



## Catherine "Cathy" Wiliszewski

July 9, 1946 - May 3, 2026

Catherine "Cathy" Wiliszewski, 79, of Old Bridge, NJ, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2026. Born on July 9, 1946, in Plymouth, PA, she was the beloved daughter of Julius and Catherine Sosnowski.

She graduated from St. Vincent High School in 1964 and went on to earn her degree in Education from College Misericordia, Class of 1968. Cathy began her teaching career in Nanticoke, PA, before eventually settling in New Jersey, where she would make a lasting impact.

Cathy met the love of her life, George, in 1963 while they were both working at the Boston Candy Kitchen. What began as a young romance grew into a deep and enduring bond. After a five-year courtship, they married in 1969 and moved to NJ, where they built a beautiful life together and raised their family.

Cathy and George shared a rare and lifelong love, spending 57 devoted years side by side. George was truly the light in Cathy's life—her constant companion, greatest supporter, and best friend. Their marriage was defined by unwavering commitment, deep affection, and a partnership that carried them through every season of life. Whether traveling the world, raising their family, or simply enjoying quiet moments together, their love remained steady and strong.

Together, they created a lifetime of cherished memories. They loved traveling with their daughter, Lori, exploring the United States and, in later years, the world. From visits to national parks to cruises to Alaska, Hawaii, Europe, and the Mediterranean, their adventures reflected their shared joy in experiencing life together.

Cathy shared a special bond rooted in deep love, trust, and quiet understanding with her daughter, Lori. Their relationship was one of unwavering support, filled with cherished moments, heartfelt conversations, and gentle care. Together, they created a lifetime of memories that reflected both strength and tenderness, a connection that will continue to live on in the hearts of those who witnessed their love.

A devoted educator, Cathy spent 38 years as a teacher at Schirra Elementary School in Old Bridge. She took immense pride in her work, deeply loved her students, and was equally adored by them. Teaching was not just her profession—it was her passion.

In her spare time, Cathy was an avid crocheter who lovingly created hundreds of lap blankets for donation to nursing homes. She found great joy in giving back and held a special place in her heart for volunteering with the Helping Hands group of Life Choices Resource Center.

Cathy treasured time with her family, especially gathering for dinners filled with laughter and meaningful conversation. She cherished holiday traditions, particularly preparing Christmas Eve and Easter meals that brought loved ones together year after year.

Her role as a grandmother was one of Cathy's greatest joys. She shared a truly special and loving bond with her granddaughter, Marie. Whether through time spent together, heartfelt conversations, or simple everyday moments,

Cathy created memories with Marie that will be treasured forever. Their connection was filled with warmth, guidance, and unconditional love—memories that Marie will carry with her always and hold close to her heart.

She was predeceased by her parents, Julius and Catherine Sosnowski; her precious newborn daughter, Donna; her sisters, Mary Sepkowski, Pearl Kinney, and Audrey Miscavage; and her brothers, Alex and Gene Sosnowski.

Cathy is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, George; her cherished daughter, Lori, and son-in-law, Chris; her adored granddaughter, Marie; her sisters-in-law Dorothy Powers and Rita Stepanski; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Cathy will be remembered as a kind and generous soul with a deep love for teaching, volunteering, and, above all, her family. Her enduring love story with George and the special bond she shared with her daughter and granddaughter will remain lasting parts of her legacy. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in Cathy's memory to St. Vincent DePaul Social Ministry, St. Ambrose Parish, 81 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge, NJ 08857, or Life Choices Resource Center at <https://lifechoicesrc.com/donate>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service  
3377 US Highway 9  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
(732) 679-4422  
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com  
<https://www.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAY 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Ambrose Church  
83 Throckmorton Ln  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

## Interment

MAY 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Burial Park  
840 Cranbury South River Rd  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I met Cathy more than 25 years ago when we were both teaching at Schirra. When I transferred from Kindergarten to Second Grade, I have to admit I was nervous. First because of the change in the grade level and second because I was a bit intimidated by Cathy! Well I found out very quickly that the “tough” exterior was covering a beautiful heart of gold. Not only did Cathy help me with everything I needed to know about second grade, she became a trusted friend and ally. We weathered many storms and had a lot of fun along the way. Her dry sense of humor kept us all on our toes. I know that her memory will live on through you, her beautiful family and all of the lives that she touched along the way.



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**Judi Boncich** - May 25 at 06:15 PM

RS

“ I have admired Aunt Cathy and Uncle George as long as I can remember. Visiting them in New Jersey as a child was very exciting. Aunt Cathy certainly made it special and once we all sat on the floor and ate “Fondue” together. I was so impressed!

