Catherine Wojnaroski

May 30, 1936 - March 23, 2018

Catherine Virginia Wojnaroski, 81, of Raber, Michigan, died Friday, March 23, 2018, at Rose Arbor Hospice in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Cathy was born May 30, 1936, in Adamsville, Ohio, to John B. Radcliffe and Ombra Virginia (Vinsil) Radcliffe.

Cathy grew up in Adamsville, Ohio, and graduated from Adamsville High School with the class of 1955. Following school, she helped on her family dairy farm and worked in a retail clothing store. She was introduced to her husband Raymond through her cousin Neville Jordan, who had a summer cabin along the St Mary's River adjacent to the farm where Ray lived. When he was in Michigan, Neville was after Ray to write to his cousin Cathy and when he was in Ohio, he was encouraging Cathy to write Ray. Finally, Cathy said well if he writes me, I will reply. So, in 1958, Raymond wrote to Cathy and she replied. After countless letters and a couple of visits between Ohio and Michigan, Raymond Wojnaroski and Catherine Radcliffe were married June 20, 1959, in Adamsville, Ohio. They returned to Ray's family farm in Raber where they made their home. They raised their three children on the family farm where Ray had grown up.

Cathy was known for her cooking and crafts. Many a neighbor can attest to getting one of her favorite fruit pies. She canned many vegetables which Ray and she grew in their garden. She was also someone who was very creative and she liked to do crafts, including painting, crochet, sewing, flower gardening, and photography. She used those skills to teach 4-H when her

children were young. Later on she made items for herself and others and sold items at craft fairs. Cathy made many corn bag heating pads. If anyone mentioned an ache or pain she probably made sure they had one of her heating pads.

When raising her children, Cathy sold Dutch Maid clothing to make some extra money. Later in life, she worked for eighteen years as the cook for the Raber Senior Dinners. Cathy was a life member of the Raber AmVets Auxiliary and served as District 7 President at one time. She also served for many years on the Stalwart Fair Board.

Cathy is survived by her husband, Raymond; daughters, Arlene (Thomas) Matteson of Kalamazoo and Brenda (Mike) Gross of Belding, Michigan; son, Dale (Tami) Wojnaroski of Pickford, Michigan; grandchildren, Keenan Wojnaroski and Alanna Wojnaroski, and great grandchildren, Alex and Olivia. Cathy is also survived by her brother Ronald (Lois) Radcliffe of Torrance, California; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Wojnaroski of Goetzville and Norma Wojnaroski of North Port, Michigan; and many nieces and nephews.

Cathy was preceded in death by her brother, Maurice Radcliffe; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Stanley (Victoria) Wojnaroski, Henry (Loraine) Wojnaroski, Anthony Wojnaroski, Violet Wojnaroski, Blanche (Joseph) Postua, Victoria “Vic” (Casimir) Wielgos, Julian “Jim” (Jesse) Wojnaroski, Eddie Wojnaroski, Louis Wojnaroski, Amelia “Millie” (Arthur) Wahlberg, Valeria “Vi” (Chester) Johnson, Leonard (Virginia) Wojnaroski, and Leo Wojnaroski.

Services will be held at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 South M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. Visitation will be from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 28th and from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Thursday, March 29th, followed by the Funeral Service at 12:30 P.M. on March 29th.

Memorials may be directed to the Raber AmVets Auxiliary; Stalwart Fair, c/o Marc Johnson, 470 W M 48, Pickford, MI 49774; or the Alzheimer’s Association – alz.org.

Interment will be held in the spring at North Raber Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

North Raber Cemetery

Raber Road
Goetzville, MI 49736

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
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Tribute Wall

Catherine Wojnaroski

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM

Catherine Wojnaroski

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM

Catherine Wojnaroski

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM

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My deepest condolences to Uncle Ray, Arlene,, Dale and Brenda. I have great memories of Aunt Cathy and I am so sorry I didn't make it up. Thoughts and love sent to you,. Love Tina Wojnaroski Moore & Leee

Tina Moore (lWojnarosku) - March 29, 2018 at 09:46 PM

MH

Sorry to hear of Cathy's passing, a wonderful and caring person. She watched over me during my 3 yrs. working at the Goetzville, tv transmitter. Always offering helpful advise and a hearty meal. She will be remembered for all the light she brought into the world. Mark Henning (Terri, Lauren and Collin), Bowling Green, Ohio

mark henning - March 28, 2018 at 09:19 PM

KB

So saddened to hear of Cathy's passing. I will always remember her wonderful smile, truly joyful spirit and those wonderful cornbags - of which we have two that we use often and think of Cathy. May her family feel God's loving presence at this time. Love to Ray and the rest of the family.

