

MEMORIAL SERVICE  
TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF  
**CATHY POWELL**

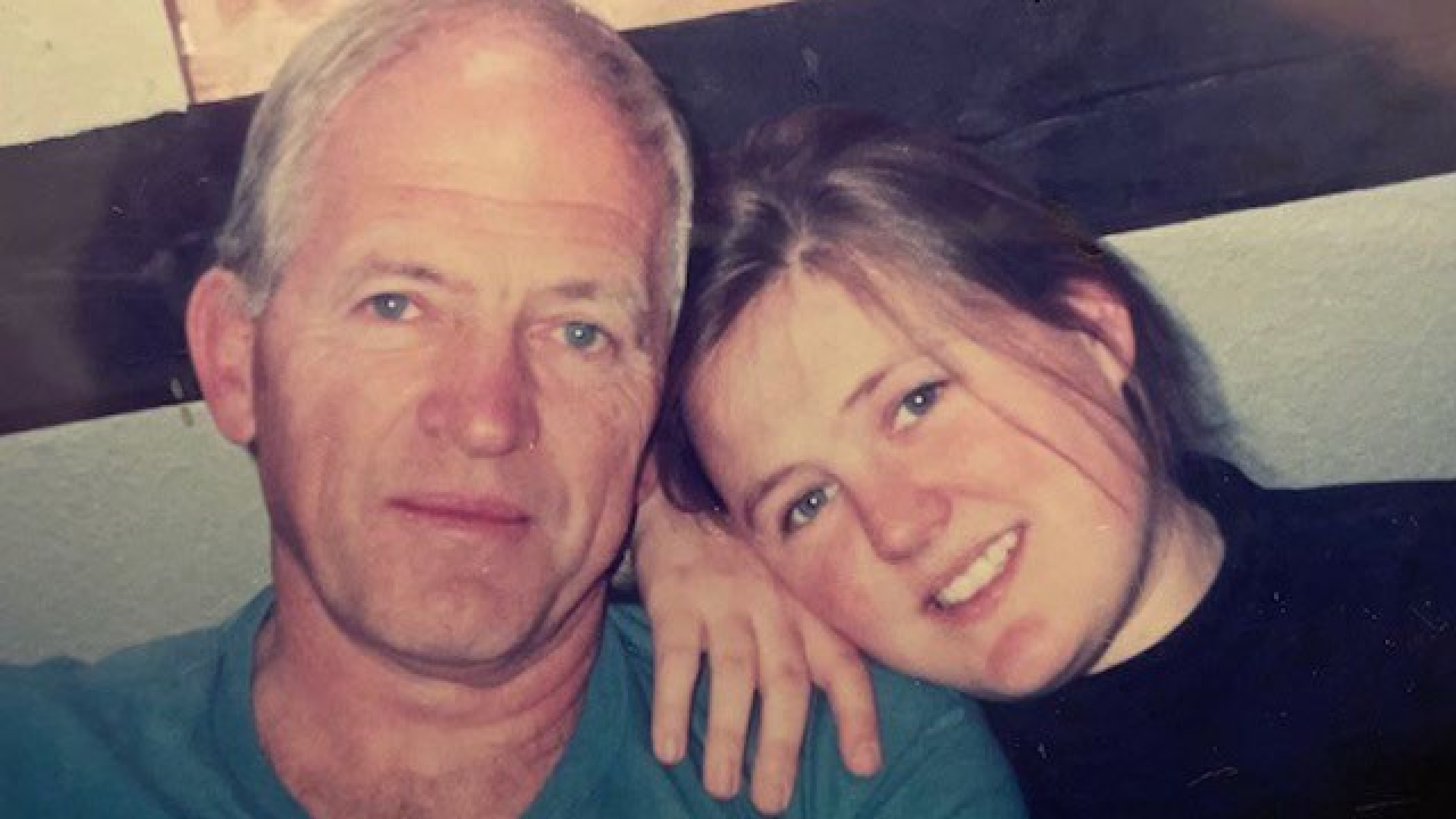


ON

**Saturday 8 March**  
11H30 SAST

HOME COMING CENTRE  
CORNER BUITENKANT ST & CALEDON ST,  
DISTRICT SIX, CAPE TOWN

This will be a hybrid service  
(online and in-person)  
led by Sarah Bachelard of the Benedictus  
Contemplative Church











