



## Catherine Maria Herman

September 7, 1962 - June 23, 2020

Catherine Maria Mathea Herman passed quietly away in the early morning on June 23, 2020 with her husband Tim at her side. Cathy was born on September 7, 1962 to David and Maria Mathea. Two years later the family grew when Cathy's sister Suzann was born. The family was devastated in 2001 when David passed away unexpectedly. Several years later they welcomed Maria's new husband Don Auckerman and were stunned by the loss when he passed away suddenly in 2014. After graduation Cathy took a job at Olde Discount Broker and that was where she met the love of her life, Tim. They were married in an intimate ceremony in 2011. By the time the company they worked for was sold and moved out of state, Cathy had attained the position of Assistant Vice President of Operations. Cathy and Tim were both offered jobs at the new company but decided to stay in Michigan and Cathy used her free time to volunteer at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Cathy enjoyed traveling and one of her favorite places was going with friends and family to Las Vegas where she and Tim would spend hours at a blackjack table. She also loved watching T.V. at home with Tim while waiting for a pizza delivery. Besides being husband and wife, they were also best friends who found each other fascinating and funny. Cathy was an avid reader, an internet shopping master, a gardener and an accomplished cook. She was smart, artistic and a great conversationalist with an amazing and sometimes silly sense of humor.

Her love of color was evident when she developed cancer and she went to her

chemo treatments wearing a purple wig or to a restaurant wearing one of her assortment of whimsical children's hats she had made especially for her. Cathy and Tim's lives changed dramatically when a stroke caused by the cancer partially paralyzed her and severely limited her ability to speak. Tim decided she belonged at home and he became her primary caregiver. Cathy's days were filled with therapy and time spent with her nurse's aides Julie and Melinda. Cathy and Julie became great friends and one of Tim's best memories is a video where Julie coached Cathy to sing Happy Birthday to Tim. When the cancer took over Tim made the heartbreaking decision to say goodbye for now and Cathy entered hospice a few short weeks before her death. She leaves behind her husband Tim, mother Maria, sister Suzann, pets Dash and GiGi and many life-long friends. She was preceded in death by her father David and step-father Don. Visitation will be at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, Utica, MI on Friday, June 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with a 7:00 service officiated by Pastor Stephen Euper. In lieu of flowers, donations made be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000. Rochester, MI 48038. Please share a memory with her family at: [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN **26**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial Pending

JUN **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Unnamed Location

# Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Catherine Maria Herman.



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June 26, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ Cathy , you will be missed you were always so much fun to be at around. We enjoyed every time we went out with you and Tim. One thing I will say for sure is that you were Loved and you made Tim very Happy. Now it is time for you to continue your works of good in heaven! May God bless you and give all of us the strength to Love as you did.

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**Lou Jozefiak** - June 26, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ I am grateful to have known such an incredible, kind, and funny lady as Cathy and to have counted her among my extended family. I will always remember her laugh that could brighten anyone's day and her sharp wit. Among my favorite memories is the time she “hypnotized” me and my siblings as kids but really just pranked us. I am smiling now writing this as I think back. Thank you, Cathy. Heaven is a little bit brighter with your presence. Love always, Brenna

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**Brenna Blakey** - June 26, 2020 at 07:40 AM

BZ

“ In nearly every memory I have of Cathy, she is smiling, the room is full of warmth, and those around her are laughing. Some memories aren't any shaper than that, since I've known Cathy all of my life and she's been part of my extended family since before I could remember. I am so lucky to have had Cathy in my life.  
All my love, Brie (Blakey) Ziegler

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**Brianne Ziegler** - June 25, 2020 at 09:12 PM

MB

“ Rest in God's Loving Arms Cathy. Had some great times at Oldie Discount forever in our hearts ❤️

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**Mary Brachel** - June 25, 2020 at 09:15 AM

BB

“ My Dear Cathy, You have made the world brighter and a lot more fun for many people! Many fun times from our early days hitting the Eastside at many of our favorite spots...including Marge's Bar! The great trips to LV with you and Tim hanging out at the Golden Nuggett blackjack tables...hearing you tell everyone "double, double, double". You always gave sage counsel, providing a spark of light when you walked into a room and were a loyal friend. Our loss has made Heaven a better place. Love, Brian and Dianna Blakey

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**Brian Blakey** - June 25, 2020 at 07:02 AM