



Elizabeth L. Mann

March 4, 1939 - March 11, 2008

Elizabeth L. Mann died Tuesday, March 11, 2008 after a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. Betty was born in Petroleum, Indiana on March 4, 1939 to the late Claude and Josephine Barnes, spending her childhood years there. She attended Petroleum High School and Warner School of Cosmetology, and in 1962 she moved to Bluffton, where she owned and operated the Fireside Boutique Beauty Salon. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton. After her retirement in 1989, she moved to Nokomis, FL to enjoy the sand and sun, but most of all to enjoy time with her family and friends, making countless loving memories.

“Here at the beach I receive so many gifts.

I am grateful for the inner peace that fills my soul.

May I truly appreciate every moment spent with my loved ones on your earthly shores, while this life is so briefly mine.”

Betty was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, business woman, and a true blessing to all of those who were fortunate enough to know her. She lived her life with a sense of humor and style, and her love of life could only be matched by her unselfish kindness she showed to others.

Betty is survived by her husband of 52 years, William (Bill); her brother, Charles Barnes of Ft. Wayne; daughters Kim Durr of Bluffton, Kami (Tom)

Osborne and Kelli (Jim) Beisel, both of Savannah, GA; and son Chip (Kim) Mann of Bluffton. She also leaves to cherish her memories 13 grandchildren: Parr, Ti and Palmer Durr; Kai (John) Louis, Kamann and Keenan Osborne; Emma, Court, Gus and Josie Beisel; Addie, Sadie, and Augie Mann.

The family sincerely thanks extended family members and friends for their kind notes, visits, caring thoughts, and loving prayers. These small gifts were rays of sunlight on Betty's dark and cloudy days.

The family would also like to acknowledge Dr. Keith Johnson and the staff of Tidewell Hospice in Sarasota, Florida. Their expert care and deep compassion continue to help us through this most difficult time in our lives. Memorials may be made to Tidewell Hospice of Sarasota FL or the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton.

Visitation will be held at the Thoma/Rich Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home on Sunday, March 16th from 2 to 8 p.m.. Funeral Services will take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton at 10:30 a.m. Monday (March 17, 2008) with calling for one hour prior to the service at the church.

“May we always take the time to watch a kite dance in the sky...
to sing...to love...to take risks...and believe in your dreams.”

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **16**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Elizabeth L. Mann*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Kami (Mann) Osborn*

Sorry to read that your mom had passed. You many not remember us but my twin brother Boyce Pate and I was in the 1st grade in 1967 with you. We lost our father 5 years ago at age 87. May God Bless and keep you in his care.

Royce Pate

Arkansas##imported-begin##Royce Pate##imported-end##

July 20, 2008 at 12:55 AM



“ Dear Bill,
Everyone at the dental office was so terribly saddened today when we heard about Betty. She was such a vibrant and wonderful person. Jewish people have a special custom that I would like to continue for her. When a person passes away they arrange for a tree to be planted in Israel. Even though the person is gone, the tree continues to grow in their memory. If you ever go to Israel, it is possible to visit the place where the tree has been planted. It is a special honor for me to have the tree planted because Hadassah, the women's group that is responsible for planting the trees, was my mothers favorite organization. She was a lifetime member. So I get to honor her and Betty at the same time. I will have a certificate sent to you at your home here in Florida, confirming the tree has been planted.
If there is anything we can do to help or in anyway make your life a bit easier, please give us the opportunity to do so. We all will miss Betty and hope to see you soon.