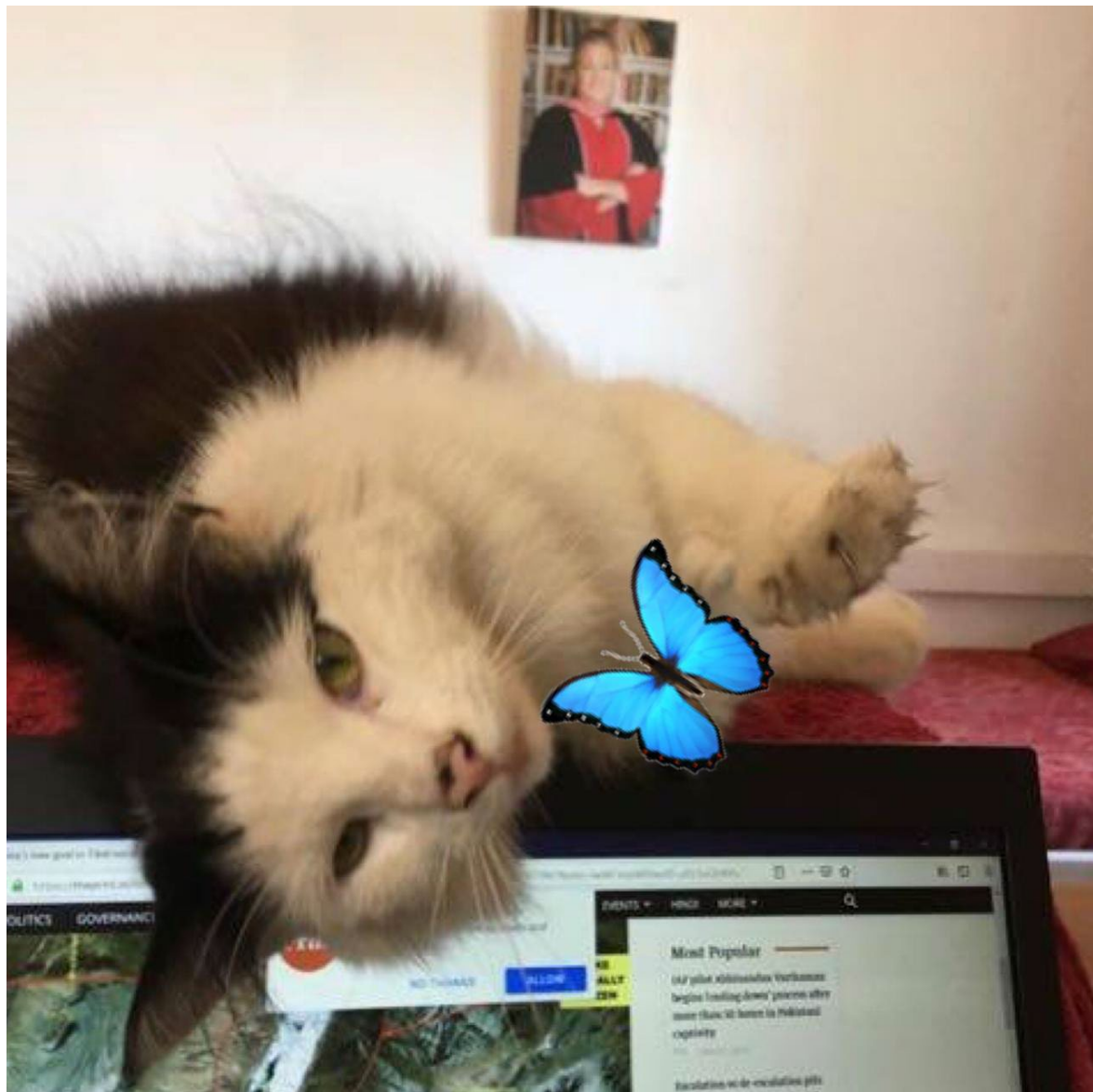
**Cathy with Mani and Ghadija**



**Ghadija:**

That is my son Thomas  
when he was a baby at 2  
months old 😊❤️













**Frank Haarer:** Please tell Cathy, that her “German Family” loves her and that she is in our thoughts and hearts! Christine, Anna, Julian, Maxi, Caro, Iris, Hans and Frank send lots of love! ❤️❤️❤️

**Flossy:** Tell Cathy I am sending ❤️🌷





**Ruediger:** Grateful for the ways in which you have been and still are a positive force in my life since we met, Cathy. I hope I've been able to give back a part of that. Feels like this group is a good representation, yet only a small slice, of all the lives you have touched and made better.

