



## Catherine E. VanReenen

May 17, 1953 - March 28, 2026

Brentwood - Catherine Elizabeth VanReenen, 72, of Brentwood, formerly of Rochester, MA, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

Cathy was one of the warmest, most genuine, and generous people you could ever meet, welcoming everyone with a vibrant smile, big hug, or a home-cooked meal. She was willing to drop anything to help anyone at any time. She loved truly and deeply, and always let people know how much she cared. She selflessly gave her time, regularly delivering food to the local schools for End 68 Hours of Hunger, along with various other volunteer responsibilities.

Cathy most enjoyed golfing, weekly Mahjong with friends, playing cards, cooking, and spending time with her family. Her grandchildren were the light of her life, and she was always proud to share stories about them. One of her most treasured memories was a recent trip to Jamaica with the entire family.

She was born in Kalamazoo, MI, eldest daughter of the late Richard and Patricia (White) Beebe. Raised in Kalamazoo, she graduated from Portage Northern High School with the Class of 1971.

Cathy met her future husband, John VanReenen, while he was doing freelance photography for the Beebe family newspaper, the MARC-Times Racing News. Cathy and John's 50th wedding anniversary would have been

May 1, 2026.

Cathy and John have been members of the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth for 25 years.

Over the past 20+ years, Cathy held various roles at Pease Golf Course, Sagamore Driving Range, and Portsmouth Country Club, where she met many friends.

Surviving family members include her husband of 49 years, John VanReenen of Brentwood; children, Robert VanReenen of San Diego, CA, Stephen VanReenen and fiancée Jina Mariano of Austin, TX, and Erica Arcadipane of Stratham, NH; siblings, Nancy, Linda, Vicki, Rick, Tim, and Ted; grandchildren, Maria Arcadipane, August VanReenen, Dominic Arcadipane, Norah Arcadipane, and Eli VanReenen; sisters-in-law, Jane and Jann, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by mother-in-law, Margery (Brewer) VanReenen, father-in-law, Jack VanReenen, and son-in-law, Joseph Arcadipane, Jr.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 pm on Monday, April 6, 2026, in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, April 7, with a luncheon to follow from 11 am - 1 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, 129 Miller Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family to help offset funeral expenses.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Service

APR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
129 Miller Avenue  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Very sad to learn of Cathy's death. We were nearly inseparable best friends throughout high school.*

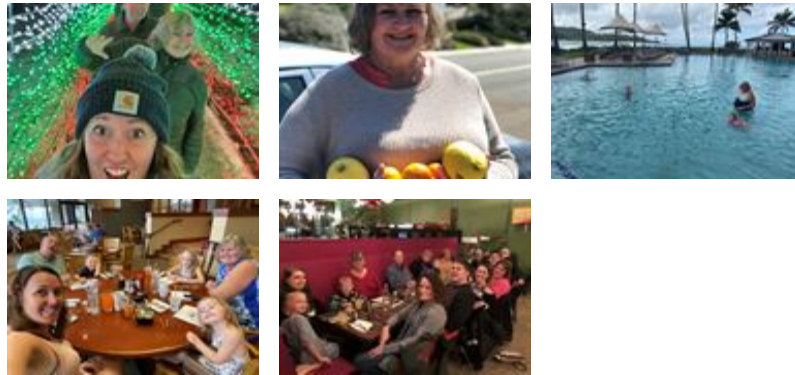
*Whenever time allowed, we were at her house or my house, or talking on the telephone. Cathy was frequently writing, typing, or editing articles for her family's newspaper. She took shorthand in high school, in which she excelled and often used to take notes both for school and interviews for the paper. When my boyfriend died, seeing my grief, she decided to "spare me" and burned my album of photos, letters, and Valentine's of him and I ,without my permission. This was one of the few times we ever disagreed about anything. Time and distance took us down separate paths, Cathy married and began her family. I had broken engagements, concentrated on my career and continuing education, and we drifted apart. I will always regret that I didn't take time to visit. I am shocked to hear of her passing...*

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**Sharolyn Hamilton (Davis)** - April 16 at 06:52 PM



“ *429 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - April 06 at 03:23 PM

RB

“ *Cathy was one of my great friends. It's hard to believe that she's gone. I miss her dearly and she rest easy with Jesus and watch over us. God bless her family their friends much love guys much love.*

