



## Catherine A. Sabin

November 17, 1955 - January 26, 2014

Catherine A. Sabin, 58, passed away Sunday, January 26, 2014 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born November 17, 1955 in Elmwood Park, was a former resident of Mt. Prospect and had lived in Grayslake for many years. She was a member of St. Mary of the Annunciation Church and was a renowned dog trainer, participating in many animal and bird rescues. Cathy also trained other people to train animals and was especially fond of Dobermans. Surviving are her sister, Ramona (Anton) Sikorcin of Boynton Beach, FL; 3 nieces and nephews, Shirley (Brian) Yagoda, Glenn (Tammy) Sikorcin and Wayne (Laura) Sikorcin; and also by many great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Berniece Sabin and also by her niece, Sue Schultz. Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, February 1, 2014 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville with Rev. Fr. John E. Hennessey officiating. A visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of services Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to her niece, Shirley Yagoda for the care of Catherine's animals. For info: 847-362-3009 or sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

NA

“ *May Cathie rest in peace and all the good she did live on. God, her Creator has called her home and freed her from all pain, sorrow and loss.*

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**Nancy** - June 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *God bless you Cathie for your passion to do what you loved to do. You rescued the owners.. who rescued the dogs... that rescued all of us. You completed the circle and touched the hearts of both human and canine friends. Rest in Peace. Rita M, Jade & Harley*

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June 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM

CS

“ *Thank you Cathie for being part of our lives and our dog's lives for the past 30 years. Now you have crossed over the Rainbow bridge to train all the dogs in heaven! Rest in peace my friend until we meet again.*

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**Craig & Colleen Sparks** - June 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM

RM

“ *God bless you for your passion to do what you loved to do. You rescued the owners...who rescued the dogs...that rescued all of us. You completed the circle and I thank you for all of your guidance. Hope you are surrounded by all of our pups at the Rainbow bridge...you will always be the leader of the pack. Rest in peace.*

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**Rita M** - June 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM

RM

“ *Cathie was many different things to many people: A friend; a dog whisperer, trainer, and boarder/sitter; a companion to share meals with; a Facebook buddy; confidant; mentor; movie friend; warm compassionate person helping many; a hard a\*\* suffering no nonsense; funny, witty, and smart; stubborn, and willful; exasperated when you didn't practice lessons with your dog but encouraging none the less....the list goes on. Cathie mattered! She mattered to me, her friends, her students, her animals and her family. She was important to all of us, is loved, and will be sorely missed in our hearts forever.*

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**Robin Meier** - June 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM

SS

“ *Cathy has turned the corner on her journey of life and has found her home in the loving arms of God and her parents. My prayer goes out to all who loved her and will mourn her absence here.*

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**Sr. Claire Marie (Barbara) Czerwiec, SSND** - June 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM

LC

“ *The dog world has lost it's "best friend".*

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**Lyn Canger** - June 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM

SD

“ *Cathy you were such a great help to myself and my doberman Maggie. You will be missed by all dogs and their people you have helped.*

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**Stephanie Dennis** - June 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM

JG

“ I first met Cathie when I was prepared to place my 1 yr old male Doberman (Canon) for adoption. Canon was highly reactive and I was sure would be better off outside Lincoln Park. Cathie diagnosed Canon as an "adolescent jerk" and recommended an e-collar. I said No - until Cathie educated / trained me to better educate / train Canon. We would drive about a hundred miles round trip to work with Cathie at B.C. Dog Training. She recently referred me to Ruth Crisler in Chicago. Cathie put the interests of the animals FIRST - ALWAYS. I still cannot believe Cathie is gone - but I pray she is no longer in pain -- and at peace... I know Canon and so many other pups were there to greet her... In Cathie's words, "It'll all be okay, Darlin'"

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**Judie Garcia** - June 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM

BO

“ Cathie, my dear friend and mentor. I will miss you forever. I wish I could hear your trademark "hey there" on the phone one more time. And every class I teach will have me tearing up when I tell the Mutual of Omaha lion tale. Rest easy Cathie, you left the world a better place than it was and your knowledge and legacy will shine through those of us that you gave you wisdom to.