**Jonathan Strug:** Cathy's friendship over the years has meant so much to me. Anyone who had Cathy in their life was truly blessed. Sending lots of love from Canada.



**Helen Ferrett:** Dearest Cathy, thank you for being such a beacon of light to so many throughout stormy circumstances. I love you very much and have so much gratitude for the privilege of being your friend. Simon and Cheeky and Midge and Annabel send love and our flock of birdies thank you daily for the suet feeder. Wishing you a peaceful comfortable transition and a joyful reunion with your beloved dad! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

**Frank Haarer:** Dass Cathy bald ihren geliebten Vater in die Arme schließen kann, ist das einzige, was ein bisschen Trost spenden kann!





**Mimi Bradley:** May your transition be peaceful Cathy. You gave me bragging rights for so many reasons. Perhaps simply because I was included in your phenomenal studies, history and life. You were ‘the difference’ in so many people’s lives, including mine.

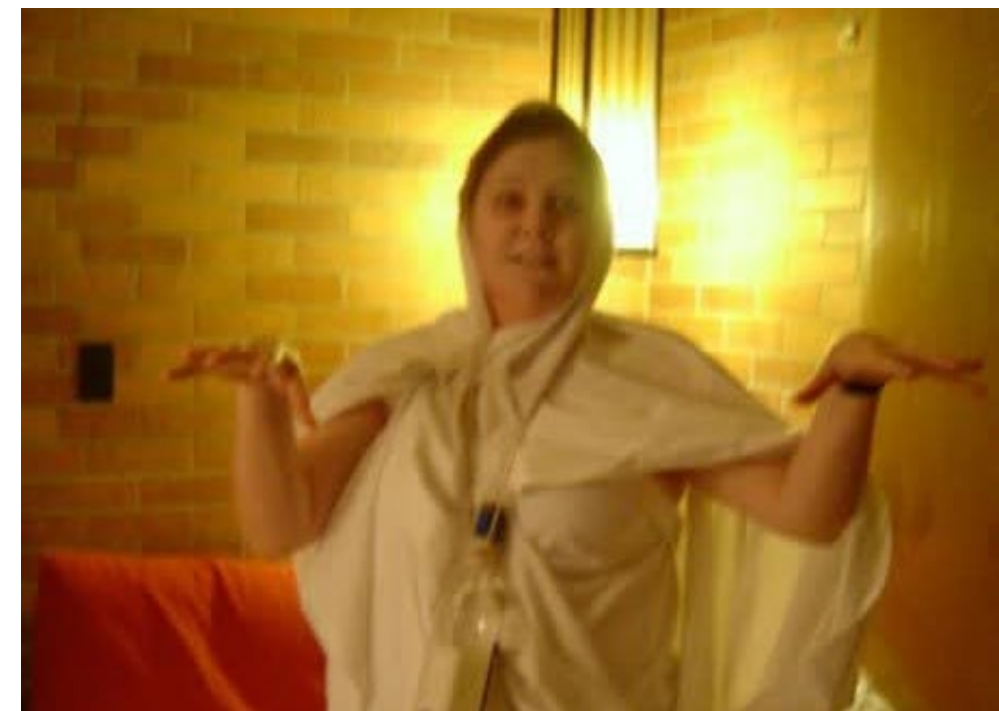
Thank you, thank you, thank you.

My love goes with you. 





**Mikaela:** Oh, Cathy was my next door neighbour at graduate school so my photos of her are maybe a little sillier than is appropriate - we really had a lot of fun together. She convinced me to jump out of a plane once... For Hallowe'en that year she dressed as a 'departed spirit' - and I can't help but think she'd also find this funny to share here.



