



Rebecca J. "Beckie" Bledsoe

February 15, 1954 - April 1, 2021

Rebecca J. "Beckie" Bledsoe, 67, of Wapakoneta, passed away at 1:11 a.m., Thursday, April 1, 2021, at her home with her family at her side. She was born February 15, 1954, in Lima, Ohio, the daughter of Harvey and Winifred (Copeland) Bell, who preceded her in death. On June 18, 1977, she married Gary Bledsoe, and he survives.

Other survivors include,

2 daughters, Sara (Mike) Gersz, Upper Arlington, OH,

Amy (Casey) Follin, Wapakoneta;

6 grandchildren, Emma and Shane Gersz &

Kourtney, Tytus, Wyatt, and Jaxson Follin;

2 brothers, Ken (Judy) Bell, Wapakoneta,

Don (AJ) Bell, Middletown, OH;

3 sisters-in-law, Cathy Bell, Dayton, OH,

Laurie Bell, Gainesville, FL,

Gail Sberna, Cleveland, OH;

several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Bob & Richard 'Dick' Bell.

Beckie retired after 39 years of teaching, the majority of which were spent with the Wapakoneta City Schools teaching 3rd grade at Cridersville Elementary School. She was a 1972 graduate of Wapakoneta High School, where she was a band majorette. Beckie was a 1976 graduate of Miami University, and a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority. She was a member of Southside Christian

Church, Lima. Beckie was also a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority for over 35 years and a Sapphire Sister of the sorority. She enjoyed spending time with her family, helping with grandchildren, shopping, and dining with friends.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta with Pastor Todd Cosart officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery, near Uniopolis. The family will receive friends from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to a scholarship fund in memory of Beckie Bledsoe in care of the Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation (WACF) or to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA, 90266. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com. In keeping with current health guidelines, masks and distancing are required. The funeral service will be live streamed on the funeral home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Cemetery

Fairmount Road
Uniopolis, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Visitation

APR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

APR 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EB

“ I am very saddened to learn of Beckie’s death. Though I haven’t seen her in a while, I can still picture her face (seems she was always happy and smiling) and hear her voice. I’m finding it hard to believe Beckie is gone from the earth. My condolences to her family.



Ellis Burrows - April 07, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rebecca J. "Beckie" Bledsoe.



April 06, 2021 at 11:28 AM

KM

“ Karen M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Rebecca J. "Beckie" Bledsoe.



Karen M. - April 05, 2021 at 01:01 PM

KM

“ Dear Don and family, deepest sympathy for the loss of your dearly beloved sister. Words cannot express the depth of hurt, pain and grief experienced during this difficult time. Nevertheless, there is a God who is able to comfort, bless and keep your hearts in perfect peace during this time of sadness. May the grace of God and His loving presence comfort and encourage your hearts. God be with you all. Blessings and peace.

*With loving thoughts,
Karen McCleary - OhioHealth Compensation Team*

Karen McCleary - April 05, 2021 at 12:50 PM

SB

“ Sue Dickson and Mary Alice Bletzacker purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rebecca J. "Beckie" Bledsoe.



Sue Dickson and Mary Alice Bletzacker - April 05, 2021 at 10:12 AM

JL

“ Beckie and I were green, small-town girls who met at Miami University and learned to navigate college together. She and her family warmly welcomed me into their lives, and I fondly recall spending weekends in Uniopolis eating her mom's Johnny Marzetti. Beckie was greatly talented and wonderfully witty, but ever so humble. She cared deeply for her community, her friends, and her family. She will be missed.

Johanna Liming - April 04, 2021 at 02:25 PM

PC

“ Praying for Becky’s family and lifting you up. I loved Becky’s joy and kindness. I first became friend with her when teaching a bit at Cridersville Elementary. Then we furthered our friendship through Christ at South Side. May you have peace and comfort in the days ahead knowing she’s with her Savior. -
Pam Conine

Pam Conine - April 03, 2021 at 01:55 PM

LM

“ To Becky’s family I send my condolences. My memories of Becky are of her smiles. Her eyes twinkled when she smiled. Blessings to you all.

Lois Weissinger McGarvey - April 02, 2021 at 11:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rebecca J. "Beckie" Bledsoe.



April 02, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rebecca J. "Beckie" Bledsoe.



April 02, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Rebecca J. "Beckie" Bledsoe.*



April 02, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Beckie passing. We grew up spending many weekends at each others houses and sharing a lot of fun memories of being in the band together. She always had a huge smile on her face for everyone she would meet. My prayers go Gary and the family.*



Jo Bailey - April 02, 2021 at 06:37 AM



“ *I remember Beckie very fondly. We started kindergarten together at United Local school at St. John's, went all through school together, we were in band together. She was the first place we all went to for a slumber party at her home in Uniopolis. Beckie was always a very kind and happy person, proud to call her my friend. Sending sincere condolences to her family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Janice Hibner Valentine*

janice hibner valentine - April 01, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *So so sorry for your loss. Ann and Charlie Shoup*

Ann Shoup - April 01, 2021 at 05:30 PM

SA

“ *What a great loss to everyone! She was a very special lady that loved life and her family! We can be comforted by the memories we have of her. Rest In Peace my dear friend!*

Sara Abraham - April 01, 2021 at 03:28 PM