



## Cathy Smart Butler

February 5, 1943 - June 30, 2023

Cathy Smart Butler, beloved wife, sister, mother, grandmother, friend to so many, and a true Southern lady passed away peacefully on June 30, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

Cathy was born in Washington, DC on February 5, 1943, to parents Catherine and Solon Smart. She grew up in Cliffside, North Carolina. Cathy graduated from Chase High School and attended Meredith College - she was a true Meredith angel - and she earned a degree in Education and Religion. Her high school sweetheart and future husband, Ron Butler, was right across the street at NC State University. After graduation, Ron and Cathy married in 1965 and moved to Asheville to begin their lives together. They welcomed daughter, Melissa, and son, Blake, not long after. After several years of teaching elementary school, Cathy began her successful real estate career. She was the principal owner of Butler and Associates Realtors, Carroll Butler Demos and Associates, and an agent at Beverly Hanks and Associates. She was also a partner with Ron in their construction and development companies.

Cathy was a member of First Baptist Church Asheville for 56 years. She was a deacon, a Sunday School teacher, and served the church on numerous committees. She was a member of the First Baptist Asheville choir and had a beautiful voice for God. Cathy had a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus Christ, her savior.

Cathy and Ron were married for 58 years; raising their children, building their careers, traveling the world, and being with their grandchildren. They enjoyed decades of time at the beach, and they were each other's constant companions and best friends. Cathy was blessed to spend the last eight years in the Thoms Estate community with many close friends.

Cathy is survived by her loving husband, Ron, daughter, Melissa (Tony), son, Blake (Spencer), sister, Patti, and her grandchildren Jake Reed, Sydney Butler, Josh Reed, and Keenan Reed. Cathy's grandchildren were her world.

A private family service will be held in the Sacred Garden of First Baptist Church Asheville.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the First Baptist Church Asheville Sacred Garden, and/or the Cathy S. Butler Memorial Fund at The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina. Checks can be written to CFWNC (4 Vanderbilt Park Drive, Suite 300, Asheville, 28803) with Cathy S. Butler Fund in the memo line or click on the following link [https://cfwnc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=7864](https://cfwnc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=7864) to donate online now. Your contribution will be used to support Meredith College and UNC Asheville in memory of Cathy S. Butler.

To truly celebrate Cathy's life, keep a smile on your face, a laugh in your heart, a strong faith in God, and accept and love everyone. Cathy never met a stranger, and her laughter was infectious. She lives on in all of us.

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. It is well with my soul.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cathy Smart Butler*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Ron, Missy and Blake, We are so very sorry for your loss. Cathy was such a joy in our lives while we worked for Point South as painters. I recall the first time we met her, Mike and I finished spray painting a house and she gave us a ride to look at a paint job. Back then, Mike smoked he was in the back seat of her car, he then lit a cigarette and Cathy was afraid he was going to catch on fire because he had been spraying with oil base paint. She always laughed about the first time we met. She was so kind to everyone she met, we remember her fondly. Praying for you all.*

**Linda and Mike Kazulen** - July 27, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Mr Butler, Missy, Blake and family,  
My deepest condolences for the loss of your loved one. I only knew her for a short while but immediately noticed her glow, radiance and love and she welcomed me with open arms every time I saw her. I especially remember this past Christmas and how kind she was to me and my children. She was blessed with a very special family and I'm sure she loved you all with all of her heart. May you find peace in the days ahead in knowing that her spirit is with God in the kingdom of Heaven. What a beautiful place that must be now with her added radiance. Much love, Heather Crofts and children.*

**Heather Crofts** - July 12, 2023 at 03:04 PM

SB

“ Ron, Missy and Blake,  
I am saddened to hear of Cathy's passing and am so sorry for your loss. Cathy was a very special person to me; always kind, patient and a lot of fun. I had not seen her in awhile, but thought of her often. She was our Realtor when we moved to Asheville, then my mentor and employer, along with Ron, when I worked part-time for Butler Associates. She launched my career, and I will always remember the joy of working for her (and you, Ron), and later with her. I was so fortunate to have had her in my life; she will truly be missed and remembered by me always.  
Sally Baker

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**Sally Baker** - July 08, 2023 at 12:19 PM

PB

“ Roy, (pronounced by Cathy with three syllables) and I were fortunate to have met Cathy when we first came to Asheville. She was our Realtor and friend, she introduced us to Asheville and Beverly Hanks. She was an angel and we continued our friendship with her and Ron until we left Asheville 20 years later. She was a real southern lady and will be missed by all. We mourn with you Ron, Missy and Blake as she was loved by all. God bless you all and RIP Cathy Butler.  
Peace,  
Roy and Pat Borden

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**Pat Borden** - July 06, 2023 at 10:21 AM

DC

“ Ron, Blake and Missy, I send my sincere condolences. Your soulmate and mother is at finally at peace and in a better place. The hurt and pain still remains with us. I greive with you. Sincerely,  
David W. Cartner

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**David W. Cartner** - July 06, 2023 at 08:44 AM

SA

“ *Cathy was a beautiful human being. So blessed to have known her. She is one more person that will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Prayers for Ron and Missy and Blake and their families.*

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**Susan Andrew** - July 03, 2023 at 09:54 PM