



## Cathleen C. Herbert-Loftin

May 14, 2023

Cathleen C. Herbert-Loftin entered her eternal rest at the age of 73 on Sunday, May 14, 2023. She was born in Des Moines, Iowa on February 14, 1950, to Frederick and Margaret Herbert. Cathleen is survived by her husband of 44 years, Robert Loftin, daughter, Abigail, brother, Steven Herbert of Des Moines, IA and sister, Margaret Peterschmidt of Plymouth, MN.

Cathleen was a graduate of the University of Iowa where she earned a bachelor's degree and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Iowa Writers Workshop.

She pursued a freelance writing career covering insider trading reported at the Securities and Exchange Commission while living in northern Virginia. After moving to Lancaster in 1987, she developed an interest in English language education where she pursued post-graduate education studies at Millersville University. Cathleen taught at Penn State University York campus and the Reading Area Community College.

Cathleen's hobbies varied. She pursued writing and painting and had an interest in creating ceramic plaques with Celtic and medieval themes. She filled her home with her own paintings and art from the Lancaster area. One of her greatest joys was to entertain friends with food, drink, and an evening of her favorite card game – pinochle.

Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate Cathleen's life at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. N. Thomas Barninger and Rev. Steve Jones officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment in De Moines, IA, will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Food for the Poor at <https://foodforthe poor.org/> or Prison Fellowship at <https://www.prisonfellowship.org/>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

CH

“ I knew Cathy at the University of Iowa. We shared an interest in writing fiction. I will always remember her fondly and just recently found a story that she wrote at Iowa, tried to look her up, and found this obituary.. If the family is interested in a copy of a short story she wrote, email me at [tandori@aol.com](mailto:tandori@aol.com). I am very sorry that I did not reconnect with Cathy who I remember as being a very warm and kind person.

Christina - March 28, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ Cathleen C. Herbert-Loftin

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

JS

“ I will always remember my good, no great, friend Cathy. I only knew her a little over 30 years. Whenever we spent time together, we always had a good time. I know that she had friends who had known her for more than 40, 50 or even 60 years, so 30 years seem so short, but even though we had only this short time, I will always cherish the years I got to spend with my friend. I remember painting at the pottery shop, shopping at Vanity Fair and Reading China and Glass, playing pinochle, creating medieval tiles, the art show at the Farm Show Complex, teaching together at RACC, sharing our love of cats, and on and on. Let me tell you, 30 years were just not enough. Goodbye, my dear, dear friend. I miss you so much.



Jyl H Snyder - June 04, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cathleen C. Herbert-Loftin.



June 01, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Cathleen C. Herbert-Loftin.



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“ I have such fond memories of spending time with the Herbert family as a young girl at Christmas time, and later visits to their home on 23th Street in Des Moines. I remember Cathy (Kitz) as a teenager, spending time with us younger cousins, skipping down the street with us. She impressed me as the smart, witty, confident and fun-loving person that she was. I wish that I had more opportunities to spend time with her in later in life. Sincere sympathy to Bob, Abby, Steve, and Bugs.

Karen (Swain) Kruse - May 31, 2023 at 11:42 PM

TF

“ *The Swain family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Cathleen C. Herbert-Loftin.*



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**The Swain family** - May 31, 2023 at 11:20 PM

KH

“ *Karen H. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cathleen C. Herbert-Loftin.*



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**Karen H.** - May 30, 2023 at 12:52 PM