



## Catherine Nash Burkhart

April 18, 1952 - October 23, 2020

Catherine Nash Burkhart, 68, passed away peacefully at home Friday, October 23, 2020. Cathy was surrounded by her loving husband of 39 years, Mike, as well as their four wonderful children.

Cathy was born April 18, 1952 to Tom and Helen (Stenson) Nash. She graduated from Bishop Rosecrans High School with the class of 1970, then continued her education at Ohio University in Nursing. Upon graduation she found a passion in pediatric nursing at the Children's Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. Returning to Zanesville, she continued her nursing career with Genesis Health Care, where she made lifelong friends.

Along with her husband Mike, Cathy is survived by their children: Adam (Kali) Burkhart, Malia (Mark) Hatem, Ian (Allison) Burkhart and Jenna (Robert Spillman) Burkhart. "Catty" was blessed with three beautiful granddaughters: Quinn (8), Mattyn (6), Rowe (forever 4 months) along with a grandson on the way. She was the oldest of 13 children: Marty (Ellen) Nash, Patty Nash, Mike (Susan) Nash, Mickey (Geary) Danison, Chris (Nancy) Nash, Joe (Nancy) Nash, Dennis Nash, Rosemary (Chuck) Pfeifer, Bernard Nash, Linda (Tony) Coury, Janet (Pat) Donnelly and Mary Ann Nash. Cathy loved her nieces, nephews, in-laws, extended family and all of her many friends.

Faithfully, Cathy devoted a substantial amount of time to the Catholic Schools and Churches of Zanesville. Always living life to the fullest, Cathy enjoyed her time with family and friends, traveling the world, entertaining, scooter trips, golf cart rides with her granddaughters, and daily conversations with her mother.

Cathy was preceded in death by her father Tom, sister Patty, brother Bernard, father-in-law Leo Burkhart, nephews: Miles Nessline, Grant Hickman, nieces: Jessica Nash, Valerie Hickman, and adorable granddaughter Rowe Catherine Burkhart.

Due to current circumstances, a private memorial of Cathy's life will be held. The family appreciates all the love and support they have received and would like to extend an invitation to gather in honor of Cathy at a later date.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the loving and compassionate staff at Genesis Cancer Center, Genesis Hospice Care, and The James Cancer Hospital for the wonderful care Cathy and family received.

Cathy was a registered organ and tissue donor. Memorial contributions in Cathy's honor may be made to Lifeline of Ohio, 770 Kinnear Road Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43212, Bishop Rosecrans High School, 1040 E Main St, Zanesville, OH 43701 or The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 250 E Broad Street, Suite 1750, Columbus, OH 43215. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com)

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Hills, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home** - October 25, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ My heart goes out to all of you. Her life was a life well lived and loved. May the Lord surround you with His loving arms. With sincere sympathy.

Mollie Gookins Winland.

**Mollie Winland** - October 26, 2020 at 07:14 PM

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“ Dearest Cathy will always hold a special place in my heart as an intricate and very early member of my transplant family! Always greeting me with outstretched arms and a big smile! You will have a very special place in the heavenly choir, dear friend! Sending love and hugs to the dear ones you have behind!



**Carol Fitzsimons** - November 02, 2020 at 03:50 PM

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“ I will always remember my phone conversations with Cathy so many years ago as she fought to keep Adam's search for a new heart a reality. Although she was terrified of what her son's fate would be should a heart not be found (and what his life would entail if he did get the Gift of Life), it was clear to me that she was a Momma Bear in action, moving mountains if needed to do what she could to help her child. And she did all of this with such a clear abundance of love and appreciation for everyone she knew. Her smiling face was one of the first I would notice in a room, and her hugs filled me with such warmth of spirit. She will be missed terribly, but celebrated triumphantly. Well done, Cathy. We love you.

**Ryan Zinn** - November 02, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I was a friend of Cathy's for many years as well as a co-worker at Genesis. Cathy's positive attitude was infectious. I will miss her smiling face. Prayers and sympathy to all her family and friends, she holding her granddaughter in heaven. Nancy Phillis

**Nancy Phillis** - October 29, 2020 at 01:39 PM

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“ So many beautiful smiles shared in your lovely video. So many happy family times to remember. May those memories keep Cathy always close to you as you learn to navigate without her guidance and wisdom. She was an exceptional person, touching so many lives. Sending our sympathy, love and prayers, Bob and Martha Glass

**martha glass** - October 29, 2020 at 12:18 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss - Jim McInturf Sr.

**Jim McInturf Sr.** - October 29, 2020 at 09:40 AM

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“ Dear Mike and family,

My heart goes out to all of you. I had the opportunity to meet Cathy during my time working at The James. We both were surprised after talking to have mutual friends, and hometowns so close to one another. She was a fighter, and I could see it was because of the love she had for you guys. That is something so very, very special. Sending prayers of strength and healing for you all during this difficult time.