*The way Aunt Cathy interacted with children was amazing. She really listened and spoke to them with care and respect. Although I never observed her in the classroom, I’m sure she was a teacher that had a positive impact on many young lives.*

*Aunt Cathy, you will be missed. Your generosity, your wit, your humor. To your family: may a lifetime of love and memories sustain you through your sadness.*

*Love from your niece, Roseann*

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**Roseann Stevens** - May 08 at 08:39 PM

BS

“ So many of my childhood memories involve Cathy. Every celebration or visit at my parents or at Uncle Leo and Aunt Rose’s would involve hilarious stories and Cathy’s fabulous laugh. Her generosity and love live on in her family. The picture is from a cousins’ lunch when one of their cruises stopped in Boston.



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**Barbara Stachniewicz** - May 07 at 07:04 PM

HB

“ I worked with Cathy at Schirra. She was loved by many staff and students. She always gave me great advice and made me laugh! Cathy will be missed. May she rest in peace.

Heather Bacelo - May 07 at 07:00 PM

JO

I met Cathy when I cared for her beautiful Granddaughter Marie. This family meant alot to me. After all these years Cathy and I still kept in contact thru messenger and facebook. She was a loving Mom and Wife and Grandma. I will miss our chats. Love Jojo ❤️

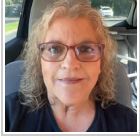
JoAnn - May 09 at 09:39 AM



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Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - May 07 at 12:58 PM



“ Aunt Cathy, my mom Pearl's sister, was a wonderful woman and my "namesake". She will be missed by The Kinney Family and I'm sure, MANY families. We loved getting together for "Wafer Supper" and seeing her, Uncle George and cousin Lori. We told funny stories and played "Donkey". Sometimes there were some minor injuries, but nothing too bad! I was the Flower Girl in their wedding... Maybe some of you remember me. I was the little brat who cried through the entire ceremony! Aunt Cathy made sure she reminded me every now and then. She would put her fists up to her eyes and turn them like she was crying (You know! Like a crying little brat face.) and she would say: "WAHH!!" What a great sense of humor she had. She will be sadly missed. I'm sure her sisters, and Mom and others were waiting for her with open arms when she joined them in heaven. (Gram would probably scold her about something!) hahaha But that's another story! Aunt Cathy was my favorite Aunt and my brother, Ray's Godmother. She helped shape us into the people we are today. Though many will be grieving, we have so many wonderful stories to share and our memories will last forever! They will get us all through this difficult time until we see her again...

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**Cathy Kinney-Torchia** - May 07 at 09:20 AM

AB

“ My family will remember her positive energy and sense of humor. Cathy and George attended all the Cheresko family reunions. Cathy actively participated and provided many laughs in playing the games and "dressing in costume". Who could forget the flower hats! More importantly, Cathy was a cousin to my mother and a dear friend to my mom and dad. This friendship was invaluable to my parents. You will be missed Cathy. See you down the road. Annette, Harry, Drew and Jack.

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**Annette Berecin** - May 07 at 08:03 AM

MM

“ *May she be resting peacefully  
Mrs Wiliszewski Was my son Marc teacher back 2003-2004 , She  
was a beautiful woman inside and outside. She was truly loved by  
all her students & parents.. Schirra school was truly blessed to have  
such a fabulous teacher on staff for so many years.I will miss seeing  
her at mass at St Ambrose.  
Rest In Peace 🙏❤️*



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**Marisol Martinez** - May 06 at 08:17 PM

FF

“ *From the Calderone/Birch family purchased the I  
n Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of  
Catherine "Cathy" Wiliszewski.*



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**From the Calderone/Birch family** - May 06 at 02:15 PM

SW

“ Mrs. Wiliszewski was the best! My sincere condolences to you and your entire family. Cathy was friends with my mom, Jackie, at Schirra when she worked there as a lunch aide. She also was a mom to two girls who attended Schirra. Cathy was not our teacher, but she knew us and would check in with us. Recently she came to both of our parent's services. It meant so much to me to see her and get a hug! I wish I could do the same but I am recovering from heart surgery. So please know that I am sending you all prayers, love, hugs, positive thoughts and strength! Cathy will be missed, but I know Maggie and my mom were there to greet her when she arrived in heaven to show her around and welcome her home! 🙏❤️

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**Stacy Ward** - May 06 at 12:10 PM

DK

“ She was my teacher at Schirra. The year before she retired, she was my son's teacher and I helped out in the classroom. Such a full circle moment. When I said “I feel old now that I'm your helper in my son's class “. She said “How do you think I feel!” Great memory. Rest in Peace.

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**Denise Kozak** - May 06 at 12:06 PM

JN

“ My deepest sympathy to George, Lori , Marie and all the family. Cathy was a special part of Life Choices and will always be in our hearts.

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**joyce noble** - May 06 at 10:10 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Wiliszewski.*



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May 05 at 06:14 PM



“ *The Young family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Catherine "Cathy" Wiliszewski.*



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**The Young family** - May 05 at 12:37 PM



“ *The Young family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine "Cathy" Wiliszewski.*

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**The Young family** - May 05 at 12:37 PM