



Catherine (Buckley) Fortier

October 6, 1950 - September 13, 2021

Catherine M. (Buckley) Fortier, 70, of Bristol and formerly of Southington, died Sept. 13, 2021, after facing MS for 35 years with courage, dignity and a wicked sense of humor.

Born in Buffalo, NY, Cathy was the daughter of Mary (Guyer) Buckley of Kensington, and the late Myles A. Buckley. She graduated from Berlin High School and never disappointed as the Class of 1968's "Class Clown."

After attending the former Briarwood College, Cathy spent several years as a corporate executive assistant. She then focused on raising a family, where her son, Christopher, and daughter, Karyn, grew up in a home and neighborhood full of fun, laughter, loud music, gratitude and determination.

In her efforts to help individuals and families confronting Multiple Sclerosis, Cathy in 1991 founded the first MS support group in Southington. Despite the obstacles she faced, Cathy was a force of nature and, without fail, always the life of the party.

In addition to her beloved mother and children, Cathy is survived by four brothers, Myles J. Buckley of Windsor; Jeffrey M. Buckley and his wife, Jo, of Georgia; Mark A. Buckley and his wife, Leann, of New Milford; and Patrick J. Buckley of Kensington; several nieces and nephews, extended family and faithful friends, including Nancy Urso. Cathy's family is grateful to the staff of Village Green of Bristol, with special appreciation to Michelle, Monica and Mark.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday (Sept. 20, 2021) at 10

a.m. DIRECTLY at St. Paul Church in Kensington. Interment will follow in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. Calling hours are Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bread For Life, 31 Vermont Ave., Southington, CT 06489, or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 659 Tower Ave., First Floor, Hartford, CT 06112. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Cemetery

Worthington Ridge
Berlin, CT 06037

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
45 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
(860) 225-6361
carlsonfh@aol.com
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Church
485 Alling Street
CT 06037

Tribute Wall

CR

“ I had the privilege of knowing Cathy in high school, and still can vividly remember her being our steadfast prompter during the course of rehearsals for the senior class play. My deepest sympathy to Kathy's family and all who loved this wonderful woman and what she brought to this world of ours.

*Cynthia Blackburn Robotham
BHS Class of 1968*

cynthia robotham - November 04, 2021 at 03:12 PM

DB

“ Sending my deepest condolences to all of Catherine's family. She absolutely made an impact on my life. She listened when I needed an ear, made me laugh, literally most days, and truly showed me that we always need to see the brighter side even when it was dark outside. I will carry her memory with me always.

Dionne

Dionne Brown - September 20, 2021 at 09:35 PM

KN

“ My sincere condolences to Cathy's family. She brightened the halls of BHS with her humorous and exciting personality...remembering Cathy always brings a smile. It was great to have her with us at a recent class reunion...and I'm sure the laughs are still echoing thru the halls of BHS...may her memory bring you joy and inspiration.

KC Nappi, BHS '68

KEITH NAPPI - September 19, 2021 at 02:03 PM

MB

“ *Cathy, we have been brother and sister for over 70 years and always knew each other as we always were growing up. We knew so much laughter along with a few tears and we all together shared in our family’s joys and sadness. I know that you have taken a piece of all of us with you to heaven.*

Myles Joseph (MJ)

Myles J Buckley - September 19, 2021 at 01:10 PM

DC

“ *Kayrn, Chris, and Billy's cousins I am sorry for your loss. Lots of great family memories the beach, and spending weekends at Cathy's house and shopping with Cathy. And of course all the laughs we all shared. Denise (Bubbas favorite Niece)*

Denise coughlin - September 18, 2021 at 06:11 PM

TM

“ *To Cathy's family,*

My sincere condolence for your loss. Cathy will be remembered for her grace and determination, her caring and commitment to others and for her fun humor, with a laugh that would always fill the room.

*With sympathy,
Tim McCarthy
High School Classmate*

Tim McCarthy - September 17, 2021 at 07:02 PM

JO

“ *Cathy was a charming and adventurous women who appreciated most as a friend and she is and was a fun loving human being. I will always keep her in my heart. To her family and friends, my sympathies and condolences, may you all remember her with great stories and laughter.*
Joseph Niedermayer

Joey - September 16, 2021 at 02:34 PM

NM

Cathy was always a fun loving woman Berlin high school was a fun place because of her. My sympathy and prayers go out to her family, May Cathy RIP 🙏

Nancy Oliveri McDougal - September 17, 2021 at 06:01 PM

GA

“ *Chris, I am very sorry to hear of you mom's passing. She sounded like a wonderful woman who made a great life for you and your sister. May she rest in peace. Gerry*

Gerry Amodio - September 16, 2021 at 01:58 PM

EG

“ *We'll see you again Sassy Frass. My first Niece.*

Edward Guyer - September 16, 2021 at 12:55 PM

DM

“ *Cathy and I were roommates at Briarwood back in 1968. We also worked at the same company and lived on the same street several years later. Although distance has prevented us from seeing each other for several years, she'll always hold a place in my heart. We had so many laughs together (that's Cathy), and we bonded through times of joy and sadness.*

My thoughts and prayers go out to Chris, Karyn, and the remaining family.

Diane Moore - September 16, 2021 at 10:51 AM

MS

“ *Thinking of you Pat. You remember the good memories you made with your sister! Love Marie and John Simpson*



Marie Simpson - September 16, 2021 at 08:53 AM

LC

“ *Sending Karyn and Chris and your whole family my deepest condolences. Many fond memories of your mom... may she rest peacefully.*

Lisa (Kochol) Carroll - September 15, 2021 at 09:56 PM

BH

“ *Sending all my love to you Karyn & Chris, and your whole family. The memories you have you of your mom will live on forever. We are here for you always ❤️*

Betsy Harvey - September 15, 2021 at 06:26 PM

RP

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies for the loss of your beautiful daughter, mother, sister and friend Kathy. She gave so much and fought so hard in this world. May she be at peace .

Roxanne and Joe Piazza - September 15, 2021 at 03:10 PM

RC

“ To the Fortier family, sending my deepest condolences. May she rest in peace. Love Rachel Crowley

Rachel Crowley - September 15, 2021 at 12:02 PM