

Catherine Hiner

May 27, 1940 - January 28, 2025

Catherine W. J. Hiner, affectionately known as Cathy, departed from this world on January 28, 2025, leaving behind a profound legacy woven through the lives she touched. Born on May 27, 1940, in Mt. Clemens, MI, Cathy was the daughter of the late August and Norma (MacNamara) Grayson. Her vibrant spirit radiated kindness and compassion, echoing through every facet of her life.

Cathy's journey was marked by love, commitment, and faith. She found her soulmate in Robert R. Hiner, marrying him on September 17, 1971. Though Robert is no longer by her side, his memory remains a cherished part of her story. Together, they knit together a family who now honors her remarkable life: daughters Roberta (Toni) Schmidt, Gretchen Kneip, Jennifer (Pete) McCullah, Christine (Randall) Kuester, and son David (Helene) Hiner, along with a tapestry of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Each one carries with them the threads of her love, wisdom, and creativity.

Cathy's educational pursuits were as diverse as her interests. She graduated from East Detroit High School, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, and was a proud member of Phi Theta Kappa at St. Clair County Community College. Her spiritual journey culminated in a dedicated ministry within the United Methodist Church, where she continued to share her faith long after retirement. Cathy's formal ministry extended in Michigan to her churches at Uby UMC, Memphis and Lamb UMCs, Port Sanilac UMC and cooperative parish, and finally to Jeddo and Buell UMCs from which she retired. Regular

attendance at John Stewart United Methodist Church in Upper Sandusky, OH, reflected her deep-rooted commitment to community and service.

Aside from her role as a mother and friend, one of Cathy's proudest accomplishments was a spiritual journey to the Holy Land, encapsulating her devotion and fervor for her faith, reflecting the depth of her character and the love she dedicated to her spiritual path.

An active member of her communities, Cathy engaged in a variety of organizations that highlighted her zest for life—the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman's Club, Port Austin Community Players, Grant Township Fire Department Chaplain, Eastern Star, Lions Club, Rotary Club, and the Happy Hookers crochet club were but a few of her affiliations. In 1986 she was named Homemaker Of The Year in Huron County, MI. She found joy in crafting beautiful quilts and continued her ministry after retirement by founding Prayers and Squares at John Stewart UMC. She uplifted others by singing heartfelt melodies, and creating intricate crocheted and knitted treasures.

These hobbies, more than mere pastimes, were expressions of her love and generosity, wrapping her family, friends, and even strangers in warmth.

In her passing, Cathy rejoins her beloved son, C. Anthony Todaro, and her cherished grandson, Werner Jr. Kneip, along with her dear sister Patricia R. Fraser, who precede her in death. Yet, the essence of Cathy remains vibrant in the memories shared by her family and friends, particularly her grandchildren—Herbert, Daryl, Derek, Kory, Michael, Dennis, Timothy, Sarah, Joshua, Lorraine, Randall Jr., Justin, and many great-grandchildren.

Her memory will be honored during visitation on Friday January 31 from 4pm-6pm and Saturday February 1, 2025, from 9am-11am followed by a funeral service at Bringman Clark Funeral Home, with Pastors Amy Vittorio and Johnny Phillips officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wyandot County Council on Aging, John Stewart Methodist Prayers and Squares or the charity of the donor's choice in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home, 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. Visit www.BringmanClark.com to view the life tribute

DVD, send a condolence or share a memory.

As the world turns and the seasons change, Cathy's spirit will forever be interwoven within the hearts of those she loved and those who loved her. In every quilt stitched, each note sung, and every yarn knitted, her legacy patiently awaits to be celebrated, cherished, and remembered.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bringman-Clark Funeral Home
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Visitation

FEB 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

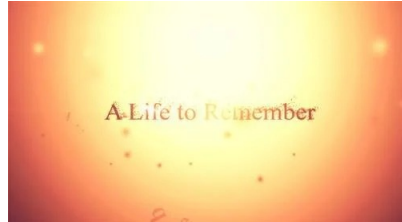
FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine Hiner*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - January 30, 2025 at 10:15 AM

