

To those of you who don't know me, my name is Cathy Adamski. I am a proud lifelong Islander and the owner of Flowers By Cathe' here in Blue Island. I opened up my shop 34 years ago, and oh how the years go by!

My family and I have called St Francis/Metro South our hospital for decades. I can't even imagine not having a place down the street to continue to serve my family and the community as well.

Metro South/St Francis has been a major account of mine for the 34 years I have been open. The hospital has continually brought customers into my shop, who otherwise wouldn't have known about us. The department heads use my shop for all of their floral needs as well.

The loss of the hospital will affect a lot of our small businesses. We as small business owners have been fighting to survive with the current surge of customers choosing to shop from home. The closing of the hospital will be further detrimental to our businesses.

I hope that a resolution will be made while keeping us small business owners in mind.

Thank you~

Catherine Adamski