



## Catherine Louise Caldwell

December 30, 1952 - June 29, 2017

Catherine Louise Caldwell, age 64, of Carbondale, passed away at 3:29 am on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at her home.

She was born December 30, 1952 in Pomona, California to John Craig and Beverley (Blais) Zullinger. She married Curtis Caldwell on October 9, 1977.

Catherine worked at the Center for English as a Second Language at SIU for 26 years. She has been a long time member of The Vine Church and exercised with a cancer survivors' group, Strong Survivors. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who was known by all as a compassionate woman of deep faith and generosity.

She is survived by her husband, Curtis Caldwell; sons, Nathan Curtis (Amanda) Caldwell of Labadie, MO; Noah Benjamin (Caitlyn) Caldwell of Long Beach, CA; daughter, Elizabeth Beverley Caldwell of Lomita, CA; 6 grandchildren, Becket Nelson Caldwell, Mary Catherine Caldwell, Lucy Isabel Caldwell, Jillian Selma Jane Caldwell, Oliver Nelson Caldwell, Eloise Catherine Caldwell; sisters, Janet (Tim) Dunnagan of Petaluma, CA; Mary Ann (Curtis) Crowdson of Hailey, ID.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A visitation will be held on July 7, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm with a memorial service to follow at 5:00 pm at The Vine Church in Carbondale with Noble Staley officiating. Private inurnment will take place at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to SIU Foundation, with "Strong Survivors" in the memo line, and will be accepted at the church. Memorials may also be made online via the following link:

<http://strong-survivors.siu.edu/>

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation & Memorial Service

JUL 7. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Vine Church  
Carbondale, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Louise Caldwell*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Without Curt and Catherine planted eternal seeds, I'm one of them.*

**jb** - July 14, 2023 at 08:45 PM



“ *Dear Curt and family,  
John and I were so sorry to hear about Cathy's passing. Our  
thoughts and prayers for comfort and strength in the days ahead are  
with you all. John and Paula Gossett*

**John and Paula Gossett** - July 18, 2017 at 01:52 PM

AT

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Catherine's passing, Curt.

*Catherine was my mentor as I began my MA-TESOL journey; always positive, caring and helpful, even while going through her own personal battle with cancer.*

*When I had my own health event, Catherine brought dinner to my home, as soon as I'd returned from my stay in the hospital. She endeared herself to my entire family, in her easy-breezy, cheerful Catherine way.*

*What a tragic loss, to you and your family, Curt, as well as the SIUC CESL Department.*

*Deepest sympathy,  
Alice Travers*

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**Alice Travers** - July 07, 2017 at 01:46 PM

NZ

“ My husband Jonathan Wiesen and I were so sad to hear this news. I got to know Catherine because her office was down the hall from mine in Faner Hall on the SIUC campus. She was such a warm person and always upbeat, even as she battled cancer. I loved running into her in the halls of Faner, because she was always so kind and funny. A great presence who will be sorely missed. A big loss to the SIUC community. My deepest condolences to her family. In sympathy, Natasha Zaretsky

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**Natasha Zaretsky** - July 06, 2017 at 10:51 PM

MK

“ I did not know Catherine well, meeting her only through Strong Survivors. She was, however, the kindest and most caring member of the group, being concerned about my health and well-being (I have Leukemia), and almost disregarding her own. I was very saddened to hear of her passing, and I extend my most sincere sympathy to the family of this strong and courageous woman. May peace be with you all.

*Mary Kathryn Kucharik*

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**Mary Kucharik** - July 03, 2017 at 11:01 PM

AG

“ Curt and Family: Cathy's life alongside of Curt in service to Jesus is my chief memory of her. She was a precious jewel, a choice peach, and a caring servant whose love of others was so obvious! I sorrow with you in your loss and rejoice for her in her going home to glory of God and of her Savior, Jesus Christ in heaven. Blessings to you all!

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**Andy Gillespie** - July 03, 2017 at 08:32 AM

MR

“ We were so sorry to hear that dear Cath passed away this week. Curt, Nathan and Amanda and kids, Noah and Caitlyn and kids, and Betsy, please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn this tremendous loss. Cath was such a special, special person. I know all of you were so blessed to have her in your lives, especially these past eight years. She loved you all so very much. She had so many friends and acquaintances through church, through her work and through her cancer groups -- and will be so missed by all. Her courage and faith especially during these especially difficult years of cancer set such an example to all who knew her.

Cath helped me get through some challenging times, both personally and professionally. She was there to listen, to dispense hugs and offer prayers when I most needed it. But I will be eternally grateful for what she did last October. Though she was undergoing chemo and didn't feel great, she showed up at my house when our son died so suddenly and helped clean house before all the family came in. We were still in such shock and hardly knew what to do -- but Cath knew we'd inundated with family and friends and needed help.

The Lord is probably still embracing Cath as He welcomes her to heaven. The rest of us will struggle with this loss for a long time. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love and hugs,  
Marilyn and Rich Rivers

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**Marilyn Rivers** - July 02, 2017 at 03:14 PM