



## Catherine E. Byham

November 7, 1923 - September 11, 2016

Catherine Elizabeth Byham (Schmidt), 92, of Westampton died Sunday, September 11, 2016, at Samaritan Hospice, Mt Holly. She was born November 7, 1923, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Frank and Mary Schmidt.

She was known to be very high-energy, always busy, and never had trouble holding up her end of the conversation. She loved to be around people!

As a young girl, her family moved back to their village of Kula (present-day Serbia) to be with family. Catherine was caught in Europe during World War II and could not get back to America. She spent the war constantly on the move and, at times, separated from her family, often scared, sometimes hungry, but always strong and having faith that God would deliver her. At the end of the war she came back to America where she would later help sponsor several family members and friends to come to the US. She also met her beloved husband, Richard Bentley Byham. The two were married July 5, 1947, with very little in possessions or material wealth to begin their life together. Their strong love throughout 63 years of marriage was an inspiration and example for their family.

Catherine devoted her life to her family and her church. She and her husband, raised five children: Marianne (deceased), Richard, Frank, Robert, and

Joseph. They balanced their happy family and church life well.

She was very active in the Mt. Holly Sacred Heart Church Legion of Mary. She was honored when the Legion of Mary chose her to place a crown of flowers on the statue of Mary at the Mt. Holly Sacred Heart Church. She worked hard volunteering to hand-make hundreds of rosaries and christening bibs, to visit the hospital and nursing home, to lead the praying of the rosary and, when she was younger, to teach Catechism.

Mrs. Byham is survived by her four sons: Richard (Pamela) of Sleepy Hollow, IL; Frank (Angela) of Manchester, MD; Robert (Lisa) of Medford; and Joseph (Lisa) of Westampton; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Richard; her parents; her brother, John; and her daughter, Marianne (Larry) Tillman.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, September 17, at 11:00 AM at the Sacred Heart Church, 260 High St., Mount Holly, NJ 08060. Interment will follow in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Friends may attend her visitation on Saturday from 10-11 AM at the Church. Contributions in Mrs. Byham's memory may be made to the Sacred Heart Church at the address above.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Washington St.  
Hainesport, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly  
260 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine E. Byham* ”

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Catherine E. Byham* ”

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Teri Gunn lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Byham* ”



**Teri Gunn** - September 14, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ *Robin Doyle lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Byham* ”



**Robin Doyle** - September 14, 2016 at 11:47 AM

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“ *Rich and family,  
We were saddened to learn of your mother's passing. It certainly seems she had a wonderful long life. Please accept our heart felt condolences and extend them to all family members.*

*Essi and Everett (Ebby Turner)*

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**Everett Turner** - September 14, 2016 at 07:25 AM



“ *You brought so much laughter into my life for the past 19 years, and I am forever grateful that you got to spend the last 11 years living in our home. I will miss telling you how my day was or even coming over just to help you bake your famous apple pie. I love and miss you grandma.*

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**Megan Byham** - September 13, 2016 at 05:08 PM

EA

“ *Katherine gave to us her wonderful and lovely daughter Marianne, married to our son Larry. From that union, a very much loved Grandson, Jeff . Always so kind and gracious. Now she joins her only daughter Marianne in heaven. What a happy union that will be.*

*Elizabeth (Betty) Tillman Arceneaux & Family*

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**Elizabeth A Tillman Arceneaux** - September 13, 2016 at 08:45 AM

JT

“ *We miss you Grandmom.*



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**Jessica Tillman** - September 13, 2016 at 07:32 AM

JB

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**Jonathan Byham** - September 12, 2016 at 10:03 PM

JC

“ *Catherine came into my life rather recently but made such a difference. I so enjoyed our visits together and will really miss her. She shared her very unusual life story with me. Her God and His Mother, her family were the important things in her life. I feel so grateful that she considered me her friend. Thank you, Catherine Byham!*

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**Joan Carvin** - September 12, 2016 at 03:54 PM