



Cathy Cline Bradshaw

August 25, 1947 - May 13, 2025

Cathy Cline Bradshaw, 77, of Wynne, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 13, in Jonesboro. She leaves behind a large and loving family and many friends who are mourning the loss of the love, light, and grace that have gone out of the world with her passing.

Cathy was born in Helena, Arkansas, to Joe and Loraine Wolfe Cline on August 25, 1947. The eldest sister to two brothers, Cathy learned early how to strike a commanding presence and give orders to the men around her. Her father, Joe, owned Parker's Hardware in Helena, and Cathy had fond memories of growing up in a small town.

Cathy graduated from Central High School in 1965 and then attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She moved to Benton a few years later to raise her two children. She played golf, enjoyed her bridge club, and was active in her church

community.

In the late 1970s Cathy became involved in politics after meeting then-Attorney General Bill Clinton. She would go on to work on Clinton's campaigns for governor and was appointed to run his Office of Boards and Commissions. Her gregarious and lively personality made Cathy the perfect hostess and connector. With blue eyes that sparkled and a smile that could light up a room, her presence never went unnoticed. In 1986, Cathy married her best friend and love of her life, Jerry Bradshaw. They lived and worked in Central Arkansas for 30 years amongst a large circle of dear friends and colleagues in state government and politics. They seized every opportunity to travel and spend time at the beach with family and friends. Wherever they went, they were the life of the party.

Cathy became Chief of Staff to Secretary of State for Bill McCuen in 1986, where she developed a deep love for caring for and preserving the State Capitol. Her creative vision and talent for creating beautiful spaces brightened the marbled halls and offices of the Capitol and the surrounding gardens for years. In 2003, she returned to that role under Secretary of State Charlie Daniels. Cathy was the inspiration behind many of the

decorations, furnishings, and holiday celebrations that endure at the Capitol today, and took great pride in maintaining the building and grounds as though they were her home.

Cathy held other public-service roles during her long career, including working for the Arkansas House of Representatives, the Departments of Workforce Education, Parks and Tourism, the Cooperative Extension Service, and Garvan Woodland Gardens.

However, her most treasured years were those she spent in the State Capitol. Cathy cherished one of the most important roles of her life as “Cathy Grandmother.”

After retiring, she and Jerry moved to Wynne to be near their children and grandchildren where Cathy delighted in orchestrating egg hunts, trips to the beach, and all of the birthdays and weddings that filled the years. Ever the creator of beautiful spaces, Cathy and Jerry renovated their home in Wynne’s historic district, which became a welcoming hub for friends to stop by and enjoy Cathy’s hospitality. Cathy was especially proud of

her yard and fountains, and had an endless list of projects for Jerry to help create the perfect spots to sit and enjoy the beauty of nature and good conversation. Cathy was active in the First United Methodist Church of Wynne. She served on the building committee after the 2023 tornado and worked diligently on plans to

rebuild the church and preserve its history for the community. She was also member of the Wynne Garden Club and deeply loved her adopted hometown. She was like a flower that blossomed wherever she was planted.

Enduring memories of Cathy will be of her love for her family, her sharp sense of humor and her quick wit. She was gracious and gregarious, a commanding leader and a loving friend. She made things beautiful. She brought her gift to the world of seeing what something could be and giving of her time and special touch to create it. Her final gift, at the end of her life, was the donation of her organs so that others might have life, and enjoy it with the same zest that she did.

Cathy is survived by her loving husband, Jerry, her children, Helen Halbert (Chuck) of Lexa, Chris Gibson (Page) of Little Rock, Stan Bradshaw (Beth) of Birdeye, and Sarah Jane Martin (Cade) of Jonesboro; nine grandchildren, Emily Darnell (Nelson), Tripp Halbert (Lauren), Jake Halbert; Linton Bradshaw, Katie Bradshaw, and Reece Bradshaw; Hayes Martin and Margaret Martin; Gray Gibson, and one great-grandson, Ford Halbert; brothers Ernie Cline (Karen) and Chuck Cline (Jane); sister-in-law, Sarah Bradshaw, and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by

her
parents Joe and Loraine.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Monday, May 19, at 2:00 p.m. at
Cogbill
Cemetery in Wynne. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First
United
Methodist Church in Wynne. Kernodle Funeral Home is in charge of
arrangements. You may sign an online guestbook at www.kernodlefh.com

Cemetery Details

Cogbill Cemetery

Wynne, AR

Previous Events

Graveside service

MAY 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cogbill Cemetery
Airpark Rd
Wynne, AR 72396

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cathy Cline Bradshaw.

May 19, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Cathy Cline Bradshaw.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cathy Cline Bradshaw.

May 18, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cathy Cline Bradshaw.



May 18, 2025 at 01:24 PM

CR

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. Cindy Rushing



Cindy Rushing - May 17, 2025 at 04:31 PM

MR

“ I am so very sorry to this. May our Lord comfort and grant each of you peace.

Mary K. Rohrscheib

Mary K Rohrscheib - May 16, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LC

“ Lyndajo and Charolet purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cathy Cline Bradshaw.



Lyndajo and Charolet - May 16, 2025 at 11:02 AM

PG

“ Jerry, so sorry to read of your loss. Please know my prayers are with you & the family as you go through the pathway of healing. Paula(Harrell) Gardner

Paula Gardner - May 16, 2025 at 09:16 AM

AM

“ Ernie, Rick and I are so sorry to learn of the passing of your sister Cathy. A beautiful obituary. We send our love and prayers to you and your family, Annette and Rick Meador

Annette Meador - May 16, 2025 at 08:39 AM

SW

“ S & F Wizer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cathy Cline Bradshaw.

S & F Wizer - May 15, 2025 at 06:39 PM

SW

“ S & F Wizer purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cathy Cline Bradshaw.



S & F Wizer - May 15, 2025 at 06:39 PM

JH

“ My colleague, my dear other mother, and my good friend. Cathy you were one of a kind. I will miss laughing with you and miss your bright, beautiful smile. Thank you for being my friend.

Janet Harris - May 15, 2025 at 05:14 PM

AM

“ Aaron Martin purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Cathy Cline Bradshaw.



Aaron Martin - May 15, 2025 at 01:35 PM

TW

“ The Webre's purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Cathy Cline Bradshaw.



The Webre's - May 15, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ I met Cathy at the age of 15 when I started working summers for then Secretary of State Bill McCuen. She was his Chief Deputy. I have the funniest memory of her from then. She had a state vehicle, an ugly Pontiac van that Rick Hearne and I drove every summer to the prison in Pine Bluff to deliver tubes and state calendars. She and Jerry were always extremely nice to my family and I.

Chuck Daniels - May 15, 2025 at 12:09 PM

SB

“ She was one of my closest friends and I loved her dearly. I am a better person for having her in my life. She and I worked on too many projects together over the years to count. I loved building and making things for her and bringing her creative ideas to life. I loved the times we just sat in the yard and just talked. The effortless and easy conversations that only happen with your truest friends. She was a mentor, a confidant and a constant inspiration. We used to joke that we were “CK’s” Cathy’s Kids. It was good club to be a member of. There is a large hole in my heart now and I will miss her.

Steve Brummett - May 15, 2025 at 11:32 AM