



Beverly Buckner

October 1, 1927 - December 2, 2020

Beverly Buckner, 93 of Bluffton, passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at River Terrace Retirement Community. Bev is the daughter of Franklin B. and Grace (Baker) Buckner. She is a graduate of Bluffton High School, Purdue University and Michigan State University.

Bev worked for the Caylor-Nickel Medical Center as the Chief Medical Technologist, Special Projects Director, Personnel Director and in other capacities for 35 years. In 1973, Bev was recognized as the Medical Technologist of the Year in Indiana. She was a founding member of the Creative Arts Council of Wells County, a Charter member of the Women's History Museum of Washington, D.C. and a member of the Alpha Mu Tau Honorary Society. Bev served as a board member for the Wells County Foundation, the Bluffton-Wells County Library, and was a chairman of the CLA Comm of NAACLS. She was a Past-President of the Wells County Cancer Society. Bev was a member of the Foltz-Bay View Reading Clubs and Yokefellow. She was a dedicated conservationist, supporting wildlife, parks and concerned citizens. She wanted to ensure that hungry children were fed. Bev was known as an amateur mycologist, an avid mushroom hunter and a world traveler.

Bev is survived by a niece Sally A. Buckner of Bluffton, nephews; S. Scott Kumpf of Austin, TX., Michael Kumpf of Cortland, NY and Bradley Buckner of Kodak, TN, along with many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Bev is preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Edward, a sister Barbara

Kumpf and a nephew Bruce.

Per Bev's request, a private family graveside service will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery with Jeff Lemler officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Wells County Public Library or the LiGHT Fund, payable to the Wells County Foundation.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ Beverly Buckner

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Bev was truly a "free spirit" who loved life. I remember when she spoke of taking dance lessons and I asked where can I sign up and she told me that I wasn't old enough! At the time only those 65 and older were allowed in that group and I had not yet reached that age. There was quite an age difference but she never seemed that much older than me. She was sure a fun person! Rest in Peace.
BJ



BJ Gray - December 27, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ Bev was an inspiration who squeezed the joy out of every minute! She and my mom Phid Hamilton were lifelong friends, and I loved our chats when Bev stopped past. She was full of eclectic knowledge and raring to go, always comfortable in her own skin. One time she drove Mom and I to a Vietnamese grocery store in Ft Wayne. The place was pretty exotic but Bev was shopping like she was at Krogers, while chatting with Vietnamese friends! That lively woman was truly a citizen of the world. Fly free, Bev!

Ann Hamilton Shields - December 05, 2020 at 04:26 PM

TC

“ *Bev was a true friend to myself and especially to my mother, Marilyn Creason. Her home was always open and inviting, especially after I moved away from Bluffton and occasionally needed a place to stay.*

I was able to get word to Marilyn Creason yesterday and she was, in a word, upset. Friends like Bev don't come along very often.

Tim Creason - December 04, 2020 at 09:52 PM

BJ

“ *I got to know Bev while working at River Terrace. She loved the trivia and had a wealth of knowledge. She also showed us filmstrips of her many travels which the residents enjoyed greatly. She also did a great job organizing the library in Assisted Living. My husband and I had a Chinese New Year celebration with her before the virus had hit. She dressed up in her beautiful green Chinese outfit and we brought in food from Coco China. She then showed us her photos on the trip she won to China. What fun we had! Sure will miss her! She had such a great sense of humor and her laugh was the best! Sorry for your loss and ours.*

Becky Jackson

Becky Jackson - December 04, 2020 at 04:03 PM

TB

“ Our community has lost a lovely friend in Bev Buckner. Her ways were thoughtful and helpful, always befitting the given circumstances. As a neighbor in Bluffton’s cityscape, she contributed her knowledge and caretaking of herbs and gardens, concern for our pets and sometimes offered “pet daycare.” Her active interest in the local arts came alive during the growth period of the 2000’s. Her volunteer efforts and funding gifts were targeted for impact. She showed up with good cheer wherever volunteers were called for. We came to rely on her good will, capable effort and keen wit. We will miss her as we attempt to carry forward her sweet legacy.



Tom and Maureen Butler - December 04, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Beverly Buckner.



December 04, 2020 at 10:06 AM

MM

“ *Bev became a dear friend and neighbor when I moved to Morgan Street. I enjoyed many travelogues, teas, and sushi tastings that she invited me to over the years, but most of all, I enjoyed her friendship. Even when she went to River Terrace, she remained a committed friend as we frequently visited, talked on the phone, and wrote notes to one another. My sympathies to Bev's family and friends. She was one-of-a-kind and will be greatly missed.*



Mindy Monticue - December 04, 2020 at 08:37 AM

WS

“ *Bev became a mentor and friend immediately upon meeting her. My husband Hyde took a job at Franklin Electric in 1967, and Bev hired me as soon as the children and I could get located in Bluffton. We both had one thing in common - our clinical year of medical technology training was taken at Akron City Hospital, Akron, Ohio. Both of us, however, were born Hoosiers. Strange the paths we take in life and how lifelong friendships are made. Bev not only was a great laboratory professional and leader, but a good cook, loved to hunt for mushrooms, and had this amazing sense of humor and laugh..*

I'll miss our visits and phone calls (sadly, phone calls and sending cards only this past year due to COVID). Wanda Smith

Wanda Smith - December 03, 2020 at 06:47 PM

JF

“ *Bev supported me through my med tech training and hired me in 1963. She was a true friend and support to me throughout my 25 year career at Caylor-Nickel. Her knowledge was always amazing to me. A true laboratorian and health care hero.*
Janet Farmer

JANET FARMER - December 03, 2020 at 05:58 PM

SF

“ *When I started at Caylor-Nickel in 1962, Bev was my first boss. I credit her with my love for being a lab tech for 50 years! Bev was also a good friend and I loved her sense of humor! To her family, I hope your memories of Bev bring you some comfort and peace in these difficult days. She will always hold a special place in my heart.* *Sandy*



Sandy Geist Funk - December 03, 2020 at 05:29 PM

ME

“ *I'm Barb Elliott's son, and she and Bev were born one day apart in Bluffton. They were inseparable every since, even though Bev would tease my mom about being older and wiser (she was the one born one day earlier).*

So sorry to hear about her passing, but she had an amazing life, and was a light to everyone she knew -- Mike Elliott

Michael Elliott - December 03, 2020 at 02:26 PM

SG

“ *Bev hired me at the BRMC lab in 1967! Truly a remarkable influence on my life. My sincere sympathy to all her family. Hecki*



Sandy Graft - December 03, 2020 at 10:39 AM

CR

“ *Bev was my mothers childhood friend until her passing in 1974. I know heaven welcomed this angel and so did my mom. We love you and will miss you.*

claudia robertson - December 03, 2020 at 10:38 AM

MS

Such a dear friend and boss. She wanted you to succeed in all your endeavors. Saw her last about a year ago still her happy joking self. Will be missed. Last of the old guard of med techs.

Melba Schiffli - December 04, 2020 at 01:06 PM

JR

bev was my great aunt ,she was a hoot she loved to laugh .i spent time fishing and mushroom hunting with her many years ago . she was a blessing to our family and she will be missed greatly

Jeffrey Roop - December 21, 2020 at 03:21 PM