



## Cathy LaFaye Counts

September 4, 2016

Cathy LaFaye Counts, age 66, of Mableton passed away September 4, 2016. She was a member of Macland Baptist Church. Cathy was preceded in death by her siblings, Edna Lancaster, Gordon Smith, and Don Smith. She is survived by her husband, Steve; son, Freddie Bates of Austell; sisters, Grace McDonough of Ashland, AL, Audrey Terry of Florida, and Lisa Tucker of Lineville, AL; and grandchildren, Alexis Bates, Chase Bates, and Landon Bates. Funeral services will be held Thursday, 12:00 PM at Macland Baptist Church with Rev. Frank McLeod and Dr. Richard Walker officiating. She will Lie in State at the church from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM before the service. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Davis-Struempf Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service at Cheatham Hill Memorial Park.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Cheatham Hill Memorial Park** SEP

1861 Dallas Hwy

Marietta, GA, 30064

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**Visitation**

05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Davis-Struempf Funeral Home

1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US, 30106

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory** - September 07, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ Fly high sweet Cathy. It was a joy to know you.

Terri and Ponch Ramos

**Terri** - September 07, 2016 at 04:25 PM



“ I love you Aunt Cathy, hug daddy for me

**Leslie smith** - November 02, 2017 at 02:59 AM



“ Cathy you were the sweetest person I ever met. Thank you for everything. I wish I had known.

**Tracy Rupp** - December 18, 2017 at 05:24 PM

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“ May beautiful memories of Cathy always linger in your hearts, and may the God of all comfort carry you through your grief.Ps.34:17-19

**Sheena Hayes** - October 24, 2016 at 01:03 PM

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“ I went to highschool with Cathy. Loved her smile and sweet character. I did not know thst she had passed. My son had passed recently and other family members, so I am sorry I did not make the funersl for her. My deepest regrets to her fsmily. Such a lovely person.

**Sandra Huff -Halyard Okeefe High** - October 08, 2016 at 07:57 PM

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“ We are so saddened to hear of the passing of Cathy. She was such a lovely person. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. We were blessed to have her and Steve as a neighbor for many years. We pray for comfort and peace for you Steve, Freddie and family. Our prayer is you will find comfort and strength in knowing Cathy is whole again in Heaven.

Steve and Susan Harding

Steve & Susan Harding - September 09, 2016 at 08:59 AM

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“ I just learned of Cathy's passing. This is one of the saddest days in my life. What a warm, sweet and lovable person she was.

Jim Sce - September 08, 2016 at 04:53 PM

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“ Cathy was always so kind and a truly special person. She will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Steve and Freddie and their extended family.

Lisa McMath - September 08, 2016 at 03:50 PM

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“ So sorry to hear the sad news about Cathy. When we went to O'keefe, she lived with us for a short time. She was such a kind person. Thoughts and prayers to her family. Sandra Sweat Watts Class of '68.

sandra Sweat Watts - September 08, 2016 at 04:54 AM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cathy LaFaye Counts.



September 07, 2016 at 12:57 PM

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“ Larry and Connie Dale purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cathy LaFaye Counts.



Larry and Connie Dale - September 07, 2016 at 11:42 AM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cathy LaFaye Counts.



September 07, 2016 at 11:41 AM

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“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - September 07, 2016 at 11:28 AM

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“ Joyce, Keran, and Kristen purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Cathy LaFaye Counts.



Joyce, Keran, and Kristen - September 07, 2016 at 10:24 AM

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“ I met and worked with Cathy back in the early 80s at Alexander Howden. What a wonderful person she was inside and out. Always a smile and williness to help you. Even with the group's yearly luncheons we would pickup just has we had left off, chatting & reminiscing over old times family and grand kids as if was only yesterday that we had last seen each other.  
Steve & Freddie please know that you and the family remain in my prayers. May Cathy rest in Peace  
Gwendolyn Thomas & Family

**Gwendolyn Thomas** - September 07, 2016 at 10:03 AM

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“ Cathy was a dear friend. Friendships that have endured for 40 years are rare in this day and time. We were always able to pick up where we left off the last time we talked or visited. Her attributes were numerous, loving, kind, honest, truthful, sincere and many more. I have tried to focus on the many fun times we enjoyed. I always enjoyed shopping with Cathy. She always wanted the best for her friends and was not afraid to tell me that something did not look good on me, then she would pick out what did look nice on me. We have laughed together, cried together, and enjoyed the time we spent together. Steve and Freddie my heart hurts for you. My special friend will be greatly missed.

**Joy e Phelps** - September 07, 2016 at 09:42 AM

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**Joy e Phelps** - September 07, 2016 at 09:40 AM

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“ I had the privilege of working with Cathy from 1986 - 1996. I have never met a more beautiful person, inside and out. She had an infectious spirit and was a joy to work with. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

**Terri Snell** - September 07, 2016 at 09:13 AM

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“ Rod, Linda & The McMath Family. purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Cathy LaFaye Counts.



