



## Catherine DeOrio

June 16, 1941 - December 4, 2025

Catherine DeOrio, a beloved mother, grandmother and aunt, passed away on December 4, 2025, following a tragic, debilitating decline from Alzheimer's dementia. She was 84 years old. She was born June 16, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan to Albert and Lucille Kalie. Cathy had a zest for life, always warm and friendly to all. She outlived her older brother, Donald Kalie and her younger brother, Jon Kalie. Cathy was raised in Dearborn, Michigan and was a cheerleader at Edsel Ford High School. She received her Bachelors of Education degree from Eastern Michigan University. She married her high school sweetheart, Joseph DeOrio. They moved to Tinton Falls, NJ in the early 1970's.

After 30 years of marriage, they had grown apart and were amicably divorced, but both were still very supportive of their two children.

Cathy was a wonderful and loving mother to daughter, Dawn DeOrio Volpacchio and son, Tony and his wife Barbara DeOrio. She was grandmother to Dante Volpacchio, Maya Volpacchio, Alyssa and her husband Bryan DeOrio Blauvelt and Austin DeOrio. She had five nieces and five nephews. Whether it be family or friends, she always gave a big strong hug to all.

Well-liked by her students and colleagues as a physical education teacher, Cathy worked for over 25 years in the Little Silver school system. She enjoyed playing golf, was a member of the Oceanport Garden Club and sang in the

choir at the Reformed Lutheran Church in Long Branch, NJ. She loved being outdoors, tending to her flower beds and feeding and watching the birds that would visit the feeders in her back yard.

A memorial service is being held for Cathy on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at the Reformed Lutheran Church in Long Branch, NJ at 2:30 pm. Address: 992 Broadway, West Long Branch, NJ 07764

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking to make a donation to one of the below rescue organizations in honor of Cathy's favorite breed of dog, who were her constant companions.

<https://shihtzu.rescueme.org/newjersey>

<https://smallpawsbigheartsrescue.org/adopt-a-shih-tzu-in-philadelphia-pa/>

<https://peytonspplaceanimalrescue.org/>

A light repast will be served following the memorial service.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ I treasure my memories of Cathy during our shared time as teachers at the Little Silver schools. Her warm outgoing personality and bright smile was always present. I wish to extend my sincere sympathy to her family.

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**Marina Christopher** - December 13, 2025 at 11:51 AM

DL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dana Luciano** - December 13, 2025 at 10:56 AM

AA

“ I will always fondly remember singing in the choir with Cathy. She was a wonderful person and I'm sorry to hear of her passing. Sending my love, Amy Appleton

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**Amy Appleton** - December 12, 2025 at 11:34 PM

JD

“ Great memories of Cathie and our days in Little Silver Schools touch my heart. Cathie's smile, energy, enthusiasm and beautiful laugh made each day a delight. Rest in please "kiddo" you made a difference.

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**Julia Davidow** - December 12, 2025 at 11:26 AM

BM

“ I had the pleasure to work with Cathy at Markham. She was a lot of fun and so energetic. She loved her square dancing with the kids!

Barb Murray - December 12, 2025 at 12:15 AM

LC

“ Leslie Culver lit a candle in memory of Catherine DeOrio



Leslie Culver - December 11, 2025 at 07:00 PM

TH

“ Tam Hayes lit a candle in memory of Catherine DeOrio



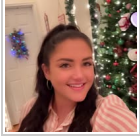
Tam Hayes - December 11, 2025 at 08:56 AM

AU

“ Audra lit a candle in memory of Catherine DeOrio



audra - December 09, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *Tara Bessie Egan lit a candle in memory of Catherine DeOrio*



Tara Bessie Egan - December 08, 2025 at 10:24 PM



“ *Eileen Cilino lit a candle in memory of Catherine DeOrio*



Eileen Cilino - December 08, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *The DiMezza Family lit a candle in memory of Catherine DeOrio*



The DiMezza family - December 08, 2025 at 10:59 AM



*The DiMezza family is thinking of you.....*

The DiMezza family - December 08, 2025 at 10:59 AM



*Tony and Dawn and families, I am so sorry about your mom. I worked in the same school for years with Cathy. May she rest in eternal peace.*

Joyce Keller - December 11, 2025 at 03:41 PM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Catherine DeOrio*



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - December 05, 2025 at 08:05 PM