**Epnmacedo:** Please tell Cathy Ester said it she was so glad to cross the ocean to see her if only for three days and that it was such a balm in a difficult time to watch birds and then go to vineyards together ❤️❤️

**Emsie:** Cathy, I'm looking at the sea thinking of you. Thank you for teaching me to stop apologising and for being the most formidable comrade one could hope to find. I will miss you in battle but I wish you only peace and hold you in my heart.






**Cathy singing on the top deck of the *MS Sansoucci* by the iconic Oberbaum Brücke between West and East Berlin in Kreuzberg in 1997/98 when she was studying at Humboldt University.**



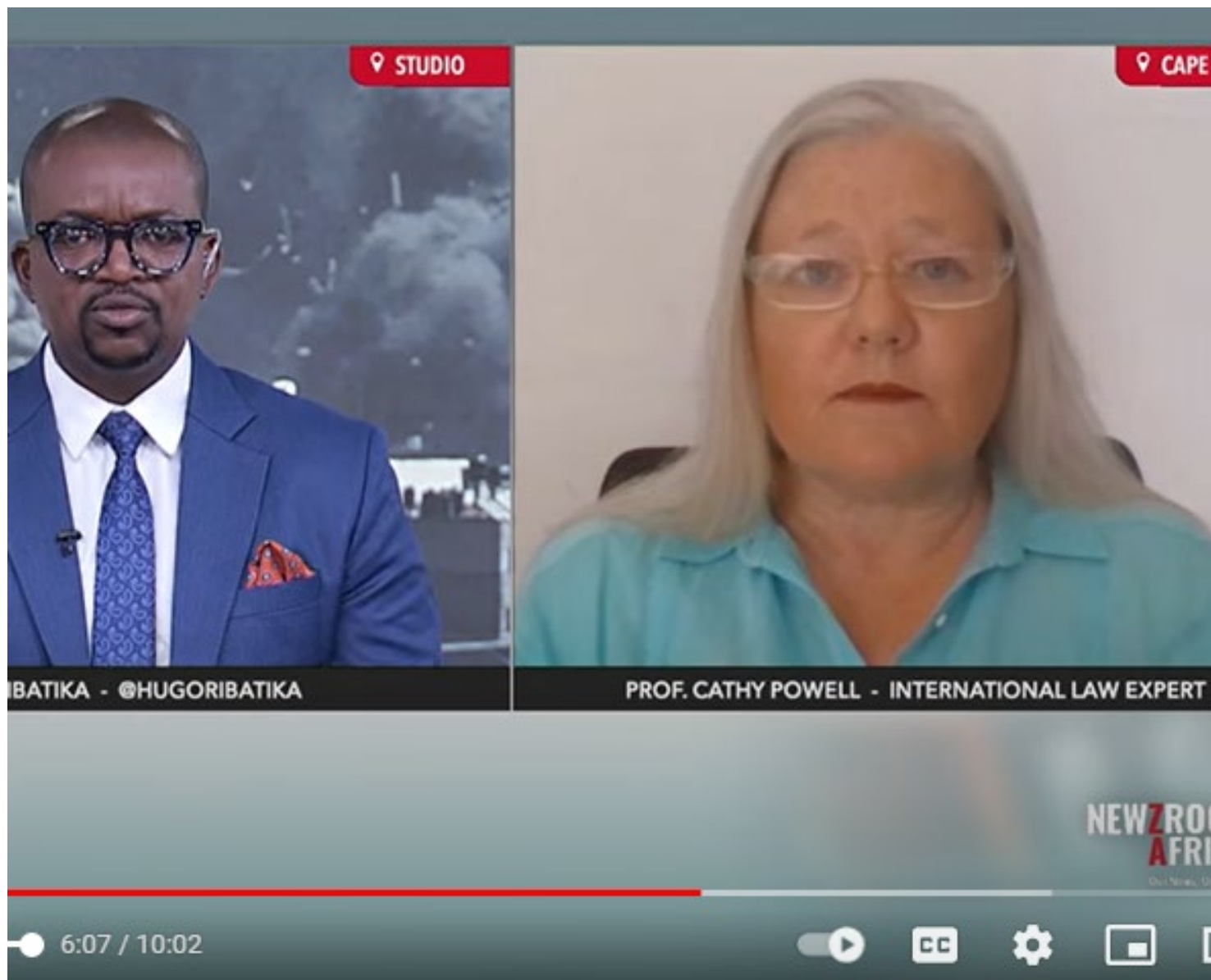


**Dee Naidoo:** Sleep peacefully, my little sister ... may you find comfort in your faith and feel embraced by the love of so many whose lives you touched. Despite the years gone by, i think of you still as the young girl in school uniform - thank you always for your open-hearted acceptance back then and sharing your passion for music. So, I hope you can hear a choir now ... go well, my dear Cathy.

**Andy:** Dear Cathy, I'm remembering all the music we shared, and all the heart-to-heart talks over the years. Keeping you always in my heart and so grateful for our friendship

**Naz:** Dearest Cathy - Little Charlie has crossed the rainbow bridge a few days ago and I know he's playing with Junior again. I feel so blessed for being able to see you a few weeks ago. Mushfiqah and Layla send lots of love and light  You are a beautiful soul











Flowers: Plum & Citrus blossoms, Cape Sorrel, nasturtiums, Waterblommertjie

Fruits : Fan retief guavas, Tahiti limes, Lisbon & Eureka lemons, Tango

Herbs : Bay leaves, Chervil, lemon balm, thyme, eriocephalus (mountain rose)





**Prof Denise Ackerman:** For dear Cathy, may you rest peacefully in God's eternal love. With my love, Denise









**Mikaela:** Hello - it's Mikaela from Newfoundland. I'm late to the chat, but not to the love of Cathy - heard she's really been going through the wringer. I'm very sad to hear that, because it's her 'Hallo my sweetie!' I hear ringing in my head when I see a good friend after a long time.

**Lidia:** Dear Cathy

I already miss hearing all the usual sounds of your movements. You having your meals in the garden, and chattering on the phone etc.

