



Catherine Vough Mullen

August 3, 1941 - March 30, 2018

Catherine Elizabeth Vough Mullen

Catherine Vough Mullen, age 76, of Waverly, wife of 59 years of Thomas Mullen, died at home on Friday, March 30, 2018, from an extended illness.

“Cathy” as she was affectionately called, was the mother of Timothy Mullen (Nancy Pipher) of Waverly; Jennifer Persoon (Jack) of Interlaken; Elizabeth “Betsy” Sheppard (Dean) of Waverly; Dennis Mullen (Kathy Farr) of Waverly; Matthew Mullen (Terese Swigonski) of Spencer; and Jessica Ryan (Joe) of Ithaca.

She is survived by 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, the absolute joys of her life. Known with great love as Grandma and then GG, Great Grandma, she leaves behind a legacy of family of which she was the beloved matriarch. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren are Benjamin Mullen (Stephanie Smith) of Waverly and their children Colin, Lucas, and Finn; MaryRose Catherine Mullen of Binghamton; Adam Mullen and William Mullen of Waverly; Captain Jacob Persoon (Eva Messmer) of Ft. Benning, Georgia and their children Elsie, Levi, Jace and Avonlea and 1st Lt. Jessica Persoon of Interlaken; Zachary Sheppard (Janelle Bucholtz) of Melbourne, Florida and their son Brody; Rachel Sheppard (Becca Crow) of Waverly; Kaitlin Namet (Shawn) of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Sean Mullen of Waverly; Maegan Gallagher (Tim) of Ardmore, Oklahoma and their children Brycen and Kainen; Jordan Mullen (Ian Connor) and their children Madalynn Grace, Quinn, and Owen of Orlando, Florida; Alex Hazard of Altoona, Pennsylvania

and Mark Mullen of Spencer; and Gilday and Rebecca Ryan of Ithaca.

She was predeceased by her mother Virginia Reid Havens and her husband John Havens and her brother John Vough and sister Sharon Yanney. She was also predeceased by her father Raymond Vough.

She is survived by her aunts Shirley (Bob) Brennan of Barton and Arlene Kropp of Cypress, Texas. As the eldest sister, she is also survived by Bonnie Slater (Wolcott); Billy Vough (Waverly); Daniel Vough (Destin, Florida); Cyndy Buinskis (Waverly); and Susan Vargo (Rochester Hills, Michigan). She is also survived by numerous cousins and nieces and nephews and their children who lovingly called her "Aunt Grandma Cathy" and "Aunt Crafty." She was also the beloved sister-in-law and aunt to many relatives of her husband, Tom Mullen.

Cathy was born August 30, 1941 at the Robert Packer Hospital. She spent her childhood in Litchfield as the bossy eldest sister frolicking in the creek and woods with her siblings and Shaffer cousins Julie Larnard-Newbury (Towanda); Carol Crawford (Lockwood); and Nancy Lattimer (deceased). When not playing or doing chores, she could be found with her nose in a book. From a young age, her life-long love of reading took sprout and continued throughout her life.

She was educated in the Sayre School District and was valedictorian of her 8th grade class and honors graduate from Sayre High School in 1959. On a drama club field trip to see *The King and I* at Ithaca College, she was told by her classmate Patrick Mullen that his brother, a young handsome Marine named Tom saw her photograph and was quite smitten. Playing matchmaker, Pat arranged a double-date. In short order, the 17-year-old high school Senior married the 19 year-old Marine over Christmas break on January 9, 1959 at the Church of the Epiphany in Sayre. Cathy returned to her Senior year of high school while Tom was deployed on a Mediterranean cruise with the Marines. Upon his return, the young couple was stationed at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. Upon discharge from the service, Tom and Cathy returned to the Valley. From 1960 to 1969, the couple had 6 children and settled in

Waverly, New York. In 1971 they began a career in real estate with United Farm Agency, now named United Country Real Estate, of which many of their customers became life-long friends. The majority of Cathy's life at that time was the role of wife and mother. Cathy and Tom raised their children as members of St. James Catholic Church in Waverly.

In 1997 she fulfilled her life-long dream of attending college and received her Associates Degree from Corning Community College, graduating summa cum laude with a degree in Human Services. After graduation, she worked for Catholic Charities in Elmira as a social worker for a decade before retiring in 2009.

Upon retirement she devoted her life to family and the enjoyment of being a grandmother and great grandmother. One of her most enjoyable ways to spend time was at her camper located at her daughter's farm in Interlaken, sitting in her chair, book in hand. When she wasn't reading, she loved visiting with her large and loud family of which she was the revered matriarch.

Cathy and her family are proud of and found great joy in her 23 years of sobriety and feel immense gratitude for the AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) fellowship she loved dearly. She was an active and revered member of her home group.

Calling hours of visitation are on Monday, April 2nd from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, 314 Desmond Street, Sayre. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church, 503 Clark Street, Waverly. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery, Waverly. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to Second Place East, Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler Counties, 215 East Church St., Elmira, NY 14901 or to Lourdes Hospice, 4102 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, NY 13850 in memory of Catherine Elizabeth Vough Mullen. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

161 Elm Street
Waverly, NY 14892

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

APR 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Vough Mullen*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Catherine Vough Mullen*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Catherine Vough Mullen*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Catherine Vough Mullen*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Catherine Vough Mullen*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *what a wonderful young lady in our class of "59.
she will be remembered as the outgoing very intelligent woman
that she always was. So sorry to hear of her loss.
Thoughts go to Tom, also a great guy.*

Allen Field

Allen Field - April 06, 2018 at 11:10 AM

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“ Oh, Kathy and Dennis - I am so sorry to hear such sad news for you and your beautiful family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's Love find peace for you today and always.
Your cousin - Kathy

Kathleen - April 02, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Catherine Vough Mullen.



March 31, 2018 at 06:37 PM

Kathy
McCracken

“ Kathy McCracken lit a candle in memory of Catherine Vough Mullen



Kathy McCracken - March 31, 2018 at 05:32 PM

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“ Our sincerest condolences on the loss of your dear wife, mother, and grandmother.
Cathy as such a special lady who always had a big smile and something nice to say.
She will be dearly missed by all of us who knew her. Hugs for all of you ... Barb & Myron Bucholtz

The Bucholtz family - March 31, 2018 at 03:45 PM

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“ *ROBIN SCHANBACHER sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine Vough Mullen*



ROBIN SCHANBACHER - March 31, 2018 at 09:14 AM