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Forsyth – Cathy A. Watts, 67, of Decatur, passed away Sunday, March 01, 2015 in Hickory Point Christian Village.

Cathy was born on January 9, 1948, in Springfield, IL the daughter of Joseph and Clara (Buedel) Kramp. She worked as a Registered Nurse at St. Mary's and lastly for St. John's Hospice. Throughout her career, she was passionate in her quest to help oncology & hospice patients and their families find comfort in their final phase of life. Cathy was an active resident of Albany Place and served on its board. She also enjoyed participating in the local Parkinson Disease support group.

Surviving are her daughters: Marie (Scott) Briggs of Arlington Heights, IL, and Julie (Andrew) Cox of Decatur; grandchildren: Claire and Dalton Briggs and Landric and Tiernan Cox; sister, Mary Jo (Ron) Campbell of Woodridge; niece, Mari Campbell and nephews: Geoffrey and Derek Campbell.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 3 to 6 pm in the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home with a funeral service to celebrate her life to follow at 6 pm. Burial will take place at a later date in Macon County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the American Parkinson Disease Association.

The family of Cathy A. Watts is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary and send condolences to the family at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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SS

Sandra L. Steppig posted:

To Cathy's family, The last time I talked to Cathy was by phone after my DBS surgery. I had been up to visit her some months ago and was planning to make the drive up from Millstadt when the weather got nicer. When I attempted to call her phone today it was disconnected. I was worried. I was right. You see, we shared in common the diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease. We were paired together by the National Chapter of The American Parkinson's Association. It was a good match. We were both RN's who loved their work, especially home care. We both worked for the HSHS system. We both were active in the St Louis Chapter APDA support groups. Well, I just want to tell you that Cathy was a very important part of my life the last 8 years or so. She was my support and my sounding board with the news of my diagnosis. She listened to me all through my parents' illness and their deaths just 11 months apart. She listened to me as I decided to quit work and go thru the process of applying for SSDI. She was always there listening to me and giving support as needed. We did not meet face to face often. Once she came down to Lebanon, IL and had lunch with me. Once we met in Springfield and went to a PD seminar. That was when she could still drive. Once I drove all by myself up to the assisted living facility she was residing in at the time. She could not believe I came all by myself! I watched her decline, but she took it gracefully. I hope I can do as well as she did. I have lots of emails from Cathy when she could still type and a few notes from her, even when it was difficult for her to write. I am still fighting my Parkinson's Disease. I exercise daily, take my meds, and I had that DBS surgery. I am also participating in Go! St. Louis in April. I am doing the one mile. That's about all I can do. I will dedicate that walk to Cathy! She left her imprint on my life for sure!!!! Respectfully, Sandy Steppig Millstadt, IL

March 24 at 10:48 AM

DG

Debra Gremo posted:

Marie and Julie, I just learned yesterday of the passing of your mom, and I have great sadness in my heart that I did not reconnect with her glowing self before we lost her. I have so many warm memories of our times with you all while we were neighbors, times I took for granted. I had lost touch with her after she was at Albany Place, and I had just tried finding her again last Christmas when I found a woman with the same name living at Keystone Meadows and sent a Christmas card to that address. I have read the many glowing tributes to her and am proud to add my own; and what a legacy that is, as should be all of our goals, to touch lives the way she did. You are in my thoughts and in my heart — Love, Debra Gremo and Family

March 18 at 6:23 AM



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MM

Marie Mcgrann posted:

Cathy was a very special woman-intelligent, warm, kind and loving. She always took good care of her children and loved her grandchildren very much. She will be missed by a lot of people. May God comfort her family and friends at this sad time. Max and Marie McGrann

March 5 at 6:03 AM

TC

Thomas Coleman posted:

Cathy was a wonderful person and she touched our lives with grace. Marie and Julie, our hearts are with you and please know we will always be only a phone call away. Tom & Lena, Lisa & Michelle

March 4 at 3:51 AM

RA

Regan Anstine posted:

Marie & Julie, May the light of your mother continue to shine down upon you. She was amazing and we are all blessed to have known her. I have so many fond memories, but above all, it was her smiling face that I loved. She will be dearly missed.

March 3 at 4:53 PM

WL

Willetta Leaks posted:

A wonderful and sweet lady. I truly enjoyed working for her. We had many conversations about the family, 2 daughters, 2 sons-in-law, sister and brother-in-law and her precious grandchildren. Her friends at Albany place. My heart goes out to family. You have my deepest sympathy. My God for ever keep you. Willetta Leaks

March 3 at 2:35 PM

KS

Kathy Scholer posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Cathy A. Watts

March 3 at 9:15 AM



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Lynn Berner posted:

Marie and Julie. You, your spouses and your children were the light in your mom's life! I was truly blessed to have your mom as a friend.

March 2 at 1:29 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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