



## Katherine "Cathy" R. Wright

October 3, 1925 - September 9, 2015

TRAVERSE CITY - Katherine "Cathy" R. Wright, 89, of Traverse City, passed away on Sept. 9, 2015. Cathy was born on Oct. 3, 1925 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, to Edward and Mary (Mullen) Rogan.

She graduated from Dimock High School in 1944 and from Temple Nursing School as an registered nurse in 1948.

In 1950 she met and married Dr. Johnson K. Wright Jr. In 1952 the couple moved to Ann Arbor, where he pursued a residency in dermatology. Finally, in 1956 they moved to Traverse City, Jack's hometown, and Cathy's ever since.

Cathy was always active in the community, volunteering in activities connected to rearing her children - PTA, the citywide instrument sale - and the Munson Women's Auxiliary and Bazaar. Her children grown, Cathy later returned to work as a nurse for many years in Jack's office.

Cathy enjoyed the full range of local leisure activities, boating, skiing and above all, golf. Cathy and Jack were lifetime members of the Traverse City Golf and Country Club, later proud to have a home overlooking one of its fairways - and a second home in Sarasota, Florida, adjacent to a fairway as well. They had countless close friends in both locales. After her husband's death in 2004 Cathy made a happy home for herself and added many more friends to her circle at the Glen Eagle retirement home.

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Eleanor, Mary, Elizabeth and Nancy; and her husband, Jack.

She is survived by her sister, Agnes; her three children, Kent Wright, Lynn Sharpe and Jim Wright; and three grandchildren, Nicole, Rachel and Lauren Sharpe.

A luncheon gathering will be held for family and friends at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015 at the Traverse City Golf and Country Club. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14, at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions in Cathy's name may be directed to Heartland Hospice.

Kindly share your thoughts and memories with Cathy's family by way of her online guestbook at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

The family is being cared for by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



# Cemetery

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**Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens**  
3575 Veterans Drive  
Traverse City, MI, 49684

# Events

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<b>SEP</b>	<b>Memorial Service</b>	02:00PM
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	Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home 305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684	

# Comments

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“ Thank you Jim for introducing me to your mother a few years ago. She was always very kind to me and she will be missed by all that knew her.

Angela Ward

**Angela Ward** - September 14, 2015 at 05:11 AM

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“ For many years, Kathy sat in the pew at SF Church, in front of our family. We chatted with her, Judd & Duke every weekend. I enjoyed her warmth and humor.  
Regards - Chris Esper

**Chris Esper** - September 12, 2015 at 08:20 AM

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“ Cathy Wright was in every way a lady. She was classy, warm and friendly, and so genuine. I will always have fond memories of her from my childhood. She treated my brothers and I with such warmth and kindness and seemed very upbeat no matter the circumstance. I hadn't seen her in years and ran into her at the Elks a few years ago. She was just as jolly, warm, and friendly as ever and so excited to see me and hear about my family. A true lady who will be missed. Marcia (McManus) Leggett

**Marcia Leggett** - September 12, 2015 at 07:32 AM

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“ The last four months had been a struggle for Cathy, yet she was able to continue to enjoy her final days at Glen Eagle where she had lived for about 11 years, thanks to the outstanding people at Comfort Keepers and Heartland Hospice.

I would like to thank each and every one of those who got to know and assist her while she faced her final days including the entire staff at Glen Eagle, Tendercare, and Munson Hospital too.

Being the family member who makes Traverse City my home, I was overwhelmed at times and shared some frustrations with those caring for my Mom. So, I hope this message get to everyone involved who I want to send a sincere "THANK YOU"! Jim

**Jim Wright** - September 11, 2015 at 09:47 AM