



Cynthia Louise Mikelaite Belden

March 19, 1961 - December 29, 2024

Cynthia Louise Mikelaite Belden, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away suddenly on December 29, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Helene Mikelaite.

Cindy is survived by her loving husband, Tom Belden; her son, Michael Sidney Yates, his wife, Hannah, and their children, Sydney Carlin and Joseph David; her daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth Yates-Roundy, her husband, Kyle, and their children, Allyson Louise and Michael Alexander. She is also survived by her stepsons, Nicholas Belden, his wife, Hailey, and their son, Truett, and Christopher Belden; her sister, Sandra Mikelaite Lewis, and her son, Casey Lewis; her brother, Brian Mikelaite, his wife, Catherine, and their children, Ridge, Alyx, Tyler, Bennet and Caroline. Additionally, she is mourned by countless friends who she considered family.

Cindy Lou, as she was affectionately known, was born on March 19, 1961, in Abington, Pennsylvania. The family relocated to New Kent, Virginia in 1969, where Cindy and her siblings grew up and attended New Kent County schools. It was here that she met her lifelong best friend, Suzanne Alvis Bisczat, with whom she shared a 55-year bond. Despite the physical distance between them over the years, they always made it a priority to spend meaningful time together.

A 1983 graduate of the University of Richmond, Cindy formed a close-knit bond with her friends, “The College Girls”—The Two Lynns, and MaryShea. The foursome remained devoted friends for over 40 years, supporting each other through all of life’s joys and challenges.

Throughout her career, Cindy worked in various fields, including banking, human resources, and government contracting. However, she often said that her greatest role was being a mother, a role she cherished above all others.

In the summer of 2011, Cindy met her Prince Charming, Tom Belden. Their love story blossomed, and they later married, blending their two families. Tom was the love of Cindy’s life, and they treasured their time together, living life to the fullest. They both often expressed how fortunate they felt to have found each other.

In 2020, Cindy, along with her siblings Brian and Sandy, opened Jolene Family Winery in New Kent, a family-run business named in honor of their parents.

Cindy’s presence was a light in every room she entered. Her warmth, infectious laughter, and quick wit made her unforgettable. She valued her family and friends deeply, always ensuring they knew how important they were to her. Cindy loved music, particularly Jimmy Buffett, and was known to dance to Beach Music with joy and abandon. Her loving spirit and the happiness she spread will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 26th, 2025, at 4:00 PM at the Jolene Family Winery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or Habitat for Humanity.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR **26**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Jolene Family Winery
2750 Pocahontas Trail
Quinton, VA 23141

Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Ribert And Tina Gentry lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Louise Mikelaites Belden*



Ribert and Tina Gentry - June 27, 2025 at 09:17 PM

MS

“ *Mike Staskiel lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Louise Mikelaites Belden*



Mike Staskiel - April 25, 2025 at 12:34 PM

SB

“ *My heart goes out to Cindy's family. May God surround you all with his loving arms and grant you peace beyond understanding. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*
Susan Baldwin

Susan Baldwin - January 29, 2025 at 11:51 AM

TS

“ *Our prayers as well as fond memories are with her family We were friends from the Times Dispatch and attended many of the Christmas parties in her home. Always a gracious host with a wonderful smile.*
Tom/Cynthia Smith

thomas smith - January 11, 2025 at 01:39 PM

ST

“ *Sandy Tate lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Louise Mikelaïtes Belden*



Sandy Tate - January 06, 2025 at 02:20 PM

BB

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Cindy’s family. I enjoyed working with Cindy at HHHunt and keeping in touch via FB. She was always laughing and smiling each day and truly embraced the positive side of life.*

Beverly Betcher - January 05, 2025 at 09:51 AM

AA

“ *My deepest sympathy and my condolences to the Family. The last time we saw each other we embrace with a hug and her beautiful smile just lit up the room I am very sorry to hear this news but I will continue to lift her family and friends my my prayer*

Alicia Akrie-Williams - January 03, 2025 at 07:52 PM

SL

“ *Sheila Isgett Lewis lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Louise Mikelaïtes Belden*



sheila Isgett lewis - January 02, 2025 at 07:00 PM

SA

“ *It was truly a pleasure working with Cindy. Her cheerful and helpful nature always brightened our days. Her absence will be deeply felt, and she will be sorely missed. My heartfelt condolences to her family—she will be remembered and missed by all of us.* ”