MA

“ *What a fun and talented woman, cousin of Joanne(Grayson)Alberty. Joanne introduced us to Cathy, we just wish we had known her earlier in our lives. Sorry for your loss.*
Rik and Mary Alberty

mary Alberty - February 06, 2025 at 05:13 PM

JC

“ Cathy and I met at a funeral. Funerals were how we grew to become close friends. Funerals are where we both figured out to best use our talents to heal the grieving. Your long life of service to our nation, church, community, neighborhood and dedicated outreach to marginalized people have benefited countless people and made the world a better place. Of all the work you have done, I want to highlight one aspect I witnessed first hand, your funeral ministry. You consistently were there, tailoring a personalized and beautiful tribute whether the deceased was friend or stranger. You came to the funeral and would "work the room," picking up stories and insights to quilt into a story of the person. Your services honored the deceased, comforted the grieving and uplifted the soul. Your beautiful singing voice could either soothe or inspire. Frequently at funerals you would sing one of your favorite songs from your acting role as Mother Superior in Sound of Music singing *Climb Every Mountain*. The song ends with:
*There's a brighter day on the other side
Follow every rainbow
'Till you find your dream*



James Childs - February 04, 2025 at 08:59 PM

JB

“ Jennifer B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Hiner.

Jennifer B. - January 31, 2025 at 02:46 PM

RE

“ I will always remember Cathy and her joyous spirit. She would light up the room with her laughter and smile. Well done, good and faithful servant. Rest Well.

Rev Ann Emerson - January 31, 2025 at 06:11 AM

OS

“ Orgain Building Supply purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Catherine Hiner.



Orgain Building Supply - January 30, 2025 at 04:39 PM

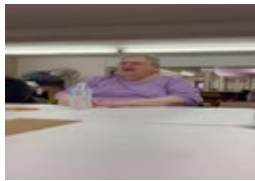
ES

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I so enjoyed working in ministry with Cathy at the Port Sanilac Cooperative Parish. She was bold in sharing goodness, love and joy with me and others.

Ellen Olson Schippert - January 30, 2025 at 01:46 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Roberta Schmidt - January 30, 2025 at 01:34 PM

RO

“ 4 files added to the album Cathy



Roberta - January 30, 2025 at 12:56 PM

NM

“ *Mary E. Beaudua. St. Clair Michigan*

Nancy Beaudua for her mother Mary - January 30, 2025 at 12:31 PM

JS

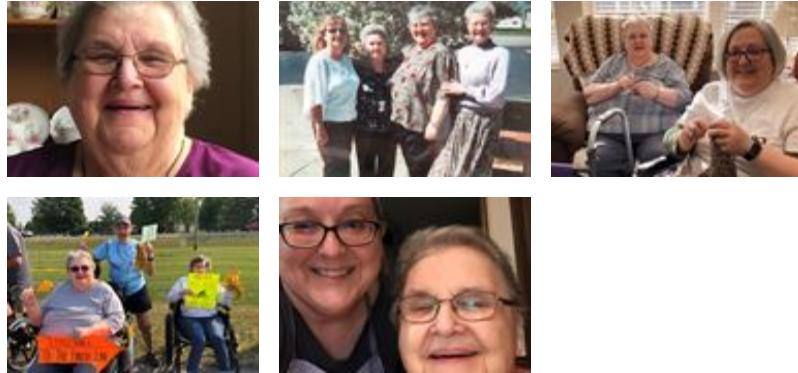
“ *Cathy was a great friend and a good quilting teacher*



jennell Shane - January 30, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - January 30, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Cathy through the Greater Findlay Area Emmaus ministry back in 2010, she served as the spiritual director for my Walk. I will forever be grateful for the lives she changed (including mine) and her beautiful spirit she blessed us with. Well done good and faithful servant!

April Ramsey - January 30, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ Linda, Amy and Dorothy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Catherine Hiner.



Linda, Amy and Dorothy - January 30, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ Linda, Amy and Dorothy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Hiner.

Linda, Amy and Dorothy - January 30, 2025 at 08:30 AM

SS

“ Stacy S. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Catherine Hiner.



Stacy S. - January 29, 2025 at 07:28 PM

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“ Stacy S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Hiner.

Stacy S. - January 29, 2025 at 07:28 PM

RO

“ 6 files added to the album Cathy



Roberta - January 29, 2025 at 06:51 PM

MN

“ Cathy's life is like a candle that will never burn out. She was one of the most loving friends that I have ever had.



Marie Nutting - January 29, 2025 at 09:20 AM