



## Cathy Ann Graham

December 2, 1960 - November 8, 2020

Cathy Ann Graham, age 59, of Blacksburg, VA peacefully entered Heaven on Sunday, November 8, 2020. Cathy's never-doubting faith became sight as she saw Jesus at last, and her desire to see Momma and Daddy again was realized, now with her perfect mind and body. The family will have a private graveside service.

She was born on December 2, 1960 to the late Dr. Paul P. Graham and Leola Westmoreland Graham. She is survived by the following who were blessed to be a part of Cathy's world: her sister and brother-in-law, Tammy and Greg Wright ("Sis" and "Varmint"); her pride and joy, nieces and nephews, Anna and Greg Trometer, Stephen and Melissa Wright, Tabitha and Josué Mesa; her beloved great-nieces and great-nephews, Jack, Lucy, Autumn, Isabelle, Hope and Clark; adoring aunts and uncles, Ronnie and Jackie Westmoreland, Nancy Graham, Sonny and Nancy Westmoreland, Donnie and Sue Westmoreland, Tommy Westmoreland, Teresa and Steve Pettus, Ted and Becky Graham; as well as all of her sweet, loving cousins; Caregivers who spoiled her, Ashley, "Balissa", Kim, Laura, Marie, Sonja.

Cathy had a special place in the hearts of all who knew her and got that special hug or kiss on the cheek. Many thanks to her bus drivers and friends over the years at the Goodwill Workshop. Much gratitude to Dr. Charles Judy for his compassion and to the Radford Rehab staff for their loving care.

Cathy's parents many times referred to Hebrews 13.2 - "...some have entertained angels unawares". Tammy found the following poem in her father's papers, which describes her parents and their exceptional life with Cathy:

### Heaven's Very Special Child

by Edna Massimilla, 1956

A meeting was held, quite far from earth  
"It's time again for another birth"  
Said the Angels to the Lord above,  
"This special child will need much love."  
Her progress may seem very slow,  
Accomplishments she may not show  
And she'll require extra care  
From all the folks she meets down there.  
She may not run or laugh or play  
Her thoughts may seem quite far away  
In many ways she won't adapt,  
And she'll be known as handicapped.  
So let's be careful where she's sent  
We want her life to be content  
Please, Lord, find the right parents who  
Will do this special job for You.  
They will not realize right away  
The leading role they're asked to play  
But with this child sent from above  
Comes stronger faith and richer love.  
And soon they'll know the privilege given  
In caring for this gift from Heaven.

Their precious charge, so meek and mild  
Is Heaven's very special child.

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *John Denver! Rocky Mt High! You taught me so much. I love you and you family. Your mama and I danced many times for you. Dance now angel! You are free!*

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**Bonnie Sheppard** - November 11, 2020 at 07:29 AM

CE

“ *Our prayers are with each of you. Cathy was such a special young lady. God sent Cathy the most precious parents in the world. He knew exactly what he was doing. May God heal each of you. Cherish those special moments that each of you had with her. May you all be blessed knowing that Cathy was loved by so many. May God Bless your broken hearts a little each day.*

*God Bless  
Mike & Charlotte*

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**Charlotte Epperley** - November 10, 2020 at 10:25 PM

FW

“ *So sorry for your loss Tammy*



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**Frances Wright** - November 10, 2020 at 08:49 PM

FS

“ I know that Cathy is rejoicing making up lost time with her mom and dad. When the Hokies had home games, Freddie would take a program and a few little goodies for Cathy and it would make her day. Also, on Monday nights Marie would take Cathy to Dollar Tree after they ate. One night she chose a bible and got home and saw that there were no red letters for Jesus's words, so she wanted Marie to call the store and let them know about that. Don't you know this touched Jesus's heart Loved her!

