



# Cathy A. Pahel

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## **Cathy A. Pahel**

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**C**athy A. Pahel , age 70, of Pittsburgh, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on August 12, 2019. Cathy is survived by her two Daughters, Kelly Pahel, Jennifer (Andy) Snyder; Brother, Pete (Tricia) Pongibove; Three Granddaughters, Savannah Snyder, Avery McElhaney, and Scarlett Snyder; as well as many nieces, nephews, in-laws and loving friends. Cathy was a 1967 Penn Hills High School Graduate, and received her undergraduate degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1971. In 1974, Cathy married the love of her life Chris Pahel, who she will forever be reunited with in eternal heaven. In 1976, they started a family that will forever be their legacy. While juggling a full family and work schedule, Cathy went on to get her master's degree from the Pennsylvania State University in the early 2000's. Upon completing her degree, she found her passion advocating for children in the foster care system and excelled in all areas of social services. She retired in 2011 to become a full time "Gigi" to her beautiful grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her Husband, Christopher J. Pahel, Father, Mario Pongibove, Mother, Hazel Pongibove, Brother, Rege Pongibove, and her loyal companion...her dog Deuce Pahel. Cathy was a long-time volunteer at the St. Elizabeth's Community Food Bank and was very active in Relay for Life. Cathy had a passion for books and held her Lighthouse Book Club and its members very dear to her heart. Cathy loved going on beach trips with her family, loved her Friday night dinners with her life-long friends, but her happiest times were spent with her grandchildren doing arts and crafts, reading books, and showering them with her amazing hugs, kisses, and snuggles. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2019, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm & Sunday, August 18, 2019, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC., 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pleasant Hills, 15236. A Blessing Service will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019, 10:00 am at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with a wake to follow at a destination to be



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announced. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Cathy's name to The Community Food Bank, c/o St. Elizabeth Church, 1 Grove Pl, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Condolences may be left at [www.jeffersonmemorial.biz](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.biz).



## Tribute Wall

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SM

**Sandy Mahon** posted:

Dear Kelli and Jen: So incredibly sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. We have such great memories of your mom and dad....the girls going to the Bar league football games with our mugs of "tea", double dates, Breezer gatherings, our daughters playing together...so many wonderful, fun times. We pray that Chris and Cathy are eternally together and smiling at their children and grandchildren. Such a huge loss to so many people whose lives they enriched. Sandy and Pat Mahon

September 6 at 3:44 PM

DC

**David Cook** posted:

So sorry to hear of Cathys passing. So many people have great memories of her and Chris,two of the nicest people.My sympathy to her family,may your memories of both of them give you comfort.

August 20 at 4:20 PM

JR

**Julie Ritter** posted:

Cathy was always the sweetest person and raised a great family. My deepest condolences are with you. Know that she is with Chris again. Love, Julie and the Ritter family

August 15 at 5:37 AM

CG

**Cheryl Graziano** posted:

Cathy was the epitome of graciousness and kindness complimented by inner strength and resolve. I so loved to run into her...her smile and encouragement always made me feel happy.

August 14 at 2:32 PM

JT

**Joyce And Terry** posted:

Kelli , Avery Jen And Family, You have my deepest sympathy, if it helps any just think about your Mom and Dad being together again and smiling down at their daughters and grandchildren. Peace and love, Joyce and Terry

August 14 at 5:24 AM



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JD

**Jean Daniels** posted:

I didn't know you very well Cathy, but i do know that your family and my sister and her family loved you with all their hearts. Each and every time we came to Pittsburgh, you Always made me feel welcome! You will always be missed when I come home. RIP Cathy, you earned your place in heaven! 👤👍

August 14 at 4:31 AM

BP

**Betty Preite** posted:

Kelly and Jenny. My deepest condolences to the both of you. Your mom was kind and a comforting soul. She will be missed by many. You are in our thoughts. Betty Preite

August 13 at 4:59 PM

DW

**Donna Werner** posted:

I already miss my friend so much but I am happy that she and Chris are reunited again and will be watching over all of their girls together. You two behave up there!!! ❤️❤️❤️

August 13 at 12:55 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Cathy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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