Dr. Arthur Acker##imported-begin##Dr. Arthur Acker##imported-end##

April 01, 2008 at 10:20 PM



“ Chip,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
The Staff of CCW Products, Inc.##imported-begin##CCW Products, Inc.##imported-end##

March 19, 2008 at 09:55 AM



“ Dear Bill, Kim, Kami, Kelli and Chip...
I was so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. The notice in the paper captured, beautifully, Betty's essence and that is what I, and everyone who knew her, will remember.
Please know that you're in my thoughts during this difficult time.
With sympathy,
Robin Smith##imported-begin##Robin (Hoopingarner) Smith##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 07:00 PM



“ Chip, our sympathies to you and your family.##imported-begin##Doug, Vicki, Shania Steffen##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 01:19 PM



“ Bill,
Julia and I were shocked to hear about your loss. We had no idea Betty was ill. Our prayers go out to you and you family at this time of mourning. We have lowered the "Inlets" flag for three days in honor of Betty's life. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Julia and Dick Roberts - The Inlets##imported-end##

March 15, 2008 at 10:10 AM



“ Kim,
I'm soooo sorry about your mom!!:(I know how hard it is to see a loved one suffer. I have missed PIZAZZ but I know you needed to be with your mom through the sad and tragic times. I want you to know that you have been in my prayers and always will be. I can't wait for PIZAZZ to start again so I can see you and all of my friends. Again I'm so sorry.

Your PIZAZZ student and friend,

Chloe Spencer##imported-begin##Chloe Spencer##imported-end##

March 14, 2008 at 04:11 PM



“ *To the Family of Betty Mann,*

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We are in New Mexico and will return to Indiana in a few weeks.

Fondly,

Lynn and Jim Babcock##imported-begin##Lynn and Jim Babcock##imported-end##

March 14, 2008 at 03:03 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all through this difficult time. May your memories always make you smile and bring you comfort.##imported-begin##Molly Baker/Snyder of Berlin##imported-end##*

March 14, 2008 at 02:54 PM



“ Dear Uncle Bill, Kim, Kami, Kelli & Chip, Our hearts are very sad for you and your families as you grieve this great loss. Aunt Betty and all of you have touched our lives in a very positive way. She was a wonderful person to be around. We have many fond memories of Aunt Betty that will live in our hearts forever. She will be truly missed and cherished forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Love, Thea, Liara and Jaron
Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.##imported-begin##Thea, Liara and Jaron Reaser##imported-end##

March 14, 2008 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Uncle Bill, Kim, Kami, Kelli and Chip, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you through this difficult time. Aunt Betty was truly a wonderful woman and I have very fond memories of the times we spent together, that I will cherish forever. There are really no words to express for this tremendous loss -except to let all of know that we think about you often, you are in our prayers and you are loved.
All our love, Trudy and Michala##imported-begin##Trudy and Michala Hughes##imported-end##

March 14, 2008 at 10:58 AM



“ Dear Bill, Chip and family,
We just wanted to send you a note to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all, we are so sorry for your loss. I know you have many wonderful memories and they shall stay with you forever. Even though we have left Pretzels Inc and have started anew we shall never forget your family. We think of you all very often. Keep your faith in the Lord and he shall keep you strong. With our greatest sympathy.
Love Georgia and DeWayne Cagle###imported-begin##DeWayne & Georgia Cagle###imported-end##

March 13, 2008 at 11:33 PM



“ Dear Chip & Family,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss, with all the kind words that I hear of Your mom, she must of been an amazing woman, with so much love. I think of you often and wish you and all your family peace through this hard time. Please know that I am thinking of all of you!

Sincerely,

Cari###imported-begin##Cari Bennett###imported-end##

March 13, 2008 at 12:46 PM



“ Dear Bill and Family, our thoughts love and prayers are with you!

Marylou Clare, Joe & Nancy Huggins, Dick & Kathy (Huggins) Magers###imported-begin##Kathleen (Huggins) Magers###imported-end##

March 13, 2008 at 10:55 AM



“ Dear Bill and kids,
My heart goes out to you all.
Here is a little poem I think the family will enjoy.
Jerry

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,
All filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye,
For all my life,
I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for,
So much yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared,

*And all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday,
Just even for awhile,*

*I'd say good-bye and kiss you,
And maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things,
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you,
and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne,
He said "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you."
Today for life on earth is past,
But here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
And since each day's the same day,
There's no longing for the past.
But you have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Thought there were times you did some things,
You knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free.*

*So won't you take my hand,
And share my life with me?
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.##imported-begin##Jerry
Hunnicuttt##imported-end##*

March 13, 2008 at 10:20 AM



“ What I remember most about Betty was she always had a warm cheerful smile on her face when we said hello. Susie and I would like to extend our sincerest thoughts and prayers to the family. God Bless.##imported-begin##Michael Steinbaecher##imported-end##

March 12, 2008 at 03:00 PM



“ Our family, Jane, Julie and I enjoyed a long and very fun relationship with Betty.

