



## Mary C. Yunker

March 1, 1965 - April 4, 2025

Mary C. “Cathy” Yunker, 60, of Leeper, passed away peacefully Friday evening, April 4, 2025 at her home following a strong 6-year battle with cancer.

She was born on March 1, 1965 in Leeper; daughter of the late Calvin Wesley Byers and Nora Rebecca Kerns, who survives and resides in Clarion.

Cathy was a lifelong resident of Leeper and a graduate of North Clarion High School, where she later drove bus for and loved seeing all the children daily.

Cathy married Ralph Yunker on November 27, 1990, who survives.

She was a well-known AKC Breeder of prized Dobermans, owning 6 herself, Rusty, Spike, Diamond, Skye, Cinder, and Toby. Cathy dedicated much of her life to training all of her dogs who now have hundreds of awards, metals, and titles.

Her most cherished times in the past 8 years were spending time with her grandchildren who she loved to the moon and back.

Above all, Cathy was an extraordinary woman with copious amount of talents, skills, and strength.

In addition to her mother and husband, she is survived by her 3 sons, Jonathan Byers and his wife, Breanna, of Clarion, Joshua Yunker and his wife, Kirsten, of Pittsburgh, and Michael Maxwell and her 2 grandchildren, Meadow Byers and Archie Byers both of Clarion.

Cathy is also survived by her 4 brothers, Gary Byers and his wife, Stacey, of Sheffield, Robert Adams and his fiancé, Robbie, of Tylersburg, Jack Byers

and his wife, Marcy, of Sheffield, and Thomas Byers and his wife, Jen, of Warren; her sister, Kelly Smith and her husband, Brad, of Dayton; a sister-in-law, Lori Byers of Warren; and a brother-in-law, Eugene "Chicken" Wolbert of Lucinda; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her father, Cathy was preceded in death by her brother, Calvin "Eugene" Byers and her sister, Linda Wolbert.

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling the arrangements.

Per Cathy's request, there will be no public visitation or services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Cathy's honor to Wreaths Across America online at [wreathsacrossamerica.org](http://wreathsacrossamerica.org) or to the American Cancer Society online at [donate.cancer.org](http://donate.cancer.org).

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Donna Kerns - April 08, 2025 at 07:44 PM

DK

*Cathy and I had the best day planting this bush for her mom, Nora. she sure could make a person laugh*

Donna Kerns - April 08, 2025 at 11:49 PM

LR

“ Leah Richetti lit a candle in memory of Mary Yunker



Leah Richetti - April 08, 2025 at 07:20 AM

SK

“ Cathy was a special person and I loved spending time with her at the dog club. I learned a lot from her. Her special friendly personality and her love for dogs was an inspiration,

Sue Kahle - April 08, 2025 at 05:26 AM

TR

“ We can't thank cathy enough for excepting and loving our daughter, Kirsten, as one of her own children. She and I worked tirelessly for 6 months to give Josh and Kirsten the wedding of their dreams. She had soo many amazing talents and the biggest heart. She will be greatly missed. Cathy, I promise to love Josh just as you loved Kirsten. Rest in peace.



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**Tonya reilly** - April 07, 2025 at 04:21 PM

DD

“ My memories of Cathy are through her husband Ralph! What a great couple they are!! Kathy and I would share canning recipes! She shared a delicious banana pepper mustard recipe with me that is still a favorite!!! May Cathy Rest in Eternal Peace with our Heavenly Father! Peace Be with Ralph and her Family!  
Debbie and Patrick Doyle

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**Debbie Doyle** - April 06, 2025 at 09:21 PM

LB

So sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. Lost touch from our childhood years and Reconnected with her through Facebook Will miss her wonderful Facebook posts about her precious dogs, grandchildren and her talented craft works. Prayers for her family May memories always give you comfort and peace. God Bless. 🙏💜

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**Linda Boice** - April 06, 2025 at 11:47 PM