**Jaime** - October 27, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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“ To the Burkhart and Nash Families,  
I met Cathy many years when she worked on pediatrics at Good Samaritan Medical Center.  
Cathy was a loving, caring nurse, and was so good to all her patients and families. Always smiling and considerate of others.  
God bless all of you and may all your wonderful memories bring comfort in the days ahead.  
Thoughts & Prayers,  
Tom & Joellen Kendrick



Joellen Kendrick - October 27, 2020 at 05:15 PM

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“ To the entire Burkhart and Nash families,  
we are thinking of you and sending our deepest sympathy. I can't help but think that Cathy is with my sister and laughing it up -in eternal peace and happiness!  
Sheri and Judd Knecht

sheri - October 27, 2020 at 06:42 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear of Cathies passing, a lot of good memories on Peds at Good Sam, Prayers for you all.

donna elaine joseph - October 26, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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“ Burkhart Family,  
My sincerest condolences to you on the loss of Cathy. She was such a lovely and kind woman and a friend to all. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you remember and honor her amazing legacy. Her love and compassion will never be forgotten.

Lauren Stevens  
Lifeline of Ohio

Lauren Stevens - October 26, 2020 at 09:50 AM

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Nash Burkhart.



October 26, 2020 at 01:16 AM

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“ Dear Adam and family,

I am so saddened to hear of Cathy's passing. My husband was Jim Albert a fellow transplant recipient. Adam, Jim and I always believed he got his second chance because of you and your mom. I had a special place in my heart for her. She was always so happy and kind. I can't express how sorry I am for your loss. Prayers and Love

Anita Albert

Anita Seals Albert - October 26, 2020 at 01:01 AM

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“ We enjoyed camping and cruising with Cathy and Mike were we were much younger and our kids were young. She proved very wise putting her kids in rain boots and using yogurt cups for kid drinks. Cathy will be missed.

Jim and Sharon Starr



**Jim and Sharon Starr** - October 25, 2020 at 05:41 PM

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“ Mike and Family,  
We were heart-broken when we learned of Cathy's passing. While our world will miss her intelligence, joyful attitude, sense of humor, and her smile, God must have needed an excellent nurse or a talented travel planner in heaven, or both! Please accept our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. She was a cherished friend.

Fondly,  
Beth & Ray Gaydos & Family

**Beth Gaydos** - October 25, 2020 at 03:42 PM

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“ Our hearts go out to the family. I knew Cathy for years, we worked together at the hospital. She was kind, loving, and competent. She was wonderful to be with and made the world a better place...

Love and prayers,  
Jerry and Claire

**Jerry Tiberio and Claire** - October 25, 2020 at 01:08 PM

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“ Dear Mike and family, We sincerely extend our sympathy to all of you. Please know that we are here for you and would love to help out in any way possible if the need arises. We pray that God will give you the strength to get through this difficult time. We send all our love to all of you. Bill and Cindy Nash

**Bill and Cindy Nash** - October 25, 2020 at 12:34 PM

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“ 229 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hills, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home - October 25, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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“ Mike and Family, my very deepest, heart wrenching sympathy on the tremendous loss of one of the very most caring, loving, beautiful woman I have had the pleasure and honor to know in my life, Cathy. May God wrap his arms around all of you now and in the future, and may she always be in Devine Peace. Sorrowfully, Jake Smathers



Jake Smathers - October 25, 2020 at 10:47 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Cathy. She was a wonderful person and I have great memories of our days at Rosecrans many years ago. I am keeping all of her family in my prayers.  
Kathi Stampley  
Franklin TN

Kathi Stampley - October 24, 2020 at 08:33 PM

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“ Mike and I are so very sorry for your loss. What a special person she was. Always a friendly face. Heaven surely has gained a beautiful person. Prayers to you all.

Jody Hinton - October 24, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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“ To the Burkhart and Nash families I pray for your strength.

**Kathi Heins** - October 24, 2020 at 06:32 PM

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“ I had the privilege of working with Cathy on peds. What a role model to all that worked with her. Together we laughed and cried together with patients, families and staff. Cathy's laugh was infectious ! She opened her heart to anyone in need. God bless you!

