



Catherine Mae Grote

September 4, 2014

Catherine Mae (York) Grote age 69, of rural Bowling Green, passed away Thursday, September 04, 2014 at Hannibal Regional Hospital with her family at her side. Funeral services will be held at 10am Tuesday, September 9 at St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr. Bill Peckman officiating. Visitations will be from 4-8pm on Monday, September 8 at Mudd-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Cathy was born February 7, 1945 on “the Hill” in St. Louis, the eldest daughter of Richard Alvin and Phyllis (Comia) York. She and her family moved to rural Eolia when she was eleven years old. She attended and graduated from the Clopton School district, and remained a loyal Hawks fan until her passing.

On April 8, 1965, she married Larry Albert Grote at the Catholic church in Elsberry. They made their home in Ashley where they raised their family of four daughters.

Survivors include her husband, Larry, her mother-in-law Bernice Grote, and four daughters, their spouses and children. Felicia and Tim Gamm, Hannah, Jessica, Breanne, and Chloe Kroencke, Noah and Avery Gamm; Tina and Roy Niemeyer, Loren, Kimberly, and Megan; Melinda and Jason Kneib, Bryleigh; Angela and Ben Eckler, Carissa and Delci. She is also survived by her siblings and their spouses, Ray and Rose (Sam) York; Michael (Mick)

York; Rose White; Joe and Sherry York; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cathy was a homemaker until obtaining her LPN license from Pike-Lincoln Technical Center, at which time she went to work, briefly, at Pike County Memorial Hospital. She realized her real passion was working with special needs children and thus began her career as an aide and bus driver at Lillian Schaper State School in Bowling Green. She continued to dedicate her life to the care and education of these children until her retirement in 2008. Before her illness, she and her husband had opened a small convenience store and café in Ashley. She loved reminiscing and visiting with her customers and dear friends and also prided herself in serving “hand-pattied, tasty” burgers. The store kept her busy, but she loved every minute of it. Her hobbies included quilting with the St. Clement Quilters, crocheting, embroidering baby blankets, and watching Cardinals baseball. She prided herself in being more than a “fair weather fan.” Above all, she enjoyed seeing and “stealing kisses” from her grandchildren and spending time with her family at special occasions and holidays. Cathy was a kind-hearted woman who fought a valiant battle with a terribly aggressive illness and will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her nephew Bobby York, and her son-in-law Jon Kroencke.

Pallbearers will be her sons-in-law, Roy Niemeyer, Ben Eckler, Jason Kneib, and Tim Gamm, and dear friends Bill Sachs, and David Pine. Honorary pallbearers include Simon Orf, John Koester, Brad Cox & Bill Prior. Memorials may be made to the St. Clement Catholic Church and cemetery or the James E. Cary Cancer Center.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying you find comfort and peace.

Scott and Connie Bair - June 25, 2015 at 10:48 AM

TS

“ Larry Albert and girls.

Cathy was such a dear sweet lady, always smiling and so positive. She truly loved you girls and her grandchildren. As Christians, we know she is now in a better place and pain free. God bless all of you.

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Talley Saucier - June 25, 2015 at 10:47 AM

MP

“ Larry Albert and the girls. God took an angel. She was a wonderful woman. From the time I met her she treated me like she'd known me forever. She will be greatly missed. My sympathy to you all.

Missy Potter - June 25, 2015 at 10:47 AM

BB

“ A wonderful, loving co-worker who treated her co-workers and special students with her smile and kindness in her voice and actions. We will miss her but know she is in a better place.

Barb Blackler - June 25, 2015 at 10:47 AM

JG

“ So sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet lady. We so enjoyed going to the store for breakfast or lunch and visiting with her while we enjoyed the yummy food! May God bless you all in this time of need.

Joe and Donna Grote - June 25, 2015 at 10:47 AM

MH

“ Sincerest condolences to Catherine's family from the siblings of the Everett and Adah Hill family.

Maurine Hill - June 25, 2015 at 10:46 AM

KS

“ Sorry for your loss. She was a dear sweet lady and will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kay Sparks - June 25, 2015 at 10:46 AM

KO

“ Sorry for your loss praying for strength & healing, at this difficult time

Kathy & Les Orf - June 25, 2015 at 10:46 AM

BL

“ So sorry for your loss and will be praying for your comfort and strength. I had the privilege of working with Cathy for many years at the state school. Always enjoyed her smile, friendliness, and willingness to help. She helped me a lot. I know she will be greatly missed. She loved her family and others. Rest in peace, my friend.

Brenda Lambert - June 25, 2015 at 10:46 AM

LL

“ Sending sincere condolences to the entire family. I am very fortunate to have known Mrs. Grote. I will continue to keep you all in thought and prayer always.

Lisa Lee - June 25, 2015 at 10:46 AM

TM

“ Such a special lady and friend. We are thinking of you.

Tapley & Charlene McCune - June 25, 2015 at 10:45 AM

MF

“ Cathy was such a sweet lady. She loved her family very much. She loved the kids and staff at Lillian Schaper. I had the opportunity to work with Cathy at Lillian Schaper. Cathy never knew a stranger and she was there to help anyone who needed help. Such a kind and caring lady. She will be greatly missed. Cathy is now painfree and and new Angel is smiling down on us. May God comfort you all in the days ahead.

Mary Freiling - June 25, 2015 at 10:45 AM

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“ Tina & family & all who knew & loved Cathy, please accept my heartfelt condolences . I'm truly sorry for your loss. She was a very dear & precious lady with a heart of gold full of love & much more. Sending many loving prayers for strength, comfort & more. Love & hugs. God bless & may she rest in peace & fly high with the angels.

Kelly Davison (Harness) - June 25, 2015 at 10:45 AM

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“ Larry Albert and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Cathy was a wonderful lady. Always smiling and so nice whenever I ran into her. God now has 2 ladies to help him in heaven. Those 2 St. Clement ladies will surely keep things interesting in heaven. I will keep your family in my prayers always.

Tina Eisenbeis (Orf) - June 25, 2015 at 10:45 AM