



Beverly Kay "Bev" George

June 23, 1953 - July 10, 2021

Beverly Henderson George, of Edwardsville, IL, passed away at her home on Saturday, July 10, 2021. She was born June 24, 1953, in Granite City, IL, the daughter of Edward Henderson and Shirley Henderson (Warren).

She was a vibrant, compassionate, brilliant woman, a fierce friend, an outstanding educator, and a woman of great faith. A woman of many hats, all of them big and fabulous, she relished time in her garden, devouring books by the handful, and sipping wine in the sun on an Italian piazza or wherever her travels took her.

She married her husband of 39 years, John D. George on June 12, 1982, at Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City, IL. Bev is survived by her husband, John, mother, Shirley, daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Terry George-Waterfield of Durham, NC, and brother-and sister-in-law Mike and Susan Featherstun, of Glen Carbon, IL. She was preceded in death by her father, Edward.

Bev graduated with a bachelor's degree in English (1975) and a master's degree in secondary education (1979) from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Deeply invested in learning and education, Bev taught at Highland High School and later in SIUE's Upward Bound program. She also implemented a delinquency prevention program for the City of Edwardsville.

An exceptional businesswoman, Bev was President of Bev George and Associates, the oldest independent real estate firm in the Edwardsville area. As the author of five published real estate courses, she lectured at real estate seminars internationally and served as the chair of the Illinois Association of Realtors Professional Standards and Education committees. She served on the National Board of the Certified Residential Brokerage Council and was former chair of the Real Estate Education Foundation. The Greater Gateway Association of Realtors named her "Realtor of the Year" and "Outstanding Educator."

Bev was also deeply devoted to expanding educational opportunities and initiatives at SIUE and beyond. She was a member of the Edwardsville Chamber of Commerce and served on the Edwardsville School District Citizen's Advisory Council. She served as the chair of the SIUE School of Education Advisory Board, a member of the School of Education Academy of Fellows, a mentor for Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT), the president of the SIUE Alumni Association Board of Directors, and the SIUE Foundation board president.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 600 Water Street, Edwardsville, IL. There will be a reception from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm at Sunset Hills Country Club, Edwardsville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the SIUE Foundation and the Madison County Humane Society.

Events

JUL Memorial Service 02:00PM

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Trinity Lutheran Church

600 Water Street, Edwardsville, IL, US, 62025

Comments



“ Bev was an amazing broker, leader and so respected. I am saddened by her death and send the family peace, hugs and comfort in your memories . Michelle Syberg



Michelle Syberg - July 19 at 02:39 AM



“ My heart breaks for you John! I am still in shock. Bev was such an amazing woman and treasured friend. She will be so missed! Sending you and your daