



Catherine R. Buchholz

May 22, 1963 - September 20, 2022

Catherine Ruth Buchholz, 59, of Holgate, Ohio died peacefully on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center. She was born May 22, 1963 in Montpelier, Ohio to Melvin Gene and Lois (Royal) Thiel. On June 21, 1986 she married James Buchholz in Wharton, Ohio.

A profound love for music shaped the fabric of Cathy's life. She was a 1981 graduate of Riverdale High School, where she developed a love for theatre. She continued her education at the University of Toledo obtaining a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and then her master's degree from Bowling Green State University.

Cathy taught Musical Arts and Theatre at Holgate High School for over 37 years. She loved to play the piano and took great honor in instructing young children. She was the founding member of the Henry County Arts Council and member of the Ohio Arts Council and the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education.

She enjoyed attending Broadway shows in her free time.

She was a faithful member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holgate, where she was the organist and choir director.

She is survived by her mother, Lois Thiel; husband, Jim; children, Alex (Tricia) Buchholz and Austin (Shelby) Buchholz; and siblings, Constance (Tirey) Latham, Carol (Alun) Deniston, Charles (Denise) Thiel, and Catrina (Randy) Harding. She was preceded in death by her father, Gene.

Funeral services will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holgate. A private burial will take place at St.

Peter Lutheran Cemetery on Thursday.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, and Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Peter Piano Fund.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Cemetery

14200 County Road F
Holgate, OH 43527

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

SEP 28. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
710 Joe E Brown Ave
Holgate, OH 43527

Funeral Service

SEP 28. 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
710 Joe E Brown Ave
Holgate, OH 43527

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - October 06, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *I had the honor and pleasure of getting to know Cathy from our work with the Ohio Music Education Association. Her love and passion for music was an inspiration to so many students and colleagues. May God watch over her loved ones during this sorrowful time.*

Jill Murrell - September 28, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz.*



September 26, 2022 at 09:40 PM



“ *Prayers of comfort to the family! Sorry for your loss.*

Joshua Barnes - September 26, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz.*



September 26, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz.*



September 26, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Sending sympathy and prayers to the the entire family.*

John and Barb Fritz - September 26, 2022 at 09:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz.*



September 25, 2022 at 02:57 PM

HF

“ *Heather Frase lit a candle in memory of Catherine R. Buchholz*



Heather Frase - September 24, 2022 at 11:12 PM

HF

“ *She drove me for 16 weeks (every sat morning) to a young theater rep classes in Toledo because my family couldn't and she wanted me to do it and she knew I wanted to also! I just wrote a letter and small gift expressing my appreciation for her I think last year. I do hope she received it. I hope she knew how much she Ment to a lot of people! What teacher does that for a kid on her own time her own gas? An amazing one that's who!!! Her kindness I will always remember Def need more like her that's for sure!*

Heather Frase - September 24, 2022 at 11:07 PM

MF

“ *Miller Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz*

Miller Family - September 24, 2022 at 11:06 AM

MF

“ *Miller Family lit a candle in memory of Catherine R. Buchholz*



Miller Family - September 24, 2022 at 11:01 AM

TM

“ Theresa M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz.



Theresa M. - September 24, 2022 at 11:00 AM

TM

“ I personally want to send my condolences to the family. She touched many individual in a positive way. God bless and take care.

Tim McGhee - September 24, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz.



September 23, 2022 at 10:47 PM

AW

“ I will always keep the memories of working with Cathy on the Art Council, playing duets with her and being her accompanist for a short time at Holgate school. She was a great talent and contributed so much to the music education of her students and provided much enjoyment for all of us. May her music live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Alayne Weber - September 23, 2022 at 07:05 PM

KC

“ I was so sorry to hear of Cathy's passing and wish I had tried to keep in touch with her after high school. She was my fellow "Kathy" from Wharton. Some of my memories with her include band, the Wharton Stitch N Stir 4-H club, and her magnificent piano playing. I also attended a birthday party for her at her house when we were pretty young. I attended all my school years with her and teachers were constantly getting us mixed up. She came to a slumber party at my house and we gathered around the piano where she played lots of songs for us out of a Reader's Digest music book and I especially remember singing "Blowin' in the Wind". Another funny memory (not for her, though) was when we were all eligible for Homecoming Queen for Wharton right before our senior year. We had fancy sports cars to ride in, but we were one car short, and she had to ride in a Zenobia Shriner Car. Oh, she was fit to be tied about that. I wish I could attend her visiting hours, but I am self quarantining to prepare for a trip overseas next week. Rest in peace, Cathy. Prayers for the family.

Kathy (Fulk) Coy - September 23, 2022 at 06:53 PM

MF

“ Millard, Linda Abrams & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz.



Millard, Linda Abrams & Family - September 23, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz.*



September 23, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *Love, Steve and Jan Cofield and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz.*



Love, Steve and Jan Cofield and family - September 23, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine R. Buchholz.*



September 21, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Jim & Family - your in our thoughts & prayers. Cathy will be dearly missed. I am so thankful to have known her! As are my girls, Olivia & Faith that they were blessed to have her as their amazing teacher & mentor; and she became all of our dear friend!*

Carrie Kuhlman - September 21, 2022 at 11:13 AM

CA

My heart goes out the Cathy's family on your tremendous loss. Praying for your comfort. I always enjoyed working with Cathy, and she accomplished great things with our students at Holgate. She will be missed by all who knew her. Sending hugs to all of you!

Carol Agler - September 23, 2022 at 11:29 AM

LA

Dear Britt, Alex and Austin, Millard and I are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love and hugs to all of you. God Bless💙💙💙

Linda & Millard Abrams/family - September 23, 2022 at 05:30 PM

LS

I am so terribly sorry for the loss of my college friend, Cathy. Although we hadn't spoken in years, I thought of her often. In these moments, we need to all do better reaching out and staying in touch. She was a wonderful person and my heart aches for the entire family.

Lisa Dunn Saneda - September 23, 2022 at 10:37 PM

SS

So sorry to learn of Cathy's passing. Prayers to Jim and the family. I know they were so proud of all she did for the community and the children. Let the wonderful memories of her goodness sustain and uphold you in this time of grief.

Susan C. Sweet - September 24, 2022 at 07:57 AM

JM

Shocked and saddened to learn of Cathy's passing. Love and prayers for her mother, Lois, and all the family.

Janet Meadows - September 24, 2022 at 01:52 PM

S(

I was her student for years and I want to send prayers to her family especially her husband. May you sing for God's choir.

samantha walker (student) - September 27, 2022 at 07:01 AM