



## Catherine Anne Dunigan

April 18, 1954 - November 16, 2024

Catherine Anne Dunigan was called home to be with Jesus on November 16, 2024, peacefully and surrounded by those she loved. She was 70 years old. She was born on April 18, 1954, in St. Paul, Minnesota, the daughter of the late William Joseph McGinn and Elizabeth Anne (Anderson) McGinn. She graduated from Rantoul High School in Rantoul, Illinois with the class of 1972 and went on to earn her degree from the University of Illinois. On April 22, 1978, she married the love of her life, Rick Dunigan. The two had two beautiful daughters, and the family traveled and moved to countless places together, following Rick's career with the United States Air Force. Catherine worked for the Department of the Navy, working her way through the ranks to become Regional Training Coordinator for Child Development. Wherever they moved, Catherine was always involved in the local church and children in the community. She was particularly involved at Trinity Baptist Church, where she became Director of Children & Youth Ministries as well as a deaconess. Her life's passion was working with children, whether through her work in child development, her involvement in youth groups and children's ministries, or her love and devotion towards her own children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved her family deeply, and always made time to be involved with all ten of her grandchildren's lives.

In addition to her loving husband of 46 years, Rick Dunigan, she is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Westfall (John) and Shannon Dunigan; grandchildren: Andrew Cross, Aaron Cross, Megan Lomax (Cody), Briana

Imler (Jeremy), Joshua Imler, Jacob Westfall, Zachary Imler, Zada Imler, Lyla Provencher, and Johnryan Westfall; great-grandchildren, Laney Lomax and Maverick Lomax; as well as her beloved dog, Darby.

At Catherine's request, please do not send flowers; instead, please leave a memory, story, or message for the family on this page.

Services will be held on Friday, December 6th at 5:00 pm at Chestertown Baptist Church. A visitation will be held from 4:30 until 5:00 pm at the church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 4:30 PM (ET)

Chestertown Baptist Church  
401 Morgnec Road  
Chestertown, MD

## Celebration of Life

DEC 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Baptist Church  
401 Morgnec Road  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine Anne Dunigan*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 06, 2024 at 08:35 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Catherine Anne Dunigan*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 02, 2024 at 10:44 AM

BD

“ *Beth Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Catherine Anne Dunigan*



**Beth Daugherty** - December 06, 2024 at 05:43 PM

KS

“ Cate and I travelled throughout Maryland, Pennsylvania and clear to Mississippi with Trinity Baptist’s children and youth. We had so much joy and some struggles and sorrow thrown in along the way. I often share our conversation with Brother Bruce when we were in MS of how you never know the difference your presence can make in what seems to be the smallest of ways.

My absolute favorite memory though has to be from Centrifuge or CentriKid when Cate convinced me to do the giant slip and slide “for the kids”. My slide ended in somersaults for the first time in 20 years and hers ended with a bruised or possibly cracked tailbone! We laughed about that for years and I even have pictures.

Your joy, wisdom and love will always be remembered. Peace baby!  
Karen Smith

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**Karen Smith** - December 05, 2024 at 08:16 PM

ZI

“ I am so beyond thankful for the time on earth I was able to spend making memories with my absolute favorite person who I had the privilege to call my grandma. Mama isn’t just a grandma she was a friend to all and would always go above and beyond to make the people she loved happy. She would give her shirt off her back for her loved ones any day and is the most caring person I know. She is such a selfless sacrificial person and taught me so many things about life that I will be able to carry with me as I grow up. She was a true role model through my teen years as she showed me a true example of loving like Jesus, and I can’t thank her enough for paving that path for me. She would never hesitate to be a listening ear no matter what, she always knew the right thing to say. That’s just the type of person she was. I will forever cherish the memories made with the best grandma, mother figure, and friend. Peace baby



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**zada lmler** - December 04, 2024 at 04:46 PM

RD

Very Sweet Zada 🥰

Rick dunigan - December 04, 2024 at 05:32 PM

MM

“ I first met Cate when she was 9, about three weeks after I had started dating her brother Donald. We instantly bonded when we discovered we were both the only girls and the youngest in the family with five older brothers each. That bond made us more sisters than sisters in law and has lasted for 61 years. She was my best friend and is so terribly missed

