



Catherine Merle Berry

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Catherine Merle Berry, 67, of Broken Arrow, OK passed away September 20, 2022. She was born November 11, 1954, in Nowata, OK to Grace Ann Banister (Berry) and Wesley (Gene) Berry who both preceded her in death. Catherine attended grade school in Nowata, OK, and moved with her family to Pryor, OK as she entered 6th grade. She graduated from Pryor High School in 1973.

Catherine is survived by her brother Brent Berry of Monument, CO; daughter Valerie Powell of Pryor, OK and son Christopher Powell of Claremore OK; granddaughter Samantha (Sam) Hicks and Tobias (Toby) Hicks of Pryor, OK. Catherine had many interests and talents and was a lifelong learner, having taken college classes and self-study coursework on many topics including computer science, business accounting, photography, and real estate abstracting and title insurance. More than once, Catherine reinvented herself to excel at the vocations she chose. Many who knew her testify of her fertile mind, quick wit, zeal for life, and eagerness to accommodate any need of a friend or acquaintance. Catherine especially loved music both playing, and listening. The family was known to tease her about her love for Barry Manilow's music. She read and wrote poetry. Her culinary skills were extraordinary, especially when baking. Catherine was most at home when outdoors, often barefoot on a warm beach. She especially enjoyed traveling to Cozumel, where according to her wishes, her ashes will be taken away by an incoming tide.

Catherine's only enemies were her immune system and time. Even so, with odds often stacked against her, she lived her life on her own terms and enjoyed it to the fullest. Her joy for life was infectious and very apparent to all who knew her. She loved family, especially her children and grandchildren who she loved with everything she had.



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We invite you to join us in her celebration of life beginning at 1 pm on Saturday, October 29th at the Floral Haven Family Event Center. This will be casual and consistent with Catherine's instructions we ask that you wear bright joyous colors. Come mingle, visit, and share a Catherine story.

If able and willing, bring a potluck dish for a meal that we will enjoy together.

Catherine asked for "a bunch of bright beautifully colored flowers". If you want to contribute, you may send flowers to Floral Haven in Broken Arrow for the celebration ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, her family suggests that you consider donating to The PBCers Organization; a non-profit resource for those with Primary Biliary Cholangitis.

<https://pbcers.org/>




Events


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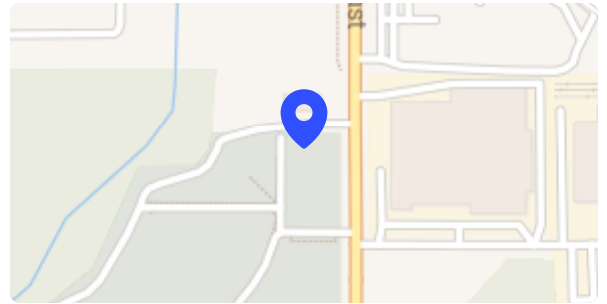
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Celebration of Life Gathering

 **Saturday**, October 29, 2022

 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT

 **Floral Haven Family Center**
6420 South 129th East Avenue, Broken Arrow OK
74012





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the Berry family.



October 27 at 8:03 AM



Milre Henry posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Catherine's passing! Catherine and I met through our jobs and became fast friends. Whenever my work took me to the Tulsa area, she opened her home to me and we had fun times together going out for dinner, to the fair or what ever happened to be going on in the area. After my stroke, she brought me meals as I recovered, arranged for dinner with the "girls" and was just a great friend. When I was no longer able to go to Tulsa, I missed her presence in my life. RIP dear Catherine ...you are missed! Milre Henry, Tecumseh, OK

October 1 at 7:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Berry family.



September 28 at 5:20 PM



Susan Newell Portman posted:

I did not know Catherine well when we were growing up, but I knew well of her. I had always thought highly of her for her independence and self-assurance. When we became friends on facebook, I told her I had always admired her and she thanked me. Made me laugh. She admonished my exhausting holiday decorating, telling me about her small tree that came with decorations for every holiday so she just took one small set off to replace with the next. It was only later I learned that, while that suited her no nonsense persona to a tee, she did not have energy to waste on the frivolities due to her autoimmune disorders. It was not that that was a secret but that she was not using it as an excuse when there were better reasons as well. Quintessential Catherine. I will miss her presence in my life and on the planet. Gone too soon. May everything be better for you now, finally! Susan Newell Portman

September 28 at 5:03 AM



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Marcia Williams posted:

Catherine was a kind and loving person, she will be greatly missed.

September 28 at 4:46 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Berry family.



September 27 at 12:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Berry family.



September 27 at 11:06 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Catherine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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