



Catherine Marie "Cat" Westhaver

January 8, 1967 - January 17, 2019

Catherine Marie "Cat" Westhaver, age 52, passed away on January 17, 2019, after a brief illness, her fourth and final bout in her twenty seven year fight with cancer. She was born January 8, 1967, in Keene, NH, to Verna Church Westhaver and John Westhaver. She was a painter, sculptor, mask maker, mixed media artist, writer and poet, and a veteran of the Massachusetts National Guard. She attended the University of Arizona, Tucson, and Salve Regina College, Newport, RI, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UMASS, North Dartmouth, in 1989. The daughter of a professional pipe organist and US Air Force chaplain, she spent her childhood in New Hampshire, Nevada, Alaska, and Rhode Island. As an adult, she travelled extensively, notably to Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, the Galapagos, Kenya, Ireland, Turkey and Scotland and far eastern Russia. She spent the last twenty five years in the Upper Valley, where she was a member of the Claremont Makers Space. She touched people's lives for the better everywhere she went. She is survived by her mother, and by her brother, David Westhaver of Midlothian, VA, and his family, by Lisa Roderick, her spouse of thirty one years, and by her sister Penny Stevenson, both of Claremont. She is also survived by Apsara, Vivaldi and Brindle. A gathering of her friends and family will be announced later this winter. In lieu of cards or flowers, please give generously to the American Cancer Society: www.cancer.org. You are invited to share a memory of "Cat" with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ It was only today I learned with deep sadness of Cat's passing almost 11 months ago! She had such a loving, bright spirit! I shall always remember and be blessed by her great and loving kindness to me while I was with her father, my husband, in hospice during the last few days of his life. My heart goes out especially to Lisa in her loss. Cat lived so valiantly and deeply through the many years of her battle with cancer. I have continued to think of her often, and now I know she is free from pain and that her spirit is united with all that is wonderful which she celebrated, and with the spirits of those who loved her and have gone on before. As even death cannot quench love. I shall continue to remember and think of her with love and gratitude that I knew her, and that her love will always continue to make a difference in this world.

~ Karen Brook (Westhaver)

Karen Brook (Westhaver) - November 04, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. She fought her disease heroically for so many years. Her mother, Verna, was my children's piano teacher, so every week my 2 older children got to socialize with her and her brother David. Thoughts and prayers to her family.

Judy Stickney - February 05, 2019 at 11:18 PM



“ I was so sorry to learn about Cat's passing recently. I got to know her at the Claremont MakerSpace and worked along side her in the jewelry studio. I absolutely loved Cat's many wonderful tales of her travels, sharing laughs about our love of kitties, and the way she would always bring me jewelry articles about new projects to try. I feel grateful to have gotten to know her and know that she will be sorely missed by everyone at the MakerSpace. My heartfelt condolences to Cat's family and friends, she was a truly spectacular woman.

Katie B. - January 29, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ Dear Penny and Lisa, I'm so glad I had a week with Cat at Ferry Beach. It was wonderful to sit on the Rowland steps talking with her and to see her enjoy being in the company of women at the seaside. She was on her cancer journey back then-- what a long haul. May you feel loved as you miss this wry, reflective woman who has been such a part of your lives.

Leah Goat - January 26, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ Dear Lisa,
I am sorry to hear about Cat. I meet her when I work with you at Dartmouth.
Very sweet person. My condolences to you Lisa and family
Sincerely
Leli

leli - January 23, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ Dear Lisa,
We are so sad to hear of your dear Cat's passing. Her life was rich with blessings and she also knew great suffering. Her obituary is beautiful and helps us get a feeling of who she was. Lisa, we will pray for you and the family and also for Cat.
Fondly,
Joan and David Pepin



Joan Pepin - January 21, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ Dianne & Raymond Roderick lit a candle in memory of Catherine Marie "Cat" Westhaver



Dianne & Raymond Roderick - January 21, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Our hearts are heavy but how blessed we were the day you joined our family! Cat, your spirit will live on in all the beauty that surrounds us. You filled our lives with so much love, encouragement, and kindness over the years...even when you were going through so many of your own storms. You are a true Warrior! Love you, Mom & Dad Roderick XO

Dianne & Raymond Roderick - January 21, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Cat, I had the opportunity to meet her when I worked at Dartmouth with Lisa, it has been many years, but if I remember correctly she had a very dry sense of humor, but she lit up a room when she walked in. She would make everyone smile. You will be greatly missed. My heartfelt condolences to Lisa and the rest of the family.

Sarah Ha

Sarah Ha - January 19, 2019 at 03:55 AM



“ Dear Verna,
it is Caroline. i am so terribly sorry that your child is no longer with us. it has been years.
please know how very sorry that cathy
has left this plane. i have left a message for you at the Funeral Home, also have sent you
an email.
i hope so much to hear from you. my memories of cathy go back to her birth.
it was a joyous time. memories are bonded to us in our souls.
blessings, caroline

Caroline Macdougall - January 22, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ Cat was such a courageous and creative person. I will miss her stories of her cats and travels and creative projects.

Marv Klassen-Landis - January 25, 2019 at 01:22 PM