**Rod, Linda & The McMath Family.** - September 06, 2016 at 01:10 PM

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“ Dear Steve and all those who loved Cathy and were fortunate enough to be in her presence many times over the years. Bill and I only knew both of you through Sunday School at Macland, but she exuded life and her countenance did, indeed, light up a room. It was a blessing to me just to talk with her on Sundays, and I regret that I had not seen her in some time. We pray that you, Freddie and all her close friends and family will rejoice in knowing that she is no longer in pain and is in the presence of our merciful Lord and Savior. With love and deep sympathy, Carol and Bill Alexander

**Bill and Carol Alexander** - September 06, 2016 at 01:20 AM

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“ Our Sunday School at Macland Baptist had the privilege of having Cathy and Steve in our class. We were so blessed by Cathy's (and Steve) sweet presence. We also know she now has a new body and is sitting with Christ forever more with all pain and sorrow gone. To her family and friends who will miss her terribly, let God's promise of where she is comfort your hearts. To Steve, Freddie, and the rest of Cathy's family, please know you are in our prayers. We will continue to lift you up for peace and comfort during this oh so difficult time. She will be missed by all of us in her Macland Class/Church.

Paul and Linda Stephens

**Paul and Linda Stephens** - September 05, 2016 at 10:52 PM



“ Cathy will be missed by all who knew her. She had an infectious smile and a warm heart. Though we will miss her, we know that she is enjoying her Heavenly body and the company of our Lord Jesus Christ. See you soon sweet lady. Steve and family you are in my thought and prayers. Glenda Buchanan

**Glenda Buchanan** - September 05, 2016 at 06:51 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. I met Cathy back in 1978 when I started working at Alexander Howden. She was always smiling and would help you in any way she could. She will be missed by a lot of people. May you rest in peace now.

Cheryl Freeman

**Cheryl Freeman** - September 05, 2016 at 06:06 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family of my dear friend Cathy. We have been friends for many, many years. I have so many fond memories of you Cathy. You were always a true gracious southern lady with the most beautiful smile. You always lighted up the room when you walked in. You leave a great big void in so many lives.. You have left us too soon. My you rest in peace my Friend. I love you and will always miss you.

ROSALEE (ROSIE) WHITLEY

**ROSALEE WHITLEY** - September 05, 2016 at 05:42 PM

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“ Larry and I were blessed to have been neighbors and friends with Cathy and Steve for almost thirty years. In addition, we have had the privilege of having them in our Macland Sunday School Class. Words cannot express the affection and love we had for Cathy. God provided Steve with a wonderful wife and Freddy with a wonderful mother. May Jesus give the family peace at this time. Cathy will be greatly missed, but we are sure in our knowledge that she is in the presence of the Lord and we will meet again. With love in Christ, Larry and Connie Dale.

**Larry & Connie Dale** - September 05, 2016 at 10:36 AM

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“ Cathy was a kind and friendly person, she will be missed  
Linda and AL Cunningham



**Linda CUNNINGHAM** - September 05, 2016 at 07:19 AM

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“ Dear Steve and Freddie,

I was so sorry to hear of Cathy's passing yet at the same time rejoice that she is no longer suffering.

I saw Cathy in June 2015 at a Howden reunion at Olive Garden near Cumberland Mall. Afterwards she came over to Ann Jones' house where I was staying. The three of us had so much fun sharing, laughing and just enjoying the short time we had together. I made pictures of Cathy with Ann and Cathy with me. I am so grateful for that special afternoon and the memories I captured.

Cathy was a wonderful person. She and I worked together from 1975 until 1987. In the later years, I would fill in for her as Mr. Wolf's assistant when she was out of the office. We both went through some difficult times during those days. We would often marvel at the fact that no matter how low we went, we were never down at the same time. One would always be there to cover for the other when the going got rough.

Steve and Freddie, words don't adequately express my thoughts and feelings as I process the news. Just know that you and all of Cathy's family and close friends are in my thoughts and prayers. Since I live in North Carolina, I won't be coming to the funeral;; however, I will be there in spirit.

May God comfort you as only He can during this time of loss.

Blessings,

Gail Boemker



Gail Boemker - September 05, 2016 at 05:54 AM

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“ Cathy Counts was one of the best people that I ever met. It is so rare in life to find friends like her and Steve. I am blessed to have known her for over forty years. I pray for Steve, Freddie and all of the family. Thank you God for the time on earth that we all had with Cathy. We look forward to seeing her again in heaven!



**Rod McMath** - September 04, 2016 at 07:54 PM

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“ I don't know where to begin in sharing my memories of Cathy. When Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you", Cathy lived every moment of her life that way. We had over forty years together as friends and her friendship was constantly there. Cathy was one of the most precious Christians I have ever known. As sad as I am for Cathy's family and friends, I know that Cathy is rejoicing in heaven. My sweet, sweet friend I will always be grateful for the time we had together and I thank you for making me a better person. This is not a good-bye, it is just a short pause until we see each other again. Love you.

**Linda McMath** - September 04, 2016 at 06:13 PM



“ What an amazing person Cathy was she was an amazing example of what we all hope we will attain as a mother, sister, wife and friend!! My sister(Linda Mcmath) and her husband Rod were fortunate to have her in their life's!! I think everyone who knew her will agree she was one of a kind. Steve and Freddie we are thinking of you, and sending prayers. Rita

**Rita Perdichizzi** - September 05, 2016 at 09:25 AM

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“ Linda McMath lit a candle in memory of Cathy LaFaye Counts



**Linda McMath** - September 04, 2016 at 05:49 PM