



Catherine H. Paul

June 13, 1920 - October 18, 2016

Catherine H. Paul was born Catherine Theresa Hawkins on June 13th, 1920 in Sebring, Ohio. Her father was Arthur Edwin Hawkins from Iowa and her mother Mary Ann McCauley, Scotland.

Catherine was the youngest of 7 children all of her older siblings were boys; and I can only imagine that she was not only the apple of her mother and father's eyes but she was looked out for by her older brothers.

She was a child of the depression; Catherine's father was a cement contractor, the family was not well off and she told stories of people bringing food to their house. Catherine's mother, Mary Ann, was a devout Catholic and all of the children were raised in the Catholic Church. She would go to church weekly and when she was old enough would ring the Church bells. As Catherine got older she worked in the ticket booth of the local cinema, movies were a nickel; there was a young man that she would let sneak into the theatre because his family was poor and he could not afford a ticket. Her mother would walk her home at the end of the night.

After graduating from Sebring High School, Catherine attended Mercy School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She received her RN, and then joined the Navy at the beginning of WWII. It was during this time that Catherine met Charles Paul, who was a Navy fighter pilot, on a blind date. Catherine and Charles were married shortly thereafter. Charles was later sent to the South Pacific where he would stay until the end of the war.

Catherine had 5 children, Mary Catherine, Kathy Ann, Chuck, Mark and

James. Aside from raising a family Catherine helped Charles in not only the hotel business but in the restaurant business as well. She was a hard worker and an equally tough task master. She was an old-fashioned no nonsense mother who could either put you in your place with a wooden spoon or a reprimand. When Catherine and Charles operated the Steak and Ale on 17/92 in Maitland, she even foiled an attempted robbery by refusing to take the gunman to the safe, stopping him in his tracks by saying, "what would your mother think of you?"

Catherine was widowed in 1973 and never remarried. She said there was only 1 Charles. For 20 years she was a pink lady at Mercy Hospital in Pine Hills. Catherine also had a penchant for helping elderly people and saw more than a few during their final years.

Later in life Catherine became a fixture walking Park Ave. in Winter Park with her Visiting Angel aides. She lived alone until she was 95.

Catherine was a strong woman who lived through both hard and good times. She overcame many obstacles in her life and quit smoking after nearly 50 years! She remained a devout Catholic and would often say, "It's a great life if you don't weaken."

She was tough but would give you the shirt off her back. She was one of a kind.

Catherine died October 18th at 11:00 PM.

A memorial Mass will be held at Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Winter Park on October 28th. at 11:00 AM.

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Tribute Wall

LK

“*MaryKay (Paul), Chuck, Mark (Jenay) & Jim (Lori) (and heavenly Kathy Ann) -- I never had the pleasure of knowing your Mom but I certainly feel like I did. One thing is for sure, she surely has wonderful kids! Over the twelve years that MaryKay and I have been friends, I have heard many a story and we have shared a few grins over the antics of your Mom. Just to see this picture of her shows me that while she was indeed a lady through and through, she had a great sense of humor. Her battle is over now and she is at peace in the arms of Jesus. Godspeed Catherine, 'keep the coffee hot'!!!!*

With all our love and deepest sympathy.

Linda and Rob Kirschner - October 28, 2016 at 02:01 PM

CT

“*Deep Creek Lake and our families were sonorous with skiing adventure and havoc of one kind or another. Thank goodness your mom, Aunt Kay was there to be a barometer for common sense and decorum. what a long wonderful life, she had many years to spread her wisdom and wit and kick butt in scrabble. i will always remember these gals dressing in the Kathy Cotton gowns to go someplace special. always a lady always a sweetheart. Love, Cindy Schnatterly Thatcher and family.*

Cynthia Thatcher - October 27, 2016 at 08:43 AM

SB

“*Mary Kay, Chuck, Mark & Jim, Our second family. We have so many wonderful memories and so many wonderful times. Your mom was quite a lady and she will be missed. Our hearts and thoughts are with you all. Love, Susan*

Susan Baxter - October 26, 2016 at 08:19 PM

KA

“ Summers were always a special time with Grandma. She loved to walk, swim in the pool , play Scrabble and cards, go to church and take us to dinner. I will always remember her singing “She’ll be coming round the Mountain” in the pool!! Thanks for those special memories, Grandma...Miss you..... Love, Kathy Ann (II)

Kathy - October 26, 2016 at 11:12 AM

WP

“ With Love, Lori and John Popkowski purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Catherine H. Paul.



With Love, Lori and John Popkowski - October 26, 2016 at 09:55 AM

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James G. Paul - October 25, 2016 at 11:34 AM

MS

“ Catherine, known to us as Kay, was a part of our lunch group, after swimming at the Y, for many years. She is fondly remembered as a refined lady of high moral character. Kay was beautiful inside and out! She was devoted to her Church and family. She is missed and thought of often.
Micki Smith

Micki Smith - October 25, 2016 at 09:21 AM