Mike hosted to the baby shower for Catherine. Our years working together at Tropicana were full as we supported each other in so many endeavors. Cathy, may you rest in peace!

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**Rosanne Megrath** - May 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I was honored to know Cathleen through Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. She was a tireless champion for kids and so much fun to work with. I'm glad I was able to spend some time with her at Disney World this past March. Prayers to the family.

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**Alane Helmer** - May 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always. Cathleen has been an inspiration to all that she comes in contact with, she will be dearly missed.*

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**BrandMuscle** - May 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Cathleen for a brief time at Direct Energy and she was always so helpful, warm, professional and inspiring.*

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**Judy Berman** - May 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

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**John and Cheryle Connors** - May 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *I am truly sorry for your family's loss. I did not know Cathleen for long, but I can attest to her warm and welcoming spirit which will surely be missed by all. I pray you find solace in the wonderful memories you have shared with her. God bless.*

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**Charmaine Teuschler** - May 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *You were a bright light that went out too soon....intelligent and articulate with many wonderful stories to tell, kind and caring with a generous sprinkling of a sense of humor....We are grateful we got to know you and your family....you will be missed....our sincere condolences to your family....*

*Merelyn Taggart and Anthony Rando*

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**Merelyn Taggart** - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ So sorry to hear the news, My heart is heavy for all of your beautiful family and friends. Cathy was a wonderful person and she will be surely missed love to all.

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**Ann Connors Long** - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I remember Cathy from the Class of 72 Coyle Cassidy . She was a smart sweet funny Girl who was a friend to every one . She has been taking to soon may She Rest in Peace at the Right Hand of the Lord. Our Prayers to Her Family may the Good Lord help You through theses tough times

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**Bob Smith** - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Cathleen was a bright star who's light went out too soon. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Your friend Always

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**Tammie Kennedy** - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My sympathies to the family and friends of Cathleen. I didn't get to meet her or know her and from what I've read, it's my loss.

*God Bless,*

*Mike Farella*

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**Mike Farella** - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I can not begin to tell you how truly sorry I am to here this news. My deepest condolences to you and your family. May God give you the peace that passes all this worlds understanding

Robin Burton - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Ann Connors Long lit a candle in memory of Cathleen M. Dennett



Ann Connors Long - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ Melissa,

Our hearts are broken for you and your family. We are praying for all of you. Sending you wicked big hugs!

Warmly,  
Jake, Kerri, JJ, and Abby Irwin

Kerri Irwin - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ It was a pleasure to work with Cathleen. I enjoyed her passion for helping kids, her sense of humor and her welcoming and open personality. My heart goes out to her family at this time. May you have peace and comfort.

Cindee Starkie - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Cathleen was always professional and kind and brilliant! I have know her for seven years. We always compared fashion trends as we both loved St. John. I do know she is wearing St. John on streets of gold. She loved her precious granddaughters so much! I am shocked at her passing... she will be sorely missed.

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**Keresa Richardson** - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To Mike and the entire Dennett family, Kim and I extend our deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences. Cathleen was a bright light in our business at Direct Energy. Always willing to help, an avid advocate for the Children's Miracle network, a true friend to me and a mentor. Cathleen was a great friend, and along with you Mike, we made a great golf foursome. As my loss feels deep I will pray for you all knowing that it is a mere fraction of yours. I loved Cathleen, she was my friend and I will miss her very much. Blessings to you all.

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**David Del Brocco** - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I works with Cathy at both Colgate and Tropicana. Her reference got me the interview. She was always a hard working, insightful sales leader who was so much fun to vibe around. As a working mom, she balanced work with her dedication to her daughter. When she met her second husband, her life was complete. She will be missed.

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**Ken Curchin** - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I will miss my sister-in-law Cathy so much. She had a keen sense of humor, was witty and "wicked smart". When I married into this wonderful family in 1992, I relished the times these five siblings would get together; the room would always be full of laughter as they quipped and guffawed and bantered about Business. Even after Mac's passing, Cathy remained a true sister and friend to me. She was a beautiful person inside and out and I find comfort knowing that she is with Mac and Jim in Heaven telling jokes and "busting chops".

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**Madonna McCormick** - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM