



Catherine Thompson

May 23, 1942 - April 13, 2026

Cathy was born on May 23, 1942, in Dayton, Ohio, to George and Mildred Conner (née Bucholz). She attended Holy Family and graduated from Wilbur Wright High School, Class of 1960, where she was recognized as a gifted athlete, excelling in both softball and basketball. She later played as a “Flyerette” on a women’s basketball team through Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and continued her passion for sports through work teams, recreational leagues, and a travel softball team. In 1993, Cathy was inducted into the Dayton Amateur Softball Hall of Fame in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the growth and legacy of amateur softball. Her name is permanently etched on a monument at Kettering Field, honoring her lasting impact on women’s sports in the Dayton area. Cathy was employed at NCR and later worked at Kroger in both the deli and produce departments until her retirement. A devoted single mother, she worked tirelessly to support her family, taking on many additional jobs over the years, including babysitting, mowing lawns, delivering newspapers, and working bingo and the playground at Immaculate Conception School. She was a faithful, dedicated employee, and a devoted mother and grandmother. She found joy in life’s simple pleasures, spending time with family, working puzzles, playing Wii games, watching Cincinnati Reds baseball, going to bingo on Saturdays, and time outdoors. She loved a good bargain and enjoyed thrifting and garage sales. Cathy loved planting flowers, watching birds, and had a special fondness for cardinals. She was also a talented and prolific painter, leaving behind many

beautiful works that continue to bring comfort and joy to her family. Cathy was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, George Conner; and her grandson, Corey Binalla. She is survived by her daughters, Robyn (Chris) Terry of New Carlisle and Jennifer Thompson (Bill Long) of Sardinia, Ohio; her brother, Charlie Conner; seven grandchildren, Nicole, Eddie, Carli, Alexis, Chloe, Jamie, and Blake; fourteen great-grandchildren; and her friends at New Carlisle Village. She will be lovingly remembered as "Grandma Cathy" by her family, who brought her immense pride and joy. She is dearly loved and will be deeply missed beyond words. Family and friends will be received beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Adkins Funeral Home, 7055 Dayton-Springfield Road, Enon, Ohio. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Stephen Taylor officiating. Burial will take place at Byron Cemetery in Fairborn. www.adkinsfunerals.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adkins Funeral Home
7055 Dayton Road
Enon, OH 45323
(937) 864-2288

Funeral Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Adkins Funeral Home
7055 Dayton Road
Enon, OH 45323
(937) 864-2288

Burial

APR 18 (ET)

Byron Cemetery
3256 Trebein Rd
Fairborn, OH 45324
(937) 878-9700

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Thompson.*



April 17 at 12:19 PM



“ *Corey's crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Thompson.*

Corey's crew - April 16 at 03:31 PM



“ *Corey's crew purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Catherine Thompson.*



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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Catherine Thompson.*



April 15 at 11:29 PM

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“ *The Griffith Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Catherine Thompson.*



The Griffith Family - April 15 at 09:09 PM

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“ *The Griffith Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Thompson.*

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