



Catherine Mary Culak

January 22, 1945 - February 28, 2022

Catherine Mary Culak passed away on February 28, 2022 at the age of 77. Catherine's love of life didn't come to an end with her death. She was surrounded by her loving family who will continue to honor her legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

Catherine was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She had just recently moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, but had spent the majority of her life in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she felt most at home. She built beautiful relationships with so many wonderful people in Albuquerque, who were consistently a strong support system for her.

Catherine loved spending time with her children and grandchildren whenever possible. She also loved playing games like Scrabble and Mahjong, visiting, sharing meals, and traveling with friends. She was an incredible cook and frequently shared the comfort of her delicious baking. She freely extended her kindness to those around her, lending a helping hand and volunteering for various organizations. She was a great listener and always made you feel special and important. She also had an incredible sense of humor, which remained intact. It was one of the ways she won the hearts of many of her doctors and nurses in her last months.

Catherine was born January 22, 1945 in Warrington, England to parents

Francis and Mary Stirrup. She grew up in Warrington and after high school, continued her education to become a teacher. Catherine taught middle school in England, then taught second grade in Canada before taking a year off to travel the United States. During a stop in Key West, she met Jerry Culak and they were married a year later. They settled in Deming, New Mexico, where Catherine worked as a nurse aid at the hospital and where their two children were born. In 1981, the family relocated to Albuquerque, Catherine began her career as a bookkeeper at Earth Origins shoe store.

She is survived by her ex-husband, Jerry Culak; son Mike Culak and his partner Jack Cuevas; daughter, Mary Spezza and her husband Nicholas; granddaughters Adia (16) and Nicola (12); her brother John and his wife Sue and her brother Gerard and his wife Barbara; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and her brothers Paul and Alban.

A Rosary Service (10:00 a.m. MST) and Memorial Service (11:00 a.m. MST) will be held at Saint John XXIII Church 4831 Tramway Ridge Dr NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 on Friday, May 6th. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to be made in Catherine's honor to Francis House Catholic Worker. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 80132, Albuquerque, NM 87198 care of Glenn Rosedale.

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 6. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. John XXIII Church
4831 Tramway Ridge Dr. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Memorial Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Catherine Mary Culak

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ MY DEAR FRIEND AND SOUL MATE CATHERINE: I only met Catherine in February 2020 as she moved to Manzano and lived across the hall during the Pandemic . Right away we felt like old friends and shared so much of our lives . She always had the nicest laugh and i made her laugh so much . I have had few friends I felt we sure were meant to shared our time together.so short but so wonderful as we shared our love for our Savior ., and Lord.Our goodbye was "We will meet again in Heaven". Blessings to Mike ,Mary, Nick and her precious granddaughters.

ILENE - April 10, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ A warm smile comes to my face and heart when I think of Catherine. It was always wonderful to be in her presence, hear her voice and laughter. Her English wit and sense of humor were never lost.
Besides being homemaker, mother, wife, volunteer, community and church person, extraordinaire, Catherine was very artistic, having completed many beautiful paintings.
My sincere condolences to the family.
Love, Roseann

Roseann LaPlace - April 09, 2022 at 09:49 AM

NJ

“ Aunt Cath, you are at peace. I will always remember you. You always had a kind word. I remember your exquisite cooking. In the morning you'd have the table set beautifully with cloth napkins in the ring holders, orange juice and our vitamins laid out in front of us. Then you'd pack me a lunch for school with your homemade bread that was so delicious. I remember all of us walking to Holy Family Church for mass. I have wonderful loving memories of you. Please give my dad a BIG hug for me and tell him I love him. Michael and Mary you had an amazing mother. May each memory of her bring warmth to your heart and a smile to your face.

Love you,

Natasha (Culak) Jasso

Natasha (Culak) Jasso - March 29, 2022 at 10:45 PM

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Cath thank you for all the good times we shared like trips and eating out. Barbara Moyer

Barbara Moyer - April 13, 2022 at 12:23 PM