



Catherine "Cathie" Thekla Conroy

February 15, 1960 - February 10, 2021

Catherine "Cathie" Thekla Conroy, a happy-go-lucky kind of lady, died February 10, 2021, just 5 days before her 61st birthday. Cathie was born in Wurzburg, Germany on February 15, 1960 to William and Berta (Stadler) Smith. Growing up in Germany, Cathie's parents dreamed of moving to the United States, so her father who was enlisted in the U.S. armed forces, moved the family to the United States, which they did when Cathie was 5. At a very young age Cathie earned her U.S. Certificate of Naturalization.

Known for her big heart, Cathie was caring, friendly, easy-going, and accepting to everyone. She worked at the Irish Pub in Lansing for 6 years, Spartan Motors for 2 years, and was a food service manager at Fire Keepers casino for 10 years. Cathie really enjoyed her jobs in customer service, and had the best bar story about how she met her husband, Michael. In her free time Cathie enjoyed camping, canoeing, traveling around the United States, and especially spending time and doting on her grandchildren.

Cathie is survived by her family, husband, Michael; daughter, Serena Willett; step-daughter, Jessica (Jeremy) DeRosia; grandchildren, Michael DeRosia, Neveah and Alilliana King; and Joshua Ellis Jr.; and her sister, Christina (Gary) Bitner; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Cathie's family by sharing memories of her on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. A memorial service will be held at a later date. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to SIREN/Eaton Shelter or Make-A-Wish Foundation. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine "Cathie" Thekla Conroy



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 15, 2021 at 12:02 PM

MC

Please watch lot of great memories.

Michael Conroy - February 15, 2021 at 12:27 PM

MS

*Very nice tribute.
We had some really fun camping trips.*

Mary Suttin - February 15, 2021 at 01:17 PM

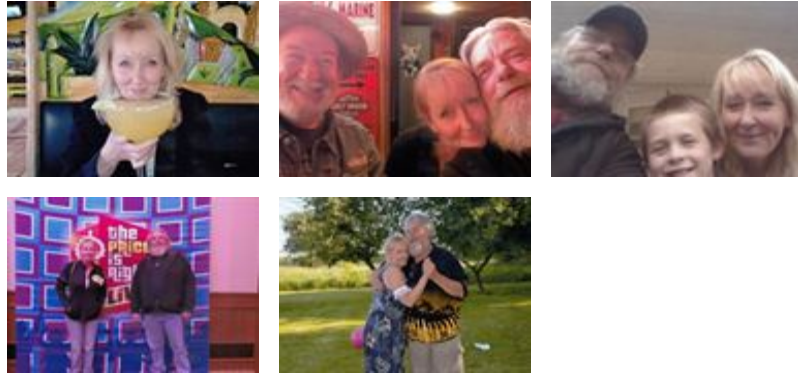
GM

What a beautiful person inside and out. Greg and I will miss her. Love you Mike.

Greg and Missy - February 20, 2021 at 11:46 AM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 15, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ My fondest memory of my mother is the day i gave birth to my 2 beautiful daughters she helped me thru the labor and the pain. And when I had them both she was so proud to be a grandmother. She looked at them like nobody could do no wrong. I love you mom and you'll never be forgotten.... Love Serena
The girls were born on separate dates.



Kelsey Mullin - February 13, 2021 at 11:19 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Catherine "Cathie" Thekla Conroy.



February 13, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine "Cathie" Thekla Conroy.*



February 12, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ *Cathy was my boss at the Firekeepers casino for two years, she was one of the best bosses I have ever had, she was kind, funny and loving to her team! She was more then a boss to all of us , she kept us in line and truly cared about each and everyone of us. You will be truly missed. I'm happy you came into my life and taught me so much about my self and life. Love ya Cathy! My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this horrible time.*

samantha stone “vansickle” - February 11, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ *11 years at the casino together... So many funny, sad, humble, angry, loving moments... We had it all.. to many times to narrow it down to even a couple... So I'll just say this..... Cathy you were my rock when I needed someone to lean upon... My ear to listen to me when I was up or down (and vice versa) there's no words to understand how your family is feeling right now... Just know this lady was an amazing person. Touched so many hearts. So sad to see her go.. rest in heaven*

Cody Freeman - February 11, 2021 at 08:23 PM

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“ I met Cathie when she interviewed me for my job at the casino. Luckily, I got to work for her for the following 7 years. Over those 7 years, she truly became like a second mom to me. I know a lot of my previous coworkers feel the same. She was our boss, and always professional, but we were like her kids. She was always there to listen, as a shoulder to cry on, always there with advice and always put us (as employees) first. Very, very few bosses do that for their team. She was truly special. She will forever be the best boss I ever have had. She will be greatly missed, as she was so greatly loved. Thinking and praying of you, Mike, and your family during this time.

Alexis Lambeth - February 11, 2021 at 08:08 PM