Michele Langeslay McGinn - November 25, 2024 at 09:51 AM

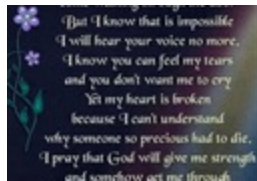
CP

“ I will miss my aunt Cathy, we were only 7 & 1/2 yrs apart, more like sisters. I remember her taking to buy my first bikini, we would sing Windy (1967). She lived with my family for short time while her mom was relocating to Illinois from Minnesota, I have so many great memories, never thinking when her and uncle Rick passed through Michigan it would be last time would see her. I truly loved her like a sister, until we meet again aunt Cathy. Say hi to all that passed before you from me. Love and prayers niece Carol Paynter

Carol Paynter - November 24, 2024 at 07:28 PM

RD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rick dunigan - November 22, 2024 at 05:20 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hurd lit a candle in memory of Catherine Anne Dunigan



Cheryl Hurd - November 21, 2024 at 06:25 PM

ZI

“ Mama was truly the most joyous person I knew. She was so loving, gentle, kind and patient even the times I would be Zachary Charles she still knew how to love me like Jesus would. Rest in Peace Mama you deserve it❤️

zach imler - November 20, 2024 at 09:29 PM

BM

“ She is my favorite aunt. I will miss her dearly. I will always cherish our conversations about family and growing up with my father. God speed Aunt Catherine. I will always love and miss you very much.

Bill McGinn - November 20, 2024 at 06:45 PM

RD

“ Rick Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Catherine Anne Dunigan



Rick dunigan - November 19, 2024 at 08:35 PM

MW

Loved auntie very much my heart and prayers are with you

Mary Wanke - November 20, 2024 at 04:03 PM

AK

“ *Aimee Kilby lit a candle in memory of Catherine Anne Dunigan*



**Aimee Kilby** - November 19, 2024 at 01:14 PM

MK

“ *Marion King lit a candle in memory of Catherine Anne Dunigan*



**Marion King** - November 19, 2024 at 10:44 AM

KL

“ *Karen Lode' lit a candle in memory of Catherine Anne Dunigan*



**Karen Lode'** - November 19, 2024 at 08:34 AM

EC

“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Catherine Anne Dunigan*



**Eastern Shore Dental Care** - November 19, 2024 at 08:33 AM

RD

“ I can't tell you how broken I am to lose this beautiful woman who was my gift from God. There are no words to describe her beauty, sensitivity, love for life and people as well as her thirst for God. She was always there to support me and brought me so much joy in our marriage. I will miss her everyday and she is alive inside of me and family as well as in all who got to know her. I love you Sweetheart! Celebrate with Jesus and know you were loved!

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**Rick dunigan** - November 18, 2024 at 08:00 PM

CM

“ We met about a decade ago through church and discovered we were neighbors who lived close to each other. A friendship that enriched my life tremendously developed. Cate blessed my life so deeply, and I'm crushed at the loss. But we shared many things together and walked life similarly and I know she's happy, whole and rejoicing with Jesus. I'm so thankful for the years we shared. She had a way about her of encouraging those she knew and loved. One doesn't get many friends in life like her and I'm so grateful to God for bringing our lives together. She was a true treasure. She will be missed! My prayers are with her family as they grieve this loss, yet rejoice that she is with her Savior!

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**Cathy McDonald** - November 18, 2024 at 05:57 PM

PB

“ I am sorry I didn't realise how sick Cate was. We became friends at Trinity Baptist Church and I have tried to stay in touch if only with Christmas cards. She was such a sweet lady and will be greatly missed.

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**Patricia Burns** - November 18, 2024 at 04:58 PM

TM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Ms. Catherine's passing. I did not know her very long but she was a very lovely person. My deepest sympathy to you Mr Dunigan and your family.*



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**Tracey A Middleton** - November 18, 2024 at 12:24 PM