



Catherine A. Shearer

April 27, 1945 - June 16, 2023

Catherine A. Shearer, 78, of Zolfo Springs, Florida passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loved ones.

Catherine was born on April 27, 1945, in Niles, Michigan to Allan and Catherine (Simpson) Gabbaert. Cathy was a tireless worker who overcame poverty to raise 5 children many times with little help. She was a production supervisor in Elkhart, Indiana prior to retirement. She was a wonderful loving wife, mother, and grandmother, who will be greatly missed. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, and reading. She was a member of Brookside Stitchers. She married David Shearer on March 2, 1996, in Plymouth, Indiana at Calvary Lutheran Church where she was a member from 1996-2012 with Pastor Jeff Paterson officiating. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Huntington, Indiana from 2012-2019, then became a member of Peace Valley Lutheran Church, in Wauchula, Florida when they moved here.

She is preceded in death by both of her parents, and sister Sandy Carter, granddaughter Brandie Longfellow. Cathy is survived by her loving husband David Shearer; children Catherine (Steve) Roberts of Zolfo Springs, FL., John (Marla) Vandegrift of Huntington, IN., Don Vandegrift, Elkhart, IN., Sharon (Tim) McGuin of Huntington, IN., Kevin (Lori) Bendit of Greenwood, IN.; her brother Oliver Gabbeart of Michigan; 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Peace Valley Lutheran Church in Wauchula, Florida Pastor Anthony Arias will be officiating. The interment will be at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery in Huntington, Indiana.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Catherine A. Shearer.

Tribute Wall



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



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Catherine A. Shearer.

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