



Catherine Faith Matthews-Pennanen

July 23, 1956 - January 27, 2022

Catherine Matthews-Pennanen died Thursday, January 27, 2022 at her home in Berkley. She was 65 at the time of her death and is survived by her husband, Michael; her three kids, Cary (and daughter-in-law Kat), Neil, and Daley; her one grandchild, Zoie; and her dog, Ollie. Cath died after fighting hard against stage 4 lung cancer. She was married to Michael for 42 years. Cath was a pediatric physical therapist, spending most of her life wrestling with babies and helping hundreds of families. She was active in the jazzercise community as well as multiple book clubs. She inspired others with her relentless positivity as well as her quiet but loving voice. She will be missed by all who knew her. We will not be conducting a funeral service at this time, but plan to have a Celebration of Life later in the spring.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ I worked with Cath at MISD, and she became a treasured friend. I learned a lot from Cath in my years working with her and she was a respected colleague. When she was sick the last time and this time, I would call to check on her and she always made it a point to ask how each member of my family was. I brought her a meal in the fall and she ended up sending me with homemade banana bread that she and Dailey made for me to share with our friends at MIPP. Cath had a deep love for her family and friends and would generously do anything for anyone of them. I will miss Cath but feel blessed to have known her. My prayers go out to her family.

Michele Kraski - February 06, 2022 at 03:41 PM

DD

“ Cath was a thoughtful listener, wonderful friend and dedicated professional to children and parents. I admired her conviction to important causes and she taught me many good lessons. A wonderful member of the MIPP sisterhood. I am missing her greatly. We send our love to the family. Diane and Mike Donoghue

Diane Donoghue - February 03, 2022 at 10:18 AM

JM

“ Mike, I am so sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. My heart goes out to You and your Family at this very sad time. May God give you strength, fortitude and comfort in this time of grieving. God Bless You!

Jerry McFarland

Jerry McFarland - January 31, 2022 at 09:13 AM

JO

“ Mike, Family, & Friends:

I'm sorry to hear about Cathy. I had no knowledge that she was fighting cancer. After reading about Cathy I know she was lots of things to many people and will be missed tremendously. You have my deepest sympathies. I wish you peace and comfort as you grieve.

Johnny O'Connell

John O'Connell - January 30, 2022 at 01:01 PM

JK

“ Mike, I am terrible sorry for your loss. I had no idea you were carrying such a heavy cross. My prayers and condolences to you and your family. If there’s anything I can offer for support, do not hesitate to to ask.
Jerry kovacs



Jerry Kovacs - January 29, 2022 at 09:01 PM

ML

“ Michael, Your entire Ski Patrol family is devastated by your loss and wants you to know we are here to support you in any way we can. We are so sorry for your loss and hope you can find peace in all of this.

Michael Longfellow-Jones - January 29, 2022 at 02:44 PM

DA

“ Mike, we are so sorry to hear about Cathy. We are praying for you and your family. Cathy had this great smile, like you had been friends for ever when she greeted you.

Dan and Diane Allen

Dan Allen - January 29, 2022 at 08:53 AM

TO

“ So sorry for your loss, Mike & family.

Trish Oliver - January 28, 2022 at 10:57 PM

CZ

“ I had not seen Cath in awhile, but Mike and I have crossed paths several times the last few years. I do remember when Catherine & Michael joined the ROFD Family. Loss is never easy! Remember Cath’s smile, and her attitude, and cherish her memories, and her love for her Family. You have my thoughts, prayers, and sympathy Mike and Family. Sincerely,
Catherine Naas Zimmerman

Cathy Zimmerman - January 28, 2022 at 08:40 PM

RN

“ The heavens gained another great one of our ROFD family. I remember when she went on the ROFD white water rafting trip and will always remember her with a smile. Hold so tight to the memories that bring smiles. With shared sympathy and prayers for you Mike and your family. Rita Nicholas

Rita Nicholas - January 28, 2022 at 07:41 PM

DB

“ *Such a beautiful person inside and out. Our condolences and prayers to the Matthews-Penannen family 🙏🙏🙏*

Drew and Donna Ballard

Drew Ballard - January 28, 2022 at 07:20 PM

RS

“ *A wonderful, caring, loving woman with a super nice family. Not fair.....*

Rick Sage - January 28, 2022 at 04:58 PM