



Catherine Iola Horton

July 31, 1948 - June 4, 2024

Catherine Iola Horton passed away unexpectedly Tuesday June 4, 2024 at Robert Packer Hospital. Cathye was born in 1948 to parents Clifford T. Shaffer and Iola (Northrup) Shaffer of Towanda. She attended St. Agnes and graduated from Towanda High School. She went to college at Kutztown University and completed her BS in Human Services at SUNY Empire State College. Cathye's entire career of 40 years was at Bradford County Human Services. Her passion was working to bring mental health consumers home from long term facilities to live successfully in their community. She founded the Bradford County Community Hospital Integration Project (CHIPP) and was a long serving chairperson of the PA State Mental Health Task Force. She was an early pioneer of addressing homelessness in Bradford County at a time when those in power would not allow the word "homelessness" to be spoken aloud. But speak she did, and her fierce advocacy earned her the nickname "the Dragonlady". Cathye was an avid DIY-er before that was a term, enjoying crafts, sewing, making leather belts and transforming old leather boots into custom purses. Cathye also enjoyed her Ford Mustangs. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 30 years Herbert G. Horton, her son Mark J. Horton, her brothers James "Shag" Shaffer, Paul Northrup and John Shaffer. She is survived her son Matthew P. Horton, her faithful dog Lola, her best friends and adopted sisters Mary Ackley, Sally Vaughn and Mary Kay Kelly. Friends may call Friday June 28th, 2024, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home 314 Desmond Street, Sayre, PA. A graveside

service will follow at 12 p.m. at Bradford County Memorial Park Cemetery, Burlington Township, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home
314 Desmond Street
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-2113
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Graveside Service

JUN 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fly high with the Angel's..May the memories of you give your family and friends Comfort, Love and Peace* ❤️



Gayle Schrimp Eddy - June 15, 2024 at 09:21 AM