



Catherine Mary Carroll

January 19, 1940 - May 8, 2022

Catherine Mary Carroll, youngest child and only daughter of Charles and Helen Carroll. She was predeceased by her parents, oldest brother Ron and middle brother Jack. She leaves to mourn her youngest brother Richard, plus twin brothers Tom and Tim Sparenberg, and other family members including her caregiver niece Valerie Parks.

Tribute Wall

“ I first met Cass about 10 years ago when she rented a room from me after her beloved Aunt Gert was placed in a nursing home because of advanced Alzheimer’s disease. Cass stayed for me about four months and during that time Gert passed away. Cass was admitted to Joachim House and she seemed lost without her Aunt Gert, living alone for the first time in a long time. So I befriended her by visiting on most Tuesday mornings, enjoying breakfast with her, followed by Cass playing guitar and singing songs. She loved a good joke and saving clippings from the comics page. Cass played Word Jumble and crossword puzzles, something she had done for decades with her brother, Ron, and later with Jack. Cass often gave rides to the other residents to grocery stores or doctor appointments. She gravitated towards those residents who had cats. She loved to visit them trying to get the opportunity to pet their cat who usually ran and hid. It was a long time before Cass performed by playing guitar and singing for the residents out on the front porch of Joachim house. Sometimes it went very well, and sometimes not. Cass took on a volunteer job of helping two relatives living at Joachim. The man was blind and had a dog. He needed help daily with medication monitoring and with walking the dog. The related woman was living on another floor. Cass would help with her medications and then walk her down to join the man so they could keep each other company during the day, thus postponing placement in a more restrictive setting. The caring family members were forever grateful for Cass’s willingness to do this work, so they could know their loved ones were safe. Cass felt it was no big deal! Cass avoided medical care. She had COPD for years but refused medication. Cass experienced a couple episodes of confusion, memory loss, balance problems during the last three years of her life. Her nutrition choices met no standards ever published in a medical guide. She loved her coffee, drinking it throughout the day. The isolation of the Pandemic was very difficult for her. She broke most rules, but she did limit her contacts to 2 or 3 people. In July of 2021, Cass left Joachim to stay with her niece and four family members, a dog and some cats. Cass had developed dementia and was no longer able to live independently. Cass experienced several

hospitalizations due to pneumonia, followed by a diagnosis of lung cancer, and acceptance into in-home hospice services. Cass, throughout her life said the rosary multiple times daily. Going to Mass on Sundays was one of our routines for years. She missed her mother who died at least 30 years ago, and speaking about her would bring tears to her eyes. She loved to visit the cemetery where she was buried. Now we pray that Cass has been joined with her mother for all eternity in blissful happiness, with the blessings of her loving and forgiving God. We will miss you, Cass.

Eileen Lewis - May 19, 2022 at 10:42 PM

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“ *Cass, you live in my Heart ❤️ you brought so much joy to me and my family. You were such an Angel. Your sense of humor like no other, miss the clippings every day you always shared. I will never forget our ride to Charlestown, lol I didn't know you were afraid of the beltway until that day, we made it! Thank you for being such a good friend. Words will never express what you mean to me. Play some Elvis for me! I love you, you will be missed*

Blondie - May 19, 2022 at 08:27 PM

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“ *Catherine Mary Carroll*

Eileen Lewis - May 18, 2022 at 09:20 PM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Catherine Mary Carroll - May 10, 2022 at 04:40 PM