



Roberta Lee Cathell

June 8, 1941 - November 16, 2023

Roberta Lee Cathell, 82, of Greer, South Carolina, passed away peacefully November 16, 2023, surrounded by family following a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease.

Born June 8, 1941, in Glen Rock, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late John Roy and Ruth Irene Stine Stermer. Roberta was a 1959 graduate of Susquehannock High School and a 1962 graduate of Pennsylvania State University. She worked as a high school math teacher at Dover Area High School, Dover, Pennsylvania and as a computer programmer and systems analyst for Liberty Life Insurance Company following her family's move to Greenville, South Carolina. A lifelong Lutheran, Roberta served on the altar guild at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Greenville for over 30 years. In retirement she volunteered with the church's food pantry and together with David, delivered Meals on Wheels.

Surviving are her husband of 61 years, David Frank Cathell of the home; one daughter, Amy Elizabeth Cathell of Charlotte, North Carolina; one son, Scott David Cathell (Amy) of York, Pennsylvania; two grandchildren whom she was extremely proud of, Brian David Cathell and Ann Elizabeth Cathell; two brothers, Frederick Albert Stermer (Carol) of York, Pennsylvania and Larry John Stermer (Dotty) of Spring Grove, Pennsylvania; one sister, Kay Elizabeth Hoffman (Jim) of York, Pennsylvania; one aunt, Theda V. Arnold of Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at

the hometown church in which Roberta was baptized and married, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 47 Hanover Street, Glen Rock, Pennsylvania. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station P.O. Box 4777 New York, NY 10163.

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation to Jackie, Chloe and all other Hospice of the Upstate and Synergy Home Care caregivers for their compassionate care provided to Roberta in her final days.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Roberta, or fondly called Bertie, was my oldest sister-in-law when I married her brother Larry. When I married into the Stermer family Bertie was was supportive and caring. She had had my mother, Mrs. Ruth Heindel, as her fourth grade teacher at Glen Rock Elementary*

Dorothy (Dotty) Stermer - November 22, 2023 at 10:03 PM

MN

“ *Deepest sympathies to the Cathell Family. We will keep Scott and his family in our prayers. May God bring you and your family solace during this difficult time.*

Matthew Nail - November 22, 2023 at 03:44 PM

HR

“ *Holly R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Lee Cathell.*

Holly R. - November 20, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Roberta Lee Cathell.*



November 20, 2023 at 01:46 PM

RH

“ Shirley and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

Rollie & Shirley Hyust - November 18, 2023 at 06:56 PM

KK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kara Koller - November 18, 2023 at 05:16 PM

KK

“ I have fond memories of spending summers visiting Aunt Bertie & Uncle David for the annual hot air balloon festivals in SC when I was growing up. Tailgating at Penn State, crab feeds, holiday celebrations are other great memories I have. I especially recall the Christmas I received an Espirit shirt covered in music notes when I was about 8. It was my favorite until it was too small. I enjoy cooking recipes that Aunt Bertie made for us or shared with us with my friends and family especially red skin potato salad and cream cheese danish. Aunt Bertie always took time to prepare food just right! I remember a time she peeled mushrooms. I didn't know mushrooms had a peel? When I declared my interest in becoming a dental hygienist Aunt Bertie & Uncle Dave were supportive, interested and continued to consult me for their own dental health. We spent one year sharing Thanksgiving in Isle of Palm with the Cathells. That was fun! In May, our last visit with Aunt Bertie, was extra special because she delighted in enjoying my homemade red beet eggs from our backyard chickens and sitting around a campfire out back. Since August 2021 I have spoken to Aunt Bertie & Uncle Dave most Monday evenings and it has delighted me how interested they always are in what my family is doing. Lastly I always appreciated how Aunt Bertie & Uncle Dave traveled to York to be part of our family celebrations-reunions, weddings, showers and special birthdays. Those are the memories I will hold closest to my heart as I remember my Aunt Bertie.

Kara Koller - November 18, 2023 at 05:12 PM

AG

“ I worked with Roberta in the Systems department at Liberty Life - she was always a dependable, soft-spoken, effective programmer and systems analyst.

Until a couple years ago (pre-Covid), I very much enjoyed seeing her at monthly lunches out with other ladies from the systems area. wishing blessings on her family as they process the loss of lovely Roberta. We will truly miss her at our lunches.

Annette Garver

annette garver - November 18, 2023 at 03:25 AM

LV

“ Dave, Bill and I are so sorry to hear of Roberta's passing. She was such a sweet and quite person. May God comfort you and your family during this time.

Bill and Linda Vaughan

Linda Vaughan - November 17, 2023 at 03:42 PM

KK

“ David, Amy, Scott and Amy, Enjoyed talking and spending time with your mother. So sorry for your loss.

Jack and Karen Koller

Karen Koller - November 16, 2023 at 09:07 PM