



Catherine E. Swarr

October 31, 2025

Catherine E. Swarr, 84, of Lancaster, met her Lord and Savior on Friday, October 31, 2025, at Trillium. She was the daughter of the late Charles E. and Margaret (Sears) Nau.

She was preceded in death by an infant, sister, Nancy and three grandchildren: Amanda, Woody, and Matthew Swarr. She is survived by her husband, James W., after 59 years of marriage; son, James M. of East Pete, and David C. (Suzette) of Lititz. She is also survived by three estranged children, Susan Thompson and Debra Miley of Lancaster, and a son, Donald M. of Norwich, CT. There are 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Cathy was a people person. Everyone she worked with loved her. She worked in Customer Service at Garvin's Department Store, where she met her husband, James, who was working his way through college. She worked as the switchboard operator at City Hall under Monahan and then at the Red Cross as Service to military families during the Vietnam conflict. After that, she worked for F&M in food service and then as a Customer Service Rep in the Credit Department at JCPenney. When her youngest entered Junior High, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming an LPN. She spent 11 years as the Treatment/Med Nurse at Calvary Fellowship Homes and 10 years as Charge Nurse in the Personal Care/Garden View unit. She dearly loved all the residents. It was Cathy they called when a resident became "contrary". She had a way of calming any situation. Numerous Medical issues forced her to

retire in 2008.

She loved cooking and had a large collection of cookbooks from wherever they traveled. She always went overboard when having guests or holidays. She enjoyed her time at Grace Baptist Church and the support from many during her medical issues. Many thanks to all the caring, compassionate staff during her final days in Wissler Run at Trillium.

She is free of all pain and rests in the arms of her Lord and Savior.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Catherine's Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA, on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be held in Conestoga Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster, 1899 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Cemetery Details

Conestoga Memorial Park

95 2nd Lock Rd
Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-5300
admin@thegroffs.com
<https://thegroffs.com/>

Funeral Service

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Burial

NOV 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BH

“ Jim,
My condolences to you and your family. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.
Beth A. Hough

Beth Hough - November 09, 2025 at 11:28 PM

RS

“ My fondest memories will always be my Nanny with her great grandson, Noah.



Rachel Swarr - November 07, 2025 at 09:12 AM

LS

“ Linda Martin and Arlene Sears purchased the Fie
ry Lily and Rose for the family of Catherine E.
Swarr.



Linda Martin and Arlene Sears - November 05, 2025 at 08:34 PM

LS

“ Linda Martin and Arlene Sears planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine E. Swarr.

Linda Martin and Arlene Sears - November 05, 2025 at 08:34 PM

RE

“ Recalling many memories of special times together both at Calvary Fellowship & spending time together with Cathy. Jim you are in our thoughts & prayers.

Rebecca Ebersole - November 05, 2025 at 10:40 AM

SS

“ Suzette Swarr lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Swarr



Suzette Swarr - November 05, 2025 at 02:30 AM

SS

“ Some of my fondest memories are those gathered around a beautifully decorated holiday table with family sharing and enjoying a delicious dinner prepared with loving hands. Thank you Jim & Cathy! Cathy always made sure everything was perfect! Her kindness and hospitality will be remembered always! I will always hold these memories dear in my heart. Cathy I will miss you! May you rest in peace ❤️

Suzette Swarr - November 05, 2025 at 02:27 AM