We are having to say goodbye far too soon but yours was a life well lived.

You showed great love to man and beast and you made a big difference in the lives of others.

Rest well and I send a very big hug and lots of love.









**Saras Jagwanth:** I know you as a person of great integrity, Cathy, unafraid to swim against the tide when your principles demand it; never sugar-coating the truth for anyone's convenience. But more than anything, you are are a great friend, loyal and reliable, one who always brought joy and laughter during our frequent meetings in Cape Town - and once here in NYC. And wherever and whenever it is that we meet again, darling Cathy, I cherish fond memories of our relationship - friendly gossip about UCT's law school, musings about all things from politics to music and of course the occurrence of palindromes (our little inside joke). Love you much and thinking of you all the time, from Saras (and Fred who sends all his love and strength).











## **Beverley K Jones**

Sleep safe dear sweet girl ... we will celebrate your life, share our memories and keep you in our hearts. Thank you for your friendship and love ❤️















**Mel:** My dear friend - I can scarcely believe I am writing this. I was looking forward to a trip to Cape Town for the first time in 13 years, and to seeing you, and holding your hand a little bit during this struggle. I thought I had time. I know that you thought that too. Having you snatched away like this is excruciating. I know that God desires your presence very much but why does he have to be so bloody greedy. Couldn't he have given us all just a little bit longer with you. My friend, you have been a towering presence in my life for over 50 years, even as the miles and the years grew longer and longer. As the song goes - time and space are constructs of grace, that lead us to eternity. I will miss you so very much, but the gifts you have given me over so many years will last me as long as I remain. You introduced me to literature, to poetry, to music, to dance. To acting. To British radio. (Without you, I would never have learned the words to Owa Tana Siam). And to the law. To the idea that a life of the mind is its own good, and can sustain you when all else fails.