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**Frances Southern** - November 10, 2020 at 06:58 PM

KR

“ I first met Cathy when I was right out of college and started working as a teacher at the Workshop. I met your wonderful parents through Cathy. Not sure why, but my nickname for her was “booger” . She would laugh every time. Cathy had the sweetest soul and will be missed. I'm just thankful I got to know her.

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**Kim Rogers** - November 10, 2020 at 01:38 PM

BM

“ In memory of my best “Buddy”! We shared a lot of giggles together and I will always remember your sweet smiles and the little kisses I got on my cheek! My special memory was when I rolled you around in your chair last Christmas season at the rehab and we giggled together! You said “go faster”! Love you my Buddy and we will see each other again and we will giggle once again together! ❤️❤️

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**Barbara Middleton** - November 09, 2020 at 10:49 PM

DE

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. *Debbie Main*



**Debbie** - November 09, 2020 at 03:25 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your lost. I remember at Evelyn's house, we all would play together. She was so sweet and happy. Love to all the family. ❤️  
*Donna Breen Sparks*



**Donna Sparks** - November 09, 2020 at 03:22 PM

SW

“ *Shirley Sowers Woolwine lit a candle in memory of Cathy Ann Graham*



**Shirley Sowers Woolwine** - November 09, 2020 at 02:16 PM

AD

“ *My favorite memories of Cathy were camping with our families when we were children at the beach. Our favorite thing to do together was color. I immediately think of Cathy every time I open and smell a box of crayons. Cathy had the most gentle sweet spirit. I will always cherish those memories of her as a child.*

**Amy Dillon** - November 08, 2020 at 06:52 PM

SS

“ Going to eat at wendy's just about every Wednesday night and her laughing when I dance and sang to the oldies blasting from their radio in the restaurant. Then we always went shopping at the Dollar Tree up the the street.... You will be missed Cathy...love you,  
Sonja Schlossnagle

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**Sonja Schlossnagle** - November 08, 2020 at 06:42 PM

MM

Loved Cathy and her family. She touched the lives of so many people in her own special way. Prayers for Tammy and the family. Love you all.

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**Mary Ruth McDonald** - November 08, 2020 at 08:55 PM

NW

I miss celebrating our birthdays together since they are just 4 days apart. We always went to a nice restaurant with Paul and Leola, Sonny and me and Cathy. Had lots of laughs. She left behind a beautiful family who loved her very much. Love and prayers to all. Nancy

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**Nancy Westmoreland** - November 09, 2020 at 06:39 AM

VM

Sending Blessings and Prayers to your family during this time. Cathy is now with the Lord and her mom and dad, and at peace! God Bless!!

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**Vickie McKenna** - November 10, 2020 at 08:54 AM

SW

My son, Jeff, worked for many years with Cathy at the New River Valley Workshop. He loved Cathy and I recall she always had a smile and a hug for all. Our prayers and sympathy to your family.

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**Sue Wheeler** - November 10, 2020 at 09:59 AM

JN

*Cathy was usually on the quiet side and always sweet and a soft smile on her face and in her eyes. My son Bernard and Cathy were Special Olympic athletes who competed together for many years, always a pleasure to congratulate her on winning her meets. And to talk with her parents who were so devoted to their daughter. And they were friends at school and the workshop, Cathy had many friends because of her wonderful personality! I know there was great rejoicing at their reunion in heaven, Leola & Paul can hold her again. My prayers & thoughts are with the family, may our Lord comfort you through the difficult times ahead. Joy Nester*

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**Joy Nester** - November 12, 2020 at 01:05 AM

AM

*We have so many wonderful memories of your sweet family and Cathy. I loved watching her shoot baskets at church! While we are very sad that's she has left this earth, we rejoice that she is in Heaven with Jesus and her Mom and dad. We are so thankful we will see her again, where all is happy and we will never have to leave each other again. Love and prayers for peace and comfort. We love you. Bruce and Anita and family!*

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**Anita Meadows** - December 09, 2020 at 08:06 AM