



Obituary

Born: Friday, June 21, 1935

Died: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Service Summary

Visitation

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, Tue Jun 23,
2020

St. Bernadette

Turner Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Funeral Mass

10:30 AM Tue Jun 23, 2020

St. Bernadette

Turner Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Catherine F. Lavan

"Cass"

1935 - 2020

Catherine F. (Johnston) Lavan, 84, affectionately

known as "Cass", of Drexel Hill, PA and Mystic

Island, NJ passed away peacefully at home in the

presence of her family on June 17, 2020.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, Cass is a

graduate of West Catholic Girls High School. She

was a Navy wife who lived in many states and

abroad until settling down in Drexel Hill with her

family. She worked for over 26 years at the

University of Pennsylvania Law School, retiring as

the Building Administrator.

Cass had a kind spirit and a giving heart. She was

selfless, caring and full of love. Family meant the

world to her. Her quick wit was the source of many

laughs and good times had by all.

Cass enjoyed spending time with her family on the

beach and by the lagoon, and meeting with her

friends at McDonald's. Traveling the world,

reading, and cheering on the Eagles were her

favorite past times.

Cass is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph

D. and Catherine F. (Flynn) Johnston, and beloved

brothers, Joseph, John, and Robert, and sister,

Isabelle.

Her memory will be cherished and kept in the

hearts of her devoted husband of 61 years,

Thomas J., Sr.; her loving children, Catherine,

Maureen (Ronald Nowaczyk), Thomas J., II, and

Joseph (Michele); and her adored grandchildren,

Danielle and Brianna Lavan, and Jake Nowaczyk.

Also survived by sisters-in-law Maureen, Judy, and

Mary Johnston; and dear friends Herb Yorgey,

James Chadwick, Gloria Watts, and Jeanne

Grace. She will forever be remembered for her

love of family and friends and will be dearly missed

by all who knew and loved her.

Special thanks to Main Line Homecare & Hospice

for their care and comfort, including Tom

Olejniczak, Joanne Ramsey, and especially,

Margie Garwood, for her many years of tender

care and support.

Cass' life will be celebrated with a visitation on

Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. followed by

a funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Bernadette of

Lourdes Church, 1035 Turner Avenue, Drexel Hill,

PA, 19026. Interment will be at Arlington National

Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a

contribution in her name to Main Line Homecare &

Hospice, 240 North Radnor Chester Rd, Suite 100,

Radnor, PA 19087 484.596.5638.

<https://www.mainlinehealth.org/ways-to->

[give/homecare-and-hospice/make-a-gift-online](#)