This plaas meisie from Kimberley thanks you, from the bottom of my heart. You always spoke plainly but with love. You faced everything life threw at you with courageous and unrelenting clarity. I treasured, and always will, your directness, your ferocious intellect, your passionate engagement with the world, your refusal to be cowed by the twin poles of sentimentality or cynicism, your insistence on speaking the truth. I treasured in equal measure your unrelentingly wicked wit and sense of humour, in the darkest of times, your ability to find wry laughter in almost any situation, and your capacity to spot absurdity in the most solemn of contexts. Even though I did not share your faith, I admired intensely your steadfast commitment to it, your unwavering openness to ambiguity, uncertainty and challenge, and your absolute determination to continue to grow and learn. The world will be a much, much smaller place without you in it. I am not a believer, as you know, but I do truly think that you are off to be reunited with your beloved Dad, and that this will be a source of comfort and peace to you.

May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest, my dearest friend

















**Elisa:** Dear friends of Cathy. I am at a loss for words, and am not sure I know what to say or even whether I can say what I feel, but I would like to reach out to all of you who knew and loved Cathy. I am saddened and shocked by her death; her deterioration over the past couple of weeks was so rapid. I was able to see her on Friday and although I know she knew I was there, she was moving in and out of consciousness, unable to speak properly. Cathy was one of the most courageous, honest, forthright, intelligent and honourable people I knew, and I was privileged to count her as a friend. She could not tolerate baseness or dishonesty and lived her life in light and righteousness. I am devastated by her death. Sending love and condolences to all who knew and loved her. Rest in peace my darling friend. I know you're in a better place.





Thank you - from PBL5618S  
Class of 2024

Dear Cathy, Thank you for tempering this daunting module with your awesome wit and humour. It made me look forward to the seminars. I look forward to the exam with [measured] enthusiasm. - Anisha

Thank you so much for this very well structured & interesting semester. I ~~appt~~ appreciate your joy in teaching and the South African perspective on international law. - Marlies

Dear Cathy, thank you for being a phenomenal lecturer, as well as a person with extreme compassion & kindness. - Kiara

Hey Cathy, you're my biggest motivation. You're smart, welcoming & kind. Keep well always. - Lambo

Thank you for being a great lecturer - I have learnt so much from you. - Javahl

Hey Cathy, thank you for an incredible experience. Your insights and passions for this course truly inspired me. I appreciate all the knowledge you've shared throughout this semester and the motherly love you've shown throughout the year. - Nyameko

Cathy, thank you for this semester! I have really enjoyed the course. - Tilda

"If you look behind every  
exceptional person  
there is an  
exceptional teacher"

- Stephan Hawking -

Dear Cathy

Thank you for a great semester. It was an honour having you as our professor. Your wisdom, knowledge, kindness and passion made this course amazing. Thank you from the Class of 2024 <3



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**Frank Molteno:** I have been blessed with the great privilege and pleasure of being a friend of Cathy's and a member of the same church as Cathy over the past few years. Many if not most of you have known Cathy and been part of her life for so much longer. Indeed some of you have known Cathy her whole life or almost her whole life. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Having witnessed at close hand the extreme pain - physical, mental, emotional and spiritual - that Cathy had to suffer over the past couple of months, I can at least be truly thankful that her suffering is over and that she is now at peace.

May we all continue to hold each other gently in our hearts as we grieve together and miss our dear and very special friend...

With my love and prayers,

Frank





death date dirge  
*after Auden, for Cathy*

the clocks have stopped for you now, so many whatsapps left,  
moonlight sonata paces the floor of your woodstock flat, bereft,  
the upright piano looks on mutely and there's no muffled drum,  
but we will bring out your coffin and the mourners will come.

unsolicited maverick aeroplanes moaning overhead  
scribbling on the sky now the message 'she is dead'  
would just have sprung baffled laughter from you  
with the too much vibrato of your mezzo-soprano  
and a crêpe bow round the fragile grey neck of a city dove  
you would have instantly deemed anything but a sign of love.

you went north, stayed south, pointed to the east, lived critically west,  
did more than you could for the working week, on sundays took rest,  
there were high noons, low midnights, talk most fierce, above all song;  
as much as they seemed forever, you proved such seeming wrong.

what we crave now are stars unextinct on our watch, not one,  
the moon not to pack its radiance away - we shall not dismantle the sun,  
instead, our tears will be with the sea, no fire shall ravage cecilia's wood;  
brought low, we hear you urge rescue of what remains left of the good.





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and in honour of, Cathy:**

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