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It is with both heavy hearts and grateful spirits that we share the passing of our beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend, Cathleen (Cathy) Methner who left us after a courageous year-long journey with cancer. She passed peacefully, surrounded by love, and leaves behind a legacy of strength, joy, and deep connection.

Cathy was preceded in death by her loving parents, Vincent and Lila Doerr, and is survived by her devoted husband of 50 years, Eric, her daughter Jill Personett and son-in-law Brian, and her faithful grand-dog Horton, who never left her side. She is also lovingly remembered by her six siblings - Linda Hall (Vern), Barb Schepel, Bob Doerr (Loretta), Jeff Doerr (Roberta), Chris Summers (Phil), and Laurie Wilkins (Jim), and Eric's sister Brenda Huber, along with their families and many close friends.

To know her was to witness a quiet force of nature—someone who could out-hike us all or share a laugh on the trail. Her love of the outdoors was matched only by her love of people. Whether she was playing a fiercely competitive game of pickleball or just celebrating life with family and friends, she would always offer words of encouragement with a smile on her face.

She embodied health, vitality, and grace in ways that inspired everyone around her. It was almost impossible to keep up with her—not just on a hike, but in the way she loved, gave, and lived each day with purpose. She had a way of bringing joy without trying, or making people feel seen and heard without fanfare.

Her battle with cancer, though heartbreaking, was marked by her signature strength and a deep well of gratitude. Even in her most challenging moments, she continued to find beauty, to share kindness, and to remind us of all what really matters.

She leaves us with countless memories—morning walks, belly laughs, warm hugs, and gentle wisdom. While we mourn her physical absence, we celebrate the beautiful life she led and the way she made ours so much better.



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In her honor, may we play the extra game, take the longer hike, love a little deeper, and remember that it's often the simple things—a wag of a tail, a walk in the woods, a shared story—that make a life extraordinary.

She will be missed beyond measure and loved forever.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Those desiring may direct memorial contributions to Corewell Health Hospice (1239 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525) in recognition of the extraordinary care they provided to her and the family over the last few weeks.



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BV

Bob Viau posted:

So sorry for your loss. She was one of my favorite people. Bob Viau

May 1 at 2:06 PM

RC

Rober Ccurtright posted:

Sorry for you loss. Bob and Janet Courtright

April 29 at 12:15 PM

JF

Jamie Funnell posted:

Tim and Jamie Funnell send their condolences.

April 25 at 2:57 PM

CR

Cheri Johnson (Riefel) posted:

Crazy fun!! Beautiful! Happy!! Athletic!! A best friend in high school. I'm sorry all the years and miles separated us, but so very thankful I got to reconnect with her this past year through text. She astounded me with her positive words and love of life. We planned on meeting up in September for a great game or 2 of pickleball. I'm sure she's hitting drives and staying out of the kitchen to her hearts content now. My prayers go up for Eric and Jill and the rest of her family. Peace surround you all.

April 25 at 9:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cathleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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