**marsha wagner** - October 24, 2020 at 04:42 PM

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“ Cathy was a compassionate, conscientious and experienced nurse. She consistently kept the needs of others in mind. I too remember her back in the day at Good Samaritan when everybody knew everyone else that worked there. She will always be remembered as a caring and thoughtful individual. I feel confident that God has welcomed her into his kingdom with open arms!

**Janet Lynn** - October 24, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with I Cathy on the pediatric unit. She had a loving way working with the babies, kids and parents. What a role model she was to anyone who worked there. I laughed and cried with her many times during some heartbreaking times. Cathy was truly an angel who walked this earth!

**marsha wagner** - October 24, 2020 at 03:47 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine Nash Burkhart.



October 24, 2020 at 11:18 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss,Cathy was a beautiful and caring lady. She will be missed by many.

**Alice Nessline** - October 24, 2020 at 11:01 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Nash Burkhart.



October 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM

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“ Libby enjoyed tennis with Cathy and Roger Murphy and friends. We send our prayers and most sincere condolences.  
Jack and Libby Dittoe.

**Jack Dittoe** - October 24, 2020 at 10:30 AM

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“ Cathy was a very special friend and her family was always welcoming and kind to me during our High School years and beyond. You all have my deepest sympathy and are in my thoughts during this difficult time.

Cathy(Lemmon)Dickson

**Cathy A Dickson** - October 24, 2020 at 10:24 AM

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“ Cathy was the best neighbor you could ask for. She always had a smile for everyone. I will miss her, Mary Ruth Mock



**Deb Mock-Howard** - October 24, 2020 at 10:21 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to the families of Cathy Burkhart. She will be missed by our entire community. May God comfort you all.

**Jack and Gwen Downing** - October 24, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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“ Cathy was a wonderful person, loving wife and mother, she will be missed. Mike and family, Cathy is now at peace with her family in heaven. Martha Brown

**Martha Brown** - October 24, 2020 at 09:57 AM

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“ sorry for your lost Mike Dickson



**Candy Brunton** - October 24, 2020 at 09:19 AM

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“ I have always been grateful to have met Cathy and her family at Northside Beach. We have remained connected in various ways through the years, and I always felt better with a day that included Cathy! My sympathy and prayers for the entire Burkhart and Nash family. Heaven has gained an angel, but we have our treasured memories. Rest In Peace Cathy! Colleen Kiley McCann

**Colleen K. McCann** - October 24, 2020 at 08:46 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Tennis with Cathy, her kids, her family and their friends was always a good time. Cathy always wanted the best for everyone. Roger Murphy

**Roger Murphy** - October 24, 2020 at 07:59 AM

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“ Cathy was a special person! She was always fun and easy to chat with! The world is a sadder place without Cathy.

**Gretchen Booth** - October 24, 2020 at 07:08 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Cathy. She was so kind to me and welcomed me as part of the family while I worked for Mike at Professional Plumbing. She will be missed. Lenny and Shelia Sedlak

**Shelia Halsey Sedlak** - October 23, 2020 at 11:52 PM

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“ I remember Cathy from her work as an RN on the Peds unit at Good Samaritan, back in the good old days when everyone knew everybody. Cathy was an excellent nurse & always had a smile. I was so saddened to read of her passing. My sympathies to her loved ones. RIP dear Cathy.

**Belita Ramsey** - October 23, 2020 at 11:39 PM

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“ I remember Cathy from Genesis Maternity at the births of several of my nieces and nephews. She was the most wonderful and compassionate nurse I have ever met. She will be missed deeply by all of us!

Jacquie Ford - October 23, 2020 at 11:27 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Nash Burkhart.



October 23, 2020 at 10:36 PM

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“ Cathy was not only a compassionate nurse, she was a caring friend. She would do anything she could to help someone in need and always found a way to do it with a smile.  
My condolences to the Burkhart & Nash families. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary (Labaki) Tanner - October 23, 2020 at 10:32 PM

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“ Cathy was such an amazing person and always one of my favorite class moms. I will carry fond memories of her forever. I used to get so excited if I got to ride in her suburban when she would chaperone a field trip in grade school. Later in life, I got to ride that bus in High School until I got my license. It was the best way to start my day! She was always just such a joy to be around! She was a wonderful Mother and an amazing role model!

My family and I are praying for the Nash/Burkhardt families during this sad and difficult time.

Michelle (Owen) Burt - October 23, 2020 at 10:17 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss! I will pray for your family during this time of grief.

Sincerely,

Cindy Shorey

**cindy shorey** - October 23, 2020 at 10:07 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss! I went to St. Thomas School and she was always there. I loved her smile and her laugh! Heaven definitely gained an angel! Prayers and hugs!

