



Catherine Irene Leonard

October 14, 1941 - June 24, 2017

Catherine Irene Leonard, 75, of Charlotte, died Saturday, June 24, 2017, in Lansing. She was born October 14, 1941 in Lansing, MI, the daughter of Kenneth Huntley and Alice Helen (Hobbs) Oakley. Catherine married Jerry Leon Leonard on August 20, 1960, and the two started their family, moving to Charlotte in 1971. She worked 27 years as a lead technician for the Michigan State Treasury Department, retiring in 1993. In her spare time, Catherine enjoyed collecting all things Pepsi, Santa Claus', and miniature deer. She had a talent for sewing, and made several wedding gowns for her friends and family. Catherine voraciously read Danielle Steele, and worked long days in the yard. Many will remember the reunion parties Catherine organized. She was a "mom" to all who knew her, treating every acquaintance and friend with the love of family.

Catherine is survived by her husband of 57 years, Jerry Leonard; son, Mike (Deb) Leonard; daughter, Kellie (Kevin) Ellis; grandchildren, Courtney (Chris) Hall-Munson, Michele (Charles) McMillian, Erin Ellis, and Mason Leonard; great-grandchildren, Kayleigh Hall, Skylar Munson, and Colton Munson; sisters, Alyce (Douglas) Switzer and Beverly Michaelson. She was predeceased by her parents, and half-brother, James.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2017, 1-4:00 p.m., at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. If desired, the family suggests memorial

contributions to the American Cancer Association or the American Heart Association. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Catherine on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine Irene Leonard



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 29, 2017 at 06:00 PM

MW

“ In am so sorry for your loss. I only knew her as grandma. I will miss having her sit next to me yelling at soccer games, three fields over could hear her. She will be missed.

Monique Milstein and Willow. - July 06, 2017 at 05:55 PM

SS

“ Uncle Jerry, Michael, and Kelly - Aunt Katie was "that" Aunt for me. Although I hadn't seen her in many years, I truly miss her. I think about her often. The few summertime visits I had as a kid made a huge impact on me. Swimming in the pool, drinking Pepsi from a bottle, picking crab apples (which I thought were real apples), watching TV in the basement - you may think that's nothing, but to me it was something. Aunt Katie showed me normal in my crazy mixed up kid world. I was blessed to have her in my life. My heart goes out to you all. Love Sally.

Sally Spratt - July 01, 2017 at 11:54 AM

TH

“ Turkey Butt and Daryl Honey purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Catherine Irene Leonard.



Turkey Butt and Daryl Honey - July 01, 2017 at 12:14 AM

LB

“ Mike and family,

I am deeply sorry for the loss of your Mother. They truly are such cornerstones in our lives and it is a true change in our lives. I wish you peace as you say your goodbyes and honor her life and all that it meant.

Lori Fremody Brown

Lori Brown - June 30, 2017 at 03:02 PM

FD

“ I have known Cathy and Jerry since we were kids. My wife Dawn & I have enjoyed the East End picnic at the Leonard's for several years. Cathy was always a fun hostess and she seemed to enjoy having everyone at their home. You could always count on Cathy saying what was on her mind and we found it fun. She was a great person and her enthusiasm will surely be missed. Fred & Dawn Davis

Fred & Dawn Davis - June 29, 2017 at 06:54 PM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 29, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Catherine Irene Leonard.



June 29, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ *Bev, Chris, Sally, Stacy, Gretchen and Katherine* purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Catherine Irene Leonard.



Bev, Chris, Sally, Stacy, Gretchen and Katherine - June 28, 2017 at 10:08 PM

BB

“ I have known Cathy since junior high school, and that's a long time, I always teased her that I was one day older than her. I always looked forward to receiving my Christmas Card from Cathy on Nov. 1st each year, and the many poker parties we use to have. Although we drifted apart when she moved to Charlotte, I did think of her often. I did stop and visit with her a couple months ago, she hadn't changed a bit, the same loving person. I will always remember our good times.

Barbara Boettcher - June 28, 2017 at 08:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine Irene Leonard.



June 28, 2017 at 07:34 PM

SS

“ Sally Spratt lit a candle in memory of Catherine Irene Leonard



Sally Spratt - June 27, 2017 at 08:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Irene Leonard.*



June 26, 2017 at 09:54 PM