



Catherine Mary (Solon) Tolbert

February 2, 1946 - January 12, 2024

Catherine Mary (Solon) Tolbert, age 77 of Toledo, Ohio died at Ohio Living Swan Creek on January 12, 2024 after a decade-long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born in Downer's Grove, Illinois on February 2, 1946 to Jane (MacGuire) and James Solon. She attended Downer's Grove High School before attending the University of Illinois and the Chicago Conservatory of Music.

Cathy is preceded in death by her parents as well as her husband, Ralph Tolbert. She is survived by her son Brad (Merideth) Tolbert of Boise ID., son Clint (Stacey) Tolbert of Maumee, OH and grandchildren Isaac, Lily, Shannon, and Owen Tolbert of Maumee OH. She is also survived by her sisters Sue (Bill) Butler of Marietta, GA. and Jayne (Rich) Miller of Naperville, IL.

Cathy was a gifted vocalist and used her love of music to serve the church and her community throughout her life. While living in Lancaster, Ohio she sang with the Lancaster Chorale and with First Presbyterian Church as a member of the chancel choir and as a soloist in worship. She opened a Kindermusik studio teaching young children to love music for over ten years. Her years in Lancaster were also spent providing loving care for her husband until he concluded a nearly thirty year battle with Parkinson's disease. Moving to Maumee, Ohio she once again sought to bless others with her love for music. She sang with the choir at First Presbyterian Church, served with the

Toledo Symphony League, and sought to instill a love of music in her grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Broadway St., Maumee Ohio at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 20. Visitation will precede the service beginning at 11:00 a.m., also at the church. A graveside burial service will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 22. Friends are welcome and encouraged at both services. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be made to First Presbyterian Church in Maumee, OH or First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, OH. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Inactive - Maple Grove Lancaster OHIO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church (Maumee)
200 E. Broadway
Maumee, OH 43537

Memorial Service

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church (Maumee)
200 E. Broadway
Maumee, OH 43537

Tribute Wall

MG

“ Brad and Clint, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My deepest sympathy to you and all who loved her.

Myra Mertz Greenawalt - January 20, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine Mary (Solon) Tolbert.



January 18, 2024 at 11:45 PM

JW

“ I still miss Cathy. She conceived the idea for *The Quarterly Cup*, a four times a year uplifting newsletter for the women of the church, and convinced me to do it. Her idea and the work meant so very much to me. Somewhere, she's singing with the angels.

Tina Wittich

Justine Wittich - January 18, 2024 at 04:58 PM

SE

“ Steve E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Mary (Solon) Tolbert.

Steve E. - January 16, 2024 at 01:11 PM

DE

“ *Denise Eversole lit a candle in memory of Catherine Mary (Solon) Tolbert*



Denise Eversole - January 16, 2024 at 01:08 PM

DE

“ *We were saddened to hear of Catherine's passing and wish to offer our sympathies to your family. What a kind teacher and friend, giving to her community and others in many ways! All three of our children went through Cathy's Kindermusik program here in Lancaster and her love of music and children were very evident with all that she did. She was particularly good with our one son, who had some learning delays, so kind and positive always! Patience and joy were always at the ready each and every class and our family has special memories of those years. From the very first lessons, where she greeted all like old friends, to the carefully planned recitals she hosted, to the end of year picnics at Rising Park with all the students and their instruments, she created a place of learning and fun. Cathy was always ready to share a smile or perhaps a bit of loving wisdom, when asked, to anxious parents. She was a gift to our community and will be missed. She will be remembered by our family with great fondness, for the special times we shared and learned with her. May God be with you and grant you comfort and peace.*

Denise Eversole - January 16, 2024 at 01:05 PM

CT

Thank you, Denise! I'm so grateful that mom was a blessing to your family. Thank you for sharing these memories!

Clint Tolbert - January 17, 2024 at 03:11 PM

DT

“ I offer my sincere condolences for the passing of your loved one. You and your family are in my mind and in my heart during this difficult time. I hope you find comfort and peace in the memories you shared.

David Tolle - January 13, 2024 at 07:11 PM

CT

Thank you, David!

Clint Tolbert - January 17, 2024 at 03:12 PM

DR

Dear Clint and Brad, Pete and I have so many happy memories of times spent with your mother and father. It was a joy to be a part of their lives at the farm and Buckeye Lake. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you today and beyond. Hugs from Pete and Debby Rockwood

Debby Rockwood - January 18, 2024 at 12:16 PM