**Amanda (Bunting) Hayes** - October 23, 2020 at 09:10 PM

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“ I knew Cathy at Good Samaritan! Great nurse !!! Always had a smile on her face. Ready to help anybody. Cherie Fisher

**Cherie Fisher** - October 23, 2020 at 07:54 PM

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“ I'm so sorry Joe, Nancy and Dennis. Mom (Elaine Smith) worked with Cathy on Pediatrics at Good Samaritan years ago. She had some great stories of Cathy. I'm sure they are up there sharing their memories right now!

**Christy (Smith) McKinney** - October 23, 2020 at 07:41 PM

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“ Cathy had a way to make everyone feel loved. My heart is breaking for her entire family. Malia, Ian I send you my love. Peace be with you

**Leslie Colopy** - October 23, 2020 at 07:27 PM

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“ Joe and Nancy - so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and all of your family Cindy (Hofer) Bessey

**Cindy Bessey** - October 23, 2020 at 07:12 PM

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“ In my mind, Cathy was always a role model of what a nurse should be! She was tough love when it was necessary but so full of life and love! She will be missed! Thoughts and prayers to the family.

**Debbie Wilson** - October 23, 2020 at 07:12 PM

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“ Cathy and I went high school together... She was kind, smart, funny, and passionate... I have fond memories of great times .. in clouding camping in her family's school bus turned camper. The love she had for Mike and her family was apparent in everything she did... I am blessed to have called her my friend...My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire Burkhart and Nash families...

**Vicki McGaughey Hamlin** - October 23, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ My sympathy to the Nash/Burkhart families as you honor her treasured life.

**Stephanie Harnetty** - October 23, 2020 at 06:35 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear this sad news. I knew by her travels she enjoyed her family & life to the fullest! Much love Becky Rayburn

**Becky Rayburn** - October 23, 2020 at 06:33 PM

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“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Nash Burkhart.



October 23, 2020 at 05:37 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Our hearts are heavy with sadness for all the family. Cathy was an awesome person and will be missed by all the people who's lives she touched and she knew everyone. Heaven got a great one today. Prayers for healing.

Dan and Charlotte Snider

**Charlotte Snider** - October 23, 2020 at 05:33 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss - I worked with Cathy on OB and Nursery - hard working- always said yes and willing to help out - just a pure pleasure to be around. prayers to your family at this time - Kim Pitcock

**Kim Pitcock** - October 23, 2020 at 04:52 PM

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“ I worked with Cathy in the nursery at Genesis. She was happy every day and a joy to work with. She was an excellent nurse who was respected by her fellow nurses and physicians. I miss Her smile and Laughter. Rhoda King

**Rhoda King** - October 23, 2020 at 03:44 PM

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“ Janet & The Nash Family

So very sorry for your loss ~ Cathy was such a good person that never met a stranger & always had a smile ~ offering many prayers during this difficult time.

Pam (Murphy) & Todd Mahle



**Pam Mahle** - October 23, 2020 at 03:31 PM

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“ Deb Mock-Howard lit a candle in memory of Catherine Nash Burkhart



**Deb Mock-Howard** - October 23, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ thinking of you all. So very sorry. Cathy and Mike lived next door to my parents and later my mom sold her house to Adam and his family. Cathy and I went to nursing school together and I would see her at work.

**Deb** - October 23, 2020 at 03:19 PM

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“ Went all through grade school and high school with Cathy. She was so much fun to be around and ALWAYS told it like it was. Especially enjoyed the slumber party in the school bus at Dillon! May God be with the Nash/Burkhart families during this very difficult time.

**Jane C Dutro** - October 23, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Cathy was such a wonderful mother, wife and friend. I always enjoyed talking with Cathy. She was always so encouraging and supportive. I loved babysitting for her and Mike years ago! The whole family is in our thoughts and prayers. The Family of Jeff Hall. (Angie Hall- Wagner)



**Angie Wagner** - October 23, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Cathy's passing The family has been friends for years. Many prayers and hugs to the Nash and Burkhart families. She will be missed so much

**Shirley Neel** - October 23, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ So sorry for your loss I worked with Cathy at Genesis Pediatrics for many years. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie Close

**Deborah Close** - October 23, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our continued thoughts and prayers

**Amy Mesre** - October 23, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Cathy was a great living and loving person. She and I attended a student nurse event in Texas during our nursing school days. We represented Student Nurse Association of Zanesville ( SNAZ). Loved her laugh and her appreciation of life.

**Joan Howell** - October 23, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ Prayers for healing for the family. Was in K-C Ladies with her for years. Beautiful lady.

**Beverly Savage** - October 23, 2020 at 02:26 PM