



Catherine Linda Holm

March 28, 1946 - September 7, 2024

of Alexandria, Virginia passed away peacefully on September 7, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on March 28, 1946 to William and Mary Anderson. She grew up in Deer Lodge, Montana, where she met the love of her life, Ronald Holm, in junior high school. Cathie and Ron were best friends and married for 59 years.

Cathie is survived by her husband Ron, son Chris Holm (Stela), daughter Ronda Polhamus (Keith), grandson Austin Polhamus, sister Louise Beighle and nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents and her brother, David Anderson.

Cathie earned her B.S (1969) and M.S. (1972) degrees in Home Economics from Purdue University and worked for Fairfax County Public Schools for nearly 30 years.

Cathie was an avid mystery reader and library patron, and she was also active in the Hayfield Garden Club. She enjoyed spending time in her sewing room creating fabric projects and working on quilts. She loved taking cruises with her husband – especially the Land/Sea Alaska cruise - and visiting Glacier National Park.

Cathie was happiest sitting out on her deck in the evenings enjoying a peaceful view of the woods. And anyone who knew her knew that the highlight of her week was having dinner on Friday nights for years with a group of special friends she affectionately called “the Friday Nighters.”

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *I loved Cathie very much; she was a wonderful friend. Her loss is deeply felt.*

Mary Millikin - July 12, 2025 at 03:53 PM

VB

“ *Ron,
I'm so very sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.*
Vic Bermudez

Vic Bermudez - September 15, 2024 at 10:52 AM

MA

“ *So sad and sorry to hear Cathie passed.
My heartfelt condolences to her family.*

Margaret Daniels Altenbrun - September 14, 2024 at 09:00 PM

JD

“*Cathie and I have been friends since we were two years old. Both of us were avid readers and mystery fans - we used to meet at the library which was the halfway point between our houses. We walked our dogs, Cathie with her wire-haired fox terrier Corky and me with my little dachshund Smokey. We always got the leashes tangled and laughingly said we had leashitis. And we were two of the founding members of the Mt. Powell Buddies 4-H Club. After I moved to Missoula for high school, we were still pals, and remained so even once we were living on opposite coasts. Just recently she confirmed a memory of cattle mooving (pun intended) down 5th street to the fairgrounds. We were in touch regularly and I miss her terribly. I'm heartbroken but send loving thoughts to Ron and all their family.*

Jeanne Dorward

Jeanne Dorward - September 14, 2024 at 04:13 PM

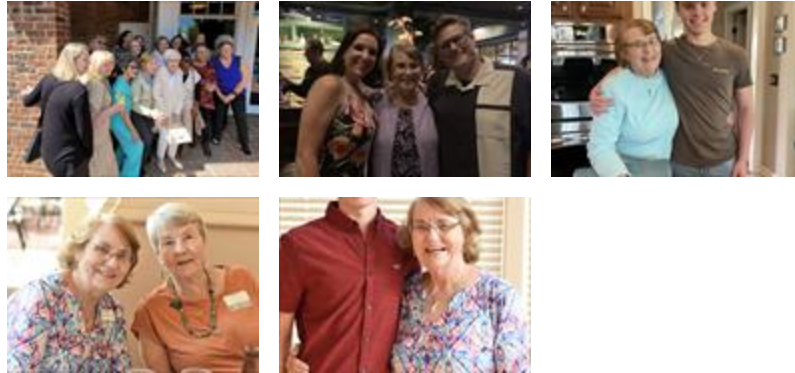
TC

“*I am Tina Mori Corelli. I went to high school with Cathie. Last year Cathie told me she and a few other girls had gone down to the state prison to view the riot that was actually happening. Of course, they got caught and had to answer to three groups of adults, the nuns, the junior high principal and the prison administrator. Cathie was fun, smart and an all-around awesome person. She had a mischievous streak which was shared at our gathering Saturday. There were only 21 of one at our 60th high school reunion, but we all remember Cathie and were saddened by the news of her passing May memories buoy you Ron and family, and God grant you comfort and strength. Her passing leaves a hole, and I pray it is filled with Love and Support. We are all so very sorry. God be with you.*

Tina Mori Corelli - September 14, 2024 at 12:55 PM

CH

“ 12 files added to the album *Memories*



Christopher Holm - September 11, 2024 at 10:31 AM

SG

“ *Cathie will be dearly missed, she was my mother's best friend and confidant and I know how much she was cherished with the Friday night group! I had the pleasure of hanging out with Cathie and enjoying a country concert and her laugh and humor was infectious. Rest in peace Cathie, Shannon*



Shannon Gerndt - September 09, 2024 at 12:31 PM