



Catherine P. Burleson

April 20, 1936 - January 13, 2022

Catherine Pauline Scurich Burleson, of Easton, Maryland, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend passed away peacefully January 13, 2022, from complications due to a heart attack.

Cathy (“Cats”) was born April 20, 1936, to Anthony and Pauline Scurich. Raised in Watsonville, California, she was extremely proud of her Croatian heritage. Cathy often reminisced of her wonderful life filled with family and friends in Watsonville. She graduated in 1954 from Moreland Notre Dame Academy and then attended San Jose State University being one of the first women accepted into the police academy. She met her late husband Walter Dewey Burleson during college. They were happily married in 1957 and shared 57 years in a loving and inseparable relationship.

In 1967, the family moved to Arlington, Virginia, where she worked as a stay-at-home mother flourishing while raising five beautiful children. In 1981, they moved to Lisle, Illinois, where she made wonderful friends and worked for the Lisle police department, enjoying every day. They returned to Virginia, residing in Burke, again making many new friends. She worked at the Burke Senior Center as an assistant manager displaying a natural knack for helping people. In 2021 she relocated to Easton, Maryland.

Cathy had an uncanny ability to reach people in a positive way; her sense of

humor, family first, and can-do attitude touched everyone she met. Cathy truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures--crafting, chatting, playing board games, preparing and sharing delicious meals and spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her four children, Paul (Teresa), Steve (Julie), Bob (Brenda), Becky (Randy); thirteen grandchildren, Sara, Michael, Kelly, Rick, Kate, Haley, Alex, Natalie, Aubree, Catherine, Callan, Layna and Reagan; and four great grandchildren Brady, Luke, Hayk and Grace.

Cathy was predeceased by her husband, Walter and her youngest daughter, Laura, who passed only seven weeks earlier. Many say she died of a broken heart.

A celebration of life for family and friends will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine P. Burleson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Catherine P. Burleson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Catherine P. Burleson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Friend in Burke: I will truly miss my friend Cathy. Sharing her receipts with my family. Viewing the joy in her face as she shared good news and sad new of her family. I enjoyed working with her can do attitude at the Wakefield Senior Center Friday craft group. She was so wonderful, kind caring and loving. My very deepest sympathy to her large loving family. Cathy will always be in my heart. She truly made a difference in the world. Queen of Peace pray for us.*

AGNES TARBETT - February 17, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ *Mrs. Burelson loved her family with all of her heart! What am amazing cook too. She is joining her family on the other side. What a gift for them.*

Michelle Cohan - January 27, 2022 at 01:21 PM

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“ *Catherine was a wonderful neighbor and we surely miss her. All our sympathy to her family.* ”

Marsha Bienia - January 18, 2022 at 09:43 AM