Susan Arno - January 02, 2025 at 08:19 AM

KD

“ *Karen Pitts Disse lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Louise Mikelaite Belden* ”



Karen Pitts Disse - January 01, 2025 at 03:25 PM

CC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this! Sandy and Brian, Michael and Katy I'm sending love. Peace to all who knew her.* ”

Carolyn Conklin - January 01, 2025 at 02:03 PM

LG

“ *So sorry to hear of Cindy's passing. My sincere condolences go out to her family and friends.* ”



Lana Perkins Gladden - January 01, 2025 at 10:03 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - January 01, 2025 at 06:21 AM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for the family 🙏🙏. Im a 1979 graduate with her will miss her bunnies on table,

judy Edwards Taylor - December 31, 2024 at 07:50 PM

L

“ Cindy was such happy, positive and fun person to be around. Her gorgeous smile and sense of fun are what I will always remember from our UR days. My thoughts, prayers and hugs go out to Cindy's family.

Leigh Grady

Leigh Grady - December 31, 2024 at 07:01 PM

PS

“ Cindy was a very special lady. She was a friend to all. I loved watching her “bunny” snow reports. May God Bless her family and give them comfort in the days ahead.

Patty Starnes - December 31, 2024 at 04:24 PM

CC

“ Sandy and Casey, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending my deepest condolences to you and all of your family and devoted friends. Fly high with the angels, Cindy.

Claudette Lewis Christman

Claudette Christman - December 31, 2024 at 03:35 PM

MC

“ Cindy was a joyful soul with an infectious laugh. I am grateful for the memories and the many years she was in my life. My deepest sympathies to her family. She will be missed by all of her classmates. Rest In Peace, Cindy Lou.

Melody Boisseau Cash - December 31, 2024 at 03:21 PM

BS

“ I am forever grateful for the opportunity to have known Cindy as a co-worker and friend, and I will surely miss her warm smile. She was a truly dedicated member of our team at Leebcor.

Cindy will be terribly missed. She was love by all of us and she will be cherished in our memories.

My deepest condolences.

Bill Sorrentino - December 31, 2024 at 03:15 PM

DH

“ Suzanne, Brian and Sandy. Deb and I are so very sorry for your loss. I remember the year that Cindy joined our class at New Kent. She was always so happy and a friend to everyone. She helped Deb and my family pick grapes in our little vineyard one year. This was before her family started their own family winery. She was still the same girl that I remembered from school.

Dennis and Debbie Hockaday - December 31, 2024 at 01:12 PM

BD

“ Beverly Darlington lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Louise Mikelaite Belden



Beverly Darlington - December 31, 2024 at 11:45 AM

BE

“ I've known Cindy and her family since the 4th grade. She was always sweet and kind. I am so sorry to hear the news and lift up her family during this time, she will be missed. 🙏🙏🙏💕

Buzz Eacho - December 31, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Dianne Reid lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Louise Mikelaite Belden



Dianne Reid - December 31, 2024 at 11:18 AM

NW

“ Scott and I are so very sorry to hear about Cindy’s passing. Our families have been friends for a very long time. She was a very sweet person and always had a smile. Much love to all her family
Scott and Nina Wallace

Nina Wallace - December 31, 2024 at 10:59 AM

PT

“ She will be missed. My condolences to the family.

patricia townsend - December 31, 2024 at 10:49 AM

CL

“ Chad Larochelle lit a candle in memory of
Cynthia Louise Mikelaïtes Belden



Chad Larochelle - December 31, 2024 at 10:41 AM

JM

“ Janet Moncure lit a candle in memory of
Cynthia Louise Mikelaïtes Belden



Janet Moncure - December 31, 2024 at 10:30 AM

LH

“ So very sorry to hear this. She was my LWG and I was her LBG. Our code names for each other. Prayers to her husband, children, grandchildren and her bestie Suzanna Alvis Bisczat. Cindy Lou will be greatly missed upon this earth. Leila Christian Holmes



Leila Christian Holmes - December 31, 2024 at 10:27 AM

ES

“ Condolences to all of Cindy’s family!

Cindy was a dear friend and to many in the New Kent Community and high school classmates. Such a kind, joyful spirit.

Prayers and thoughts are extended to Cindy’s immediate family and family of friends.

May all the fond memories that one may have with Cindy bring much comfort during now and on those days when they are needed most.

Cindy may you soar high with angels. ✨❤️🙏🕊️✨

Eddie R Sears - December 31, 2024 at 09:33 AM