Keith and Beth Belonga - March 28, 2018 at 08:18 PM

AL

Truly a wonderful woman. Although I admired her for her many talents, I admired her most for her warmth, generosity, and goodness. Sending my warmest thoughts to all: Brenda, Arlene, Dale and most of all to Ray. Angie Leonard.

Angela Leonard - March 28, 2018 at 09:47 AM

LF

Love, Phillip Wojnaroski Jr and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

Love, Phillip Wojnaroski Jr and Family - March 27, 2018 at 09:30 PM

WM

So sorry to hear of Catherine passing. I was in 4-H with her, her mother was my advisor.

Wanda Shirer McGilton - March 27, 2018 at 01:10 PM

With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

March 27, 2018 at 09:17 AM

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

March 27, 2018 at 12:10 AM

CS

My memories of Aunt Cathy are those of a warm and loving person, who seemed to always go the extra mile to put others first. From her famous corn heating bags to her homemade cards, crafts, and sweets, she was always doing something nice for others. I will never forget the wonderful time we had when my family visited in the 90s. We got a guided tour of the highlights of Michigan from Uncle Ray and Aunt Cathy that none of us will ever forget. She leaves a beautiful legacy. My deepest condolences to all who mourn her passing. I smile every time I visualize Uncle Maurice showing his little sister around heaven.

Christy Saville - March 26, 2018 at 11:19 PM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

March 26, 2018 at 06:54 AM

Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

March 25, 2018 at 06:19 PM

LJ

So sad to hear of Cathy's passing. We got to know her from St. Matthias Church. I will miss her homemade cards and treasure her wonderful recipes! Prayers to the family.

Linda Johnson - March 25, 2018 at 02:32 PM

BB

Our prayers are with the family of Catherine's, We so enjoyed our visit and stay with Ray and Catherine back in 2005. They showed us some of the Upper P and the puddin stones on their farm. We still have them in our flower bed from their place..Maurice was our seat mate in church. Always enjoyed listening to his stories. Again our thoughts and prayers are with you..Thanks for the Christmas letters letting us know what was happening with Catherine.

Bonnie Bowden-Darlene Turner

Adamsville, Ohio

Bonnie Bowden - March 25, 2018 at 01:45 PM

SS

So sorry for you loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all Sharon (Fisher) Sadegh

Sharon Sadegh - March 25, 2018 at 01:14 PM

TV

Trina and Jeremy Vonderau purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

Trina and Jeremy Vonderau - March 25, 2018 at 12:32 PM

PP

So sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. She was a fine lady of many talents. She gave my Mom, Celia Warner, a tiger kitten which my Mom enjoyed for several years. RIP Cathy. God has Blessed you and your family in so many ways.

Pat Pontbriand - March 25, 2018 at 12:29 PM

MG

Will miss that beautiful smile and friendly face, but I think of her often when I use my handy rice bag warmer which I've had for many years. Sad for all of you in the loss of your sweet mom.

Meta S. Geyer - March 25, 2018 at 11:50 AM

LT

I'm so sorry to learn of Aunt Cathy's passing. My sympathies to Arlene, Dale, Brenda, and their families. She enjoyed life and shared her joy with her infectious laugh. She was quick to share her bounty from her garden, chickens, or even her lilac bushes. She had so many interests and talents.... but she loved her kids and Uncle Ray most of all. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Lori Schmitigal Tomkinson - March 25, 2018 at 09:33 AM

Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

March 25, 2018 at 07:46 AM

TW

The Familes of Uncle Casey and Aunt Vic Wielgos purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

The Familes of Uncle Casey and Aunt Vic Wielgos - March 24, 2018 at 06:45 PM

CA

Christy, Marshall, Teena & Al purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

Christy, Marshall, Teena & Al - March 24, 2018 at 03:55 PM

RR

Ronald & Lois Radcliffe purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

Ronald & Lois Radcliffe - March 24, 2018 at 03:52 PM

Lavender Tribute Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Catherine Wojnaroski.

March 24, 2018 at 03:44 PM