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**Bob** - June 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ Cathie, I really wish we got together for that dinner, your friendship meant alot to me, when my days were darkened, you may them brighter, Thank you my friend, thank you, you will be missed.

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KT

“ Cathy, you were such a friend to the dog world and especially the Doberman world. We will miss you.

*Larry and Karen Taylor*

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**Karen & Larry Tayoor** - April 27, 2018 at 06:06 AM

DD

“ Cathie taught both my husband and I how to be responsible dobe parents. I know she had her doubts about us owning (2 dobes at that time then we added a 3rd) but we were able to prove that we could "handle" the breed thanks to all her teaching. My Roxy was a handful and very reactive and if we brought her back to the rescue we adopted her from, she probably would have been put to sleep. Cathie worked so hard with her and us and within a year Roxy was a completely changed dog and loyal, loving family member. We were able to enjoy Roxy for almost 11 years and she turned out to be one of the best dogs we ever owned thanks so much to Cathie and all her help. Unfortunately Roxy ended up with Lymphoma and went to the Rainbow Bridge a week before Christmas 2013. I told Roxy to give Cathie a big sloppy kiss when she comes to the bridge to thank her for basically saving her life. Thank you so much Cathie for training all three of my pups and for never giving up on us and believing in us. I enjoyed our dinner and "talk" recently and wish we would have done it more often, and I will always treasure how you told me I was one of the hardest working students you have ever had. Considering how we started out - knowing nothing of this breed, and now all three pups have multiple titles - we have come a long way. We all miss you so much! Dave, Dianna, Rambo, Roxy and Rebel xoxo

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**Dianna Dietrich** - April 27, 2018 at 06:06 AM

PE

“ Cathie, you were a good childhood friend and I was glad to reconnect with you. Some people add to the quality of life around them. You were part of that congregation. I'll miss you.

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**Philip Ehlen** - April 27, 2018 at 06:06 AM

EH

“ Cathie, I love you so much and am missing you everyday. I am so blessed that God placed you in my path . I remember the first time I called you and heard your voice, your birds were talking in the background and I thought that was the coolest thing! You gave me a lot of wisdom for training our newest pack members and life wisdom through facebook, when I was having a bad day I'd hear the little Facebook messenger "pop" sound and it was you, Cathie, checkin on me and giving me comforting words. God I love you Cathie! Praying for healing, comfort and love for your friends and family.

*Love always, Liz Herron*

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**Elizabeth Herron** - April 27, 2018 at 06:06 AM

SH

“ I will never forget the day you opened an aggressive dogs mouth and amazed me w ur braveness and you developed my dogs into perfect citizens they lived 13 years of goodness thanks to you

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**Sandy Hamblin** - April 27, 2018 at 06:06 AM

MB

“ Cathie, I am so privileged to have known you. You never trained any of my dogs, but we shared a common passion---our love of animals and wanting to help them. I think of those you helped through your food pantry & know how much your presence meant to them. In reading all the tributes on facebook, as well as here, the gaping hole you leave behind in so many lives is obvious. Count me among those who shall miss you but count themselves so fortunate to have crossed paths.

~ Melanie Balzer, Bolingbrook, Illinois

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**Melanie Balzer** - April 27, 2018 at 06:06 AM

RE

“ We won't forget the hearts and souls you've touched...two-legged and four...you will be missed:(Oliver Twist (JRT), Debbie and Rae

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**Rae Ewald** - April 27, 2018 at 06:06 AM



“ Truly a loss to the canine training community - your friendship and advice will be missed. I'll never forget the purple hair incident:)  
Aileen

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April 27, 2018 at 06:06 AM

KW

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with all of Cathie's family today, two legged and four. So sorry to hear of her passing. She trained us to train our two Dobermans which we got from her as pups, Bear and Samantha. They are in heaven also and greeting her with fur kisses.

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**Karen and Carl Waggoner** - April 27, 2018 at 06:06 AM

DP

“ Miss you Cathie! Love Damien and Serrano "pig" pepper girl xxx

Damien Preger - April 27, 2018 at 06:06 AM