



## Harriette Catherine Freeman

December 24, 1934 - January 20, 2021

Harriette Catherine Freeman, Cathy, to many friends, or Cat to family went to be with her Savior on January 20, 2021 in Fairfield, TX.

She was born December 24, 1934 in St. Albans, WV to Clifford R. Henson and Harriette Good Henson, as one of eight children, including Margaret (Peggy) Sweet of St. Albans, WV, William (Bud) C. Henson (Diane) of Alexandria, VA; Dr. Samuel L. Henson (Joan) of Hurricane, WV; Jacqueline Barker (Alben) of Portsmouth, OH, James (Steve) Henson (Sally) of Belpre, OH; Larry S. Henson (Trina) of Hurricane, WV; and Jerry W. Henson of St. Albans, WV.

Cathy is preceded in death by her father, Clifford Henson and mother, Harriette Henson, sister, Margaret (Peggy) Sweet, and brothers, William (Bud) Henson (Diane), Dr. Samuel Henson, James (Steve) Henson (Sally) and Larry Henson (Trina).

Cathy is survived by ex-husband, Franklin D. Freeman of Woodbridge, VA; son, Franklin C. Freeman and wife, Amy L. Freeman; grandchildren, Abigail J. Freeman and Isaac (Zack) Franklin Freeman of Fairfield, TX; sister, Jacqueline (Alben) Barker, brother, Jerry Henson, and Joan Henson, wife of Dr. Samuel Henson. In addition, she has many nephews and nieces and their families.

Growing up in St. Albans, Cathy graduated from St. Albans High School in 1952 and attended West Virginia State College for almost 2 years. She worked for Ray C. Call, a heavy equipment dealer, as a secretary and then for Thomas Memorial Hospital as a secretary, which is funny since she did not like to see pain. After marrying Frank Freeman (educator) in 1961, they made their home in northern Virginia after Frank completed his military service in the marines. She developed and cultivated her skilled craft with words, typing, shorthand, computers, and secretarial work. She worked for Rice Millers in Washington, DC as a legal secretary till changing to NSPE (National Society of Professional Engineers) which was across the hall, where she excelled in her 30 plus years of service. She was so well thought of by management, that she was able to come home and stay with her son after school and during summers. In addition, she was cited as transcriber in a book written about the company. She retired after 30 ½ years with NSPE, but still worked part time at Springfield Mall at the information desk. In addition, she enjoyed serving in her local congregation (Reality Gospel Church) by participating in the choir, helping in the office and greeting guests. She looked forward to visits with Frank and Amy and the grandchildren, Abby and Zack, each year. She loved crossword puzzles and reading – her goal was to read the Bible through annually. Her enjoyment in cooking shown through as she prepared delicious meals and scrumptious desserts for family, friends, church and neighbors. Preparing meals brought her much joy.

Cathy is dearly loved and deeply missed by her family and friends. She spent much of her with friends and looking out for others. She loved people. Cathy is remembered for her Christ-like loving, self-less and giving heart to all who knew her. She is a woman who chose not to be the center of attention, but to prefer others before herself.

The funeral service will be live streamed on YouTube at Bartlett-Nichols

Funeral Home page [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKsAA4liFPHA0sPm43OQL2g?guided\\_help\\_flow=5](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKsAA4liFPHA0sPm43OQL2g?guided_help_flow=5)

for those who can't be here for the service. Slide show will begin at 10:30 a.m. and service following at 11:00 a.m.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2021 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with son, Rev. Frank Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans

The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the charity of your choice; Our Daily Bread Ministries, PO Box 2222, Grand Rapids, MI 49501 (616) 974-2210 <http://www.odb.org> or

International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 4300, Chicago, IL 60602-2584, (800) 249-9003, <http://www.ifcj.org> or St. Jude Children's Research Center, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105, (877) 578-0168, <http://www.stjude.org> or Three Rivers Avian Center, 2583 Brooks Mountain Road, Hinton, WV. 25951, (304) 466-4683, <http://trac@tracwv.org> or Galilean Home Ministries, 712 S Fork Church Road, Liberty, KY. 42539, (606) 787-5120, Galilean Home Ministries.

You may visit Cathy's tribute page at [BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com](http://BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Freeman family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4349

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 29. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
Saint Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325

## Funeral Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MF

“ I am fortunate to have known Cathy since the age of 7. First as Mrs. Freeman and Frankie's mom, and later as Cathy, my friend. I grew up in the house across the street, and later returned to the same house with my husband and 7 children. She was a frequent deliverer of baked goods ("I added a little...") that were devoured by our large family. But what I appreciated even more than her baked goods, were her kind and thoughtful words. She was one of biggest my fans, and often complimented me on my family and my accomplishments. In her last years I was privileged to drive her to dialysis several days a week. These early morning "commutes to work" as she called them, were enriching for both of us. She used to write down all the things she wanted to talk about, but we rarely got to all of them. She would share stories of her childhood, her working days, Frankie's childhood, she sure did like to talk :). She faced many struggles in her last years both physically, mentally, and emotionally. Through all of this she kept her faith, kept on going, kept on thinking of others. I am blessed to have been a part of her life. I know she especially appreciated the times that I would pray with her.

Several years ago Cathy wrote an ode to me, I intended to write one for her before she passed...

C--Courageous

A--Altruistic

T--Thoughtful/Talkative

H--Helpful

Y--Youthful

Cathy you were a bright light in my life. I take comfort knowing that you are no longer suffering and that you are home.

Love Always,  
Michele

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MICHELE D FLETCHER - January 29, 2021 at 10:58 AM

JE

“ *Julia E. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harriette Catherine Freeman.*



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**Julia E.** - January 28, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Harriette Catherine Freeman.*



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January 28, 2021 at 09:08 AM

FC

“ *Fairfield Christian Center purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harriette Catherine Freeman.*



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**Fairfield Christian Center** - January 25, 2021 at 03:59 PM

RV

“ *Reality Church (Alexandria, VA) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harriette Catherine Freeman.*



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**Reality Church (Alexandria, VA)** - January 25, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ As a kid, she was my childhood playmate. She and Frankie would come to our house during the summers for weeks at a time. She knew all the kids in the neighborhood and built relationships with them as if she were their aunt, too. She was the first to introduce me to radio dramas, listening to "The Inner Sanctum" or "Dark Shadows" up in my brother Jimmy's room.

*Aunt Catherine loved to host people at her house on the outskirts of Washington, DC. My mom and I would take the Amtrak train to DC and she would pick us up and then take us to see the monuments and museums. My favorite was going to the 2nd highest escalator in the world (at the time) at the Roslyn metro stop, as well as visiting beautiful Mt. Vernon. One time Aunt Catherine even hosted me, my mom,, and four of my preteen friends. We had so much fun!*

*Aunt Cathy could be blunt, and sometimes that wasn't easy. But I will never forget the time when I was in college and she asked me if I was in love with the guy I had been dating for a couple of years. I stopped, shocked by her question, and admitted that the answer was "no." This led to our breakup, which needed to happen, and to me ending up marrying the man I have been very happily married to for 27 years. Aunt Catherine thought the world of my husband. And when I had my boys, she loved them as well.*

*I wasn't much part of her life in the later years, as she grew older and my life with kids became more full.*

*But... this I know. And it's my only comfort in times when we are reminded that death is an unwelcome friend for all of us, who will one day knock on our door, ready or not. There is death. There is eternity. There is God.*

*I will see Aunt Catherine one day when that knock comes to my door.*

*Not because she was a good, fun, or a great hostess.*

*I will see her because we both know and put our faith in a God who made the entrance dependent upon his goodness, not hers and not mine.*

*Knowing that makes all the difference on days like these.*

*Love you, Aunt Catherine.*

*-Linda (Bayes) Clark*

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**RalphLinda Clark** - January 24, 2021 at 03:51 PM

RM

“ *Cathy was the first friend I had when we moved to the Washington DC area in 1963. We lived in Laurel MD and Frank and Cathy lived in Alexandria VA. We spent week-ends visiting each other. There are so many funny stories about our adventures and life during those early years. As the years rolled by the 2 families remained close and the friendship continued . Throughout the years we may not have spent as much time together but the love was always there and the bond of friendship never wavered. It is with great sadness that I bid my dear friend farewell but her memories live on and I cherish the 58 years of friendship. Blessings to all who had the opportunity to know and love Cathy. Reba Morse*

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**Reba Morse** - January 24, 2021 at 10:15 AM

LB

“ *Mrs. Cathy was such a sweet woman. I was fortunate enough to meet her while she stayed at Kare-Inn. It was such a pleasure to sit and talk with her. Such a beautiful woman, inside and out. Praying for the family and celebrating with you her life that I'm sure touched so many.*

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**Laura Boeke** - January 23, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harriette Catherine Freeman.*



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January 23, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *Foster, Reba & Lisa & Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Harriette Catherine Freeman.*



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**Foster, Reba & Lisa & Family** - January 23, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *I was fortunate to meet Frank's Mom and thought she had great poise and was very charming. It was an honor to meet her several times. From what I observed with Frank,her son, he was so devoted and caring for her. She was a lucky woman to have a son like him. May she rest in peace. Sending prayers to all family and friends.*

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**Shari Underhill** - January 23, 2021 at 12:18 PM