Jane mentioned recently that she remembers a time years ago when Bill and Chip seemed to take her for granted. Betty moved into a Motel for three or four days. Betty was not angry but wanted them to know what life would be if she was not there. So Bill and Chip had no food left, clothes washed or papers thrown away and a house that was a mess.

Betty had no more difficulty being appreciated.

She was a very loving person whom everyone felt a connection. My daughters and I have always felt that loving feeling Betty radiated.

Bill, we grieve for your loss and for all the members of the Mann family. May God be with you.##imported-begin##Jay Shumaker##imported-end##

March 12, 2008 at 11:31 AM



“ To The Family of Elizabeth Mann,

We are sorry for your loss, she will be very much missed.##imported-begin##Becky Bogner-Chris Barnes ##imported-end##

March 12, 2008 at 09:20 AM



“*Dear Mann Family, My heart goes out to each and every one of you as you deal with this loss. First of all, Bill, my heart aches for you as to spend 52 years together and now be alone. I am so sorry and I cannot even imagine the emptiness you must feel. Please know that every moment spent with you two was like a breath of fresh air, it was always filled with happiness and laughter, and so much kindness. Even as a young girl, it was very obvious the love and joy you two shared together; and it was so enjoyable to be around. I pray for your strength while grieving. Secondly, To the Girls and to Chip, I cannot even imagine the loss of my mother – so please know that I am hugging you from miles away! Kim, Kami, and Kelli, you were so fun and such role models for my sister and myself that you could never even know how much we adored all of you, looked up to all of you, and how much you impacted our lives. Each one of you have Betty in you – don’t ever lose that spirit! Chip, you have the Betty laugh so let that continue on for many years. Your mother’s laughter filled a room with joy, and so do you! I have to say that my fondest memories of Betty are going to the “Fireside”; and the one memory that sticks out in my mind is when my mom and I stopped over at your house and I did not have my bathing suit. Betty insisted that it was okay for me as a 7 or 8 year old to just swim in my underwear!!*

Please know that even though I cannot be in Bluffton (I live in Phoenix), that my thoughts and prayers are with you all as you go through this very tough time. Betty was an incredible woman, and I am thankful that she does not have to suffer any longer, but I am so sad for each of you, as you have to figure out how to go on without her. May love and strength surround you! Sincerely, Amy Tinkel-Atkinson##imported-begin##Amy Tinkel-Atkinson##imported-end##

March 12, 2008 at 02:41 AM



“ Dear Bill and kids,
My heart aches at the loss of your dear mother and wife. Today my mind raced through all of those wonderful years we spent together when all of you kids were growing up. Betty was always the one person I most wanted to be like. She had it all - charm, glamor, humor, a zest for life, and most of all the passionate love for her family. With a heavy heart I will see you all this weekend. My prayers are with you to seek comfort in any way you can. With love to all, Sally T##imported-begin##Sally##imported-end##

March 11, 2008 at 11:19 PM



“ Growing up there was nothing more exciting then going to the Mann's house (or The Fireside). From trying to emulate the girls, watching fireworks on the roof, or just playing. It was the place to be. "Mama Betty" was the cool mom. The one you always wished was your mom. Her wonderful and generous heart and vivacious personality made each moment truly special. Her laughter was contagious and it was difficult to ever be upset around her. The world is a better place today because Betty graced it. She has meant so much to so many, the loss will be deep. I am thankful Mama Betty is at peace and will not suffer any more. She deserves only the best. I love you and miss you.
God Bless,
Jules##imported-begin##Julie Tinkel Bennett (and family)##imported-end##

March 11, 2008 at 06:59 PM