



Catherine Joanne Yassay-Nelson

March 11, 1955 - June 19, 2013

Catherine "Cathy" Joanne Yassay-Nelson, died on June 19, 2013, age 58, at William Beaumont Hospital of cancer. She was a longtime resident of Royal Oak. Cathy was born on March 11, 1955 in Detroit. She was the second child of six children born to Emilie Leger Yassay. Cathy grew up in Garden City attending St. Raphael's Catholic School and Garden City West High School. She followed her passion of helping others through the Shapero School of Nursing graduating as a registered nurse and specializing in cardiac care. Survived by her husband, Mark Nelson; son, Enrique Nelson; daughter, Reyna Nelson; and brothers, Mark Cindy Yassay, David Elizabeth Yassay and Joseph Debbie Yassay. Her adventurous spirit will be missed by many loving nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her mother, Emilie Gabrielle Leger Yassay; and sisters, Cheryl Cuneo Yassay and Julie Edds Yassay. There will be a memorial visitation on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 from 3-9 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. The Memorial Mass with a reception immediately following will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower 12 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Gilda's House in Cathy's name. Our dearest Cathy, your friends and family will miss your smile, your laugh and your unconditional love and support, but will forever carry your love of adventure and spontaneous spirit in our hearts. We thank you for the joy you provided through your wit and laughter, the fun you taught us to have under any circumstance and the

strength you demonstrated throughout your life. You can shed tears that she is gone or you can smile because she has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back or you can open your eyes and see all she's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her or you can be full of the love she shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her and only that she's gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Tribute Wall

DY

“ My sister Cathy was one of those very special people that don't come along very often! She did all she could for the people she loved and still found the capacity to care about complete strangers, she was a nurse, devoting her life to helping others, She helped people and families deal with tragedies we only hope never happens to some one we care about daily, and left a peace and understanding behind. As she was facing her own end she still made sure everyone was comfortable and were taking care of themselves, from the time she found out the bad news she was consumed in making her passing easier for everyone around her, making sure things would be ok for her family after she was gone! I thank God for blessing me with a sister like her and hope to be more like her so that maybe, somehow she will be proud of me just one one hundredth the amount I am of her!

David Yassay - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I was deeply sadden to hear of Cathy's passing. I haven't seen her since High School, but we were pretty close as young girls. Elementary and Jr High We had the best Barbies with tons of outfits and we played for hours after school and weekends. I moved out of state after High School and lost touch with all my friends. It would have been nice to have been able to see her again at the reunion. I see by the many comments that Cathy was a wonderful person in her adulthood as she was in her childhood years! My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.....

Kim Maher - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I grew up with her on barton.. I will always remember her..

diane norwood - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Cathy Yassay Nelson. On behalf of all of Cathy's Yassay Nelson's Palid Family Cousins and their families, I would like to express our deepest sympathies for your great loss. We are sending out prayers, positive thoughts and positive vibes to Cathy and the entire Yassay and Nelson Families. Aunt MadeleineLeger Palid also sends our her love and her deepest sympathies and prayers for Cathy and for your families. With Deepest Sympathy and Sincerest Condolences

Mark Palid - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Cathy was a humble, kind, compassionate, and caring person in her teenage years. Upon seeing Cathy's name on the list of Fallen Friends of Garden City yesterday, I was overcome with great sadness. I had hoped to see her at our school reunion. All the kind words about her life imprints her legacy upon the lives of others.

Donna Sly - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Cathy was a genuine human being, I don't think I was ever around her when she wasn't bearing a smile on her face. She was an inspiration to me as a young girl and an encouragement to enter the field of nursing. I truly admired her integrity as a health care provider, but mostly for the person she was herself to all who she encountered. She was a generous person and would give you the shirt off of her back if she thought you needed it! You are with your other family members again, but I am sure you will offer some kind of guardian direction for the ones that have yet to join you again some day. Until then, be at peace and enjoy your eternal life dear Cathy.

Constance M. Lee - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ She was the most loving and caring person I have ever known. I loved Cathy and I miss her dearly. I am happy and proud to have lived with her for so long.

Mark Nelson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I am a patient at the Cardiac Rehab unit where Cathy worked. She was a big inspiration to me, such a wonderful human being that I had the pleasure of knowing. Gone much too soon but her kindness will never be forgotten.

Betty McCain - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I will miss seeing Cathy's smiling face at the top of my street. She was such a strong woman and I had the greatest admiration for her. I loved her many garage sales; whatever I admired she insisted I take with me and as a result, I have many pieces of outdoor furniture and garden art that shall forever make me think of Cathy with great fondness. It is hard to understand why someone so good had to die so young.

Joyce Wiswell Miller - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Family, Please accept this post as my expression of sympathy over the loss of your dear loved Catherine. I am writing to you about the Bible's wonderful hope of a future resurrection Acts 24:15. The wise man Job expressed his hope this way when he said at Job 14:14 "If an able body man dies can he live again..." This hope is held out to all mankind, including your loved Catherine. May the "God of mercy" be a source of comfort to you during your time of bereavement.

Mrs. Houston - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM