



Mrs. Catherine Marlowe Dewan

December 17, 1939 - January 31, 2024

After a courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia, Catherine (Cleo) Marlowe Dewan 84, went to our Lord Jesus on 31 January 2024 with her loving daughter by her side at home.

Catherine was born on 17 December 1939 in Horry County to the late Claude and Grace (Mimi) Beverly Marlowe in Horry County. Catherine graduated from Pikes Peak College with her BA. She was a member of Socastee Baptist Church and attended Timberlake Baptist Church.

Catherine started her career with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base when she was 30, and retired when she was 50 in Monterey, CA. She met and married Frank W. Dewan, Jr. and moved back to Myrtle Beach. She enjoyed her retirement and spent a great deal of time with her family, grand and great-grandchildren. She became known as “G-mama.”

G-mama joined the staff of Horry County schools as a substitute teacher. All the kids loved her, she could make a child feel so special.

Catherine was an activist for women. She was instrumental in paving the road for equal rights for them in the military. She marched for women in San Francisco and was a proud “bra burner” with thousands; leading the way for

the Women's Liberation Movement.

Catherine was a faithful Christian woman who loved God and her family fiercely; faith was her rock with The Lord.

Catherine was the epitome of a matriarch.

Catherine was preceded in death by her devoted and adoring husband, Frank Dewan Jr., her son, James Jed Vader, sisters Vonnie Marlowe, JoAnne Tarte and Melvedean (Miki) Shukle, brothers Dr. Jamie Marlowe, Colonel US Army, and James David (JD) Marlowe.

Catherine is survived by her daughter, Deborah Vader Bailey, Granddaughter, Meridith Paige Lien (Kerri), Grandson, Jonathan Kirk Bailey and three great-grandchildren, Angel Vader, Logan Kirk Bailey and Leela Marie Bailey and siblings, Ernest Marlowe (Aleta) and Lt. Colonel USAF retired B. Mike Marlowe (Diane) with many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Special love to Susan Ardolino, Allen and Joe Holloway for their tenacity and love for G-mama. Catherine once said, "We are hard to love, but we are worth it."

The relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral service on Sunday at 1:00 PM at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Pastor Bob Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in Pauley Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery. Late lunch to follow in the Pauley Swamp reception hall for all.

Family will receive relatives and friends from 5-7 PM on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Caris Hospice, LLC 174 Waccamaw Medical Park Court, Conway, SC 29526

The family would like to express its gratitude to Caris Hospice for their loving care and support.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Susan Ardolino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Marlowe Dewan



Susan Ardolino - January 23, 2025 at 07:33 PM

NS

“ My heart aches for you Deb. There is nothing that can prepare you to say goodbye to your Mom. The hurt will only lessen in time, but a piece of your heart will forever be missing. Meridith, I know how much G-mama meant to you and how devastated you are right now. I'm sorry my friend. May you both find comfort and peace in the memories and love you shared.

Nancy Joan Silvers - February 03, 2024 at 12:29 PM

SU

My prayer for Deb as well as family is to spiritually lean on God. He will be there for comfort strength and guidance with each passing day. 💕
Susan Ardolino

Susan - December 13, 2024 at 01:05 PM

TE

“ My wonderful memories of playing with my cousin, Cathy, during our childhood years will always be special memories! Playing in our yard, ditchbanks picking briar berries and playing hide and seek in the hay barn will always be treasures in my mind. Laughing and enjoying our young years together are priceless. Rest now in Peace and Love Cathy, you've now been called home!

Tessa G. Edmondson - February 02, 2024 at 05:12 PM

GC

“ Our prayers are with all the Marlowe and Dewan family. May God comfort you.

Johnny and Gail Collins

Gail Collins - February 02, 2024 at 03:10 PM

SU

“ Susan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Marlowe Dewan



Susan - February 01, 2024 at 05:28 PM

SU

Catherine I will always remember your vibrant personality thoughtfulness and righteous. Your sister in Christ. Susan Ardolino

Susan - February 01, 2024 at 05:32 PM

DB

thank you for the love and care you showed my mother over all the years. she loved you like a daughter. xoxo deb

Deborah Vader bailey - April 12, 2024 at 02:12 PM