

Cynthia “Cindy” Lean Gaik Khoo-Robinson Obituary

October 2, 1965 - January 3, 2025

Cindy Khoo-Robinson, a beloved daughter, wife, mother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2025, at 11:11 AM, surrounded by her cherished family. Cindy was a beacon of light, love, and laughter known for her relentless positivity, beautiful smile, and unwavering devotion to the people she cared for.

Born and raised in Penang, Malaysia, Cindy was the treasured daughter of Khoo Eng Huah and Yeoh Peng Lee. She attended Convent Light Street and St. Xavier's Institution in Penang. In pursuit of education and adventure, Cindy came to the United States to attend Berea College in Kentucky. She graduated in 1988 and soon after settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she met the love of her life, Troy Robinson. Cindy and Troy were inseparable partners for nearly 36 wonderful years, building a life together filled with love, laughter, and joy. After 8 years of marriage, their pride and joy, Chandler Khoo Robinson was born. Chandler fit right into their busy social calendar, and through his time at St. Mary and St. Xavier brought a whole host of cherished new friends into their lives. His and Catherine's wedding in 2023 brought monumental joy to her and Troy.



Cindy dedicated her career to fundraising and higher education development, working tirelessly to support causes she believed in. Her professional journey included roles at Hospice of Cincinnati, St. Ursula Academy, the University of Cincinnati Foundation, and the University at Buffalo. She later worked for Washburn & McGoldrick as a consultant in her retirement years. Cindy's passion for her work and her ability to connect people made her an invaluable part of every organization she touched.

Cindy was known for her sparkle—both in her personality and in zest for life, and in her ever-fabulous outfits. Her laugh lit up a room, and her joy for hosting and celebrating brought people from across her many circles together in the most meaningful ways. Whether planning a gathering or simply sharing a conversation, Cindy made every moment and person feel special.

When Cindy was diagnosed with metastatic esophageal cancer in June 2024, she faced her battle with the same courage, grace, discipline and determination that defined her life. Her strength, humor, and optimism inspired everyone around her.

Cindy's greatest pride and joy were her family. She is deeply missed by her devoted husband, Troy Robinson; her beloved son, Chandler, and daughter-in-law, Catherine; and her loving sisters, Josephine and Magdalene. Her legacy of love, kindness, and positivity will live on in their hearts and in the lives of everyone who was fortunate to know her. Cindy's light continues to shine brightly in the lives she touched. Her memory will forever remind us to live with courage, joy, laughter, and love.

A celebration of Cindy's extraordinary life will be held on Friday, January 10th where family and friends will gather to honor her memory and the profound impact she had on all who knew her.

Friday, January 10, 2025

St. Mary Parish, 2853 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208

9:00 AM Visitation

11:00 AM Funeral Mass

Celebration of Life reception to follow (Location: To be announced)