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**Rosie Buswell** - April 03 at 02:54 PM

PH

“ *Cathy always gave the best hugs.*

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**Penny Hamilton** - April 02 at 09:55 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Catherine E. VanReenen.*



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April 02 at 12:17 AM

TB

“ *She was the best oldest sister a baby brother could ever ask for. Even though we were separated by 9 years in age & nearly 900 miles for 42 years (THAT'S TWO THIRDS OF MY LIFE)... we were always just a phone call away... & we would talk for hours! Everybody she met loved her and vice versa. She will be loved and missed for the rest of my life. Hit em long and straight Cat, sink every putt, rest in peace, & keep watching over us.*

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**Ted Beebe** - April 01 at 11:22 PM

LD

*Dear John and Family.  
Words cannot express the sadness I felt this morning in reading that Cathy passed away. Cathy and I had many fun years at the Hampton UMC charity golf tournaments and at the tournaments that the Portsmouth The United Methodist Church had as well. Cathy was so vibrant and alive in her spirit and in her clothing, which I found so much fun that I had to buy some to wear as well. Our churches would have friendly rivalries at our golf tournaments and it didn't matter who won it was just such a joy to laugh and golf together.  
Rev. Carroll Moore passed away this past September and I am sure that he has welcomed Cathy with open arms in heaven, and I am sure they are somewhere on a golf course enjoying the best laughs and playing their best golf .  
Hugs and deepest sympathies to you all.  
Laurie Dufour at Hampton UMC!*

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**Laurie Dufour** - April 02 at 10:48 AM

RV

*I am so sorry Cathy past unexpectedly. We very very good friends as the Beebe Family and ours frequented together with racing and other various outings. I will truly miss her, as we stayed in contact all these years. Trxted back and forth almost every other week. John was a lucky msn having such a magnificent spouse and partner. May she rest in pease! I hope John finds pease as he was a great husband, father and Grand Father.*

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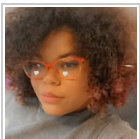
**Rick Vanderbeek** - April 04 at 07:52 PM

JO

*John, Erica, and VanReenan family. I am so very sorry for your loss, losing Cathy must be very hard and may you all heal with happy memories of her forever and always.*

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**Julie Osburn** - April 05 at 06:59 AM



“ *Cathy always gave the best hugs and gave everything her all; life will never be the same without you ❤️ and to the whole family, i am truly sorry for your loss*

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**Leila Alvarez** - April 01 at 09:56 PM

BB

“ I have been blessed to have had the bright light of Cathy shine in my life...her smile, laugh, kind words and big hugs were always something to look forward to on Sundays. Thank you Cathy...shine brightly!

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**Bevan Bloemendaal** - April 01 at 08:06 PM



“ Cathy was always the grandmother I never had, she was always so sweet and kind and caring. I don't think anyone else would have stepped in and helped raise me alongside my mother and her partner at the time. I remember when we used to golf together, one day we ended up on the news paper and I felt like a celebrity! I have numerous other examples of the care and love she had always shown me; from Christmases, Thanksgiving's and easter's to my graduation and seeing me grow. I will always miss her and love her no matter what. I hope she's at peace wherever she is



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**Leila Alvarez** - April 01 at 07:48 PM

BD

When Chris and I moved to the Seacoast area 15 years ago and started playing golf at Pease, Cathy was such a bright, genuine, cheery presence welcoming us. And not just us: she got to know everyone, and was so generous and caring to all. She had fascinating stories and hugs to share with all.

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**Bill Downall** - April 01 at 10:20 PM

JA

Never met anyone who always had a smile on her face like Cathy. World Championship hugger! She was someone who always made you feel good to be around. She will be missed.

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**Jeff Abrams** - April 03 at 01:58 PM

SB

*I just found out today April 29 about Cathy, I was shocked to learn of her passing today. She was a great person and we so enjoyed our golf together, especially on the blue course at Pease; we were always making funny comments and sharing in laughter and conversation.. It just won't be the same on the golf course without her.. Perhaps she can instruct me from heaven and when I do make a perfect shot over the swamp, I will know she helped me! I will miss her kindness and her tremendously! Sandra Bisset i*

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**Sandra Bisset** - April 29 at 01:20 PM