



Ms. Cathey Renae Bayless

February 15, 1951 - July 30, 2021

Ms. Cathey Bayless, 70, of Tallahassee, died on Friday, July 30, 2021.

She was born on February 15, 1951, in Kenton, Ohio to Harvey J. Bayless, Jr. and Vermell McMillan Bayless, who precede her in death.

Ms. Bayless had lived in Tallahassee for six years, moving here from Oakland, California, where she had spent most of her adult life. She was a faithful parishioner at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and served as a lay Dominican. She was also very active with C.H.R.P. (Christ Renews His Parish) and loved her C.H.R.P. sisters.

One of Ms. Bayless's greatest accomplishments was being a straight A student during her entire educational years, gaining the honor of valedictorian of the 1969 graduating class of Buckeye Local High School in Rushsylvania, Ohio. Following her high school graduation, she attained both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Walden University. Another great love of hers was cats!

Ms. Bayless is survived by her sisters, Iris Bayless Dunson, Shelley Bayless and Sakinah (Rita Bayless) Rasheed; nieces, Imani Rasheed, Naima Rasheed, Fatima Salam, Rachel Dunson and Monique McCain; her nephew, Bashir Rasheed; and her favorite feline friend, Daisy.

Visitation will be Friday, August 13, 2021, from 6:00 until 7:00 PM, with a Rosary beginning at 7:00 PM, at Abbey Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 PM, Saturday, August 14, 2021, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

The online guestbook can be found at www.abbeyfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home
4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
abbeyfh@comcast.net

Recitation of the Rosary

AUG 13. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home
4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
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Funeral Mass

AUG 14. 1:30 PM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
624 Miccosukee Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the passing of my high school classmate and friend. Cathey was so smart but very humble and softspoken. Please accept my sympathy to the family.*



Dee Brugler - August 19, 2021 at 10:26 PM

LR

“*Cathey and I met in the late 1980s or early 1990s in Oakland, when she enrolled in my little theatre program. She had a wonderful presence and we spent many a Saturday morning rehearsing together for a time. She was a talented playwright!--I have some of her scripts in here somewhere... She was an absolutely wonderful painter--I can picture some of them easily as I write this. Her paintings had her sweetness in them--and a special sense of space... and color!! An eye for color!*

Cathey and I remained friends before, during, and after her move to Florida, and we corresponded through one of her hospitalizations.

Last October I gave a lecture online and Cathey was the only one of my friends who showed up. I was lecturing about the painter, Kandinsky, who was both a painter and a poet, and with Cathey there in my Zoom audience, I stopped to talk about Cathey, who was also both a painter and a playwright. So now people around the U.S. and western and eastern Europe know about the talented Cathey. We also calculated (on air) how long we'd known each other.

I also enjoyed seeing the family photos Cathey posted. I could always spot her immediately by her gorgeous smile.

The words "I will miss her" don't even come close to how I feel without her.



Lissa Tyler Renaud - August 19, 2021 at 01:29 PM

MP

“ *Marvin and Rose Pickrum purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ms. Cathey Renae Bayless.*



Marvin and Rose Pickrum - August 14, 2021 at 03:56 PM

CJ

“ *Cousin, Gloria Joyce Love (New Jersey) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Cathey Renae Bayless.*



Cousin, Gloria Joyce Love (New Jersey) - August 13, 2021 at 12:29 PM

BR

“ *Barbara, Rhonda and Risha purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ms. Cathey Renae Bayless.*



Barbara, Rhonda and Risha - August 12, 2021 at 03:20 PM

SA

“ *Sonny, Miriam, Jeff & Audra purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ms. Cathey Renae Bayless.*



Sonny, Miriam, Jeff & Audra - August 12, 2021 at 11:53 AM

LW

“ Dearest loved ones:

I was blessed to get to know Cathey when she deciding to continue her faith journey by way of the Dominican walk when she started with the Lay Dominicans del Espiritu Santo Chapter of Tallahassee, FL. What a beautiful heart and soul, and infectious smile and joy in her heart that she showed every time we saw her no matter how she felt or what she was going through -- it outshined it all. I will forever be grateful for God allowing our paths to cross. I am better to have known her.

My prayers are with all of her loved ones. May your precious memories with Cathey bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Eternal rest grant unto Cathey, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May you rest in peace within the arms of Jesus.

Peace be unto you,

*Mrs. Lorian Boehm Wingfield, O.P.
Lay Dominicans del Espiritu Santo*

Lorian Boehm Wingfield - August 12, 2021 at 10:52 AM

LJ

“ Love cousin: Theresa Jasey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Cathey Renae Bayless.



Love cousin: Theresa Jasey - August 11, 2021 at 04:27 PM