



Catherine Elizabeth Scarsella

September 18, 1946 - January 11, 2022

Catherine Elizabeth Scarsella, 75, of Salineville, passed away on January 11, 2022.

She was born on September 18, 1946 in Erie, Pennsylvania to the late Stephen and Elizabeth Catherine Konopka Matuszak.

Catherine earned her Bachelor Degree in Home Economics from Villa Maria College, and her Master Degree in Education from Youngstown State University. She worked as both a home economics teacher and school counselor at Girard High School. After 36 years of serving others in the field of education, she retired in 2005.

Catherine found great joy in church service. She was a member of Our Lady of Mercy parish in Carrollton, where she was a member of Ladies of Mercy. She initiated Perpetual Adoration at the Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Youngstown, and was very active in the Right to Life pro-life movement. She was also an active member of the order of Opus Sanctorum Angelorum, whom she often helped with newsletter mailings, attended Mass, picnics and retreats, as well as started formation to become a consecrated handmaid.

Catherine felt that pilgrimages were important ways to learn about her Catholic faith and wanted to share this with her family. She traveled on several pilgrimages with family and friends to religious sites across North America and Europe. Some of her favorite places include Guadalupe in Mexico, Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina, The Divine Mercy Shrine in Kraków, Poland, Lourdes in France, Fatima in Portugal and Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré in Quebec City, Canada.

Among her many accolades, Catherine enjoyed hobbies including cooking, baking, sewing and gardening. She earned the title of Master Gardener at Fellows Riverside Gardens. She was a member of Atwood Yacht Club, where she found great joy spending time with family and friends during her later years.

She is survived by her husband and college sweetheart, Fred, of 53 years; three daughters, Eva Scarsella, Monica Scarsella (future-son-in-law Michael Kakareka) and Bridget (Daniel) Perez; five grandchildren, Mary Bridget Perez, John Paul Perez, Maria Theresa Perez, Anna Marie Perez, and Michael Joseph Perez; two sisters, Eloise Michael and Therese (Paul) Wozniak and many nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents, Catherine was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Matuszak (Dorothy) and Stephen Matuszak (Violet) and her nephew Jim Michael (who held a special place in her heart.)

Private services were held and burial has taken place at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Cemetery in Morges, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcome in her name at the Order of Opus

Sanctorum Angelorum at Opus Angelorum, 164 Apollo Rd. SE, Carrollton, OH
44615.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's of Morges Catholic Church Cemetery

8012 Bachelor Road NW
Morges, OH 44688

Tribute Wall



“ Dennis M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Catherine Elizabeth Scarsella.



Dennis M. - January 31, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers Sympathy Gift Box was purchased for the family of Catherine Elizabeth Scarsella.



January 20, 2022 at 02:23 PM



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Bridget - January 18, 2022 at 03:50 PM

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Linda Moore - January 18, 2022 at 12:21 AM

EM

“ Cathy had a fu[[and well-lived life. Among us 3 sisters, clever Cathy was always the instigator! When she didn't have her way, she would scratch us, thus her nickname CAT.

ELOISE M MICHAEL - January 17, 2022 at 09:47 AM

RS

Rest in peace.

Richard Scarsella and Family

Richard Scarsella - January 17, 2022 at 10:12 AM

LM

Rest in peace Aunt Cathy. You will live on in my heart❤️ and it was an honor to be your god-daughter. Love forever, Linda Matuszak-Moore

Linda Moore - January 17, 2022 at 10:18 AM

MB

*A truly wonderful woman of God.
I am living proof of Mrs. Scarsella's love for education and her students. She also has been an instrumental part of my spiritual journey.
May the Lord bless her through her family always.
Fondly,
Mary Jo Vince Berry*

Mary Jo Berry - January 17, 2022 at 10:33 AM

TW

*Deepest sympathy, Fred, Eva, Bridget and Dan and family, and Monica and Michael. May God bless and console you!
Love and prayers,
Therese and Paul*

Therese W. - January 17, 2022 at 12:38 PM

TW

*My childhood memories of Cathy...since I was only 22 months younger, Cathy and I did things together as grade-schoolers. We investigated the lighthouse at the top of our street; we walked along Lake Erie by going through the woods near our home; we would take the bus downtown, window-shop and, for lunch, share a large rotisserie chicken leg from the Five and Dime, Kresge's; we would pool our change and stop at the Planter's Peanuts Shop where Cathy would order "one-quarter pound of roasted cashews" which we would enjoy on our bus ride home. We played baseball with the houseful of boys next door. We would go to Ormond's with our Mom and get new dresses, coats and fancy hats for Easter each year. Most years, for nine days in July we would attend the St. Ann Novena with our Mom. Those were the 1950's and early 1960's when streets were safe for children and we didn't lock our doors during the day. I cherish those childhood memories. I just know that Cathy is looking at us all with love. She was a generous and energetic person. She brought blessed rosaries from Medjugorje for my whole family. Thank you, Cathy! May God reward you for your faithfulness.
Your loving sister, Therese*

Therese W. - January 17, 2022 at 01:07 PM

EF

Dear Fred, god-daughter Eva, Bridget and Dan, Dr. Monica and Dr. Michael, Our Prayers and expressions of Sympathy continue to be with all of you now and into the future as we seek God's Blessings for each of you and the children. What an inspired idea is your inclusion of the precious and current family photos to be lovingly treasured forever!

Eloise and the Michael Family - January 18, 2022 at 06:42 PM

TM

I will forever cherish the fond memories I have of Mrs Scarsella" as I was her student for 4 years at Girard High. She truly left an everlasting imprint in my heart and helped me in so many ways ~ She brought blessed rosaries back from one of the many places she visited for my daughter when she-was born. God Bless~

Tammy Taylor Macklin

Tammy Taylor Macklin - January 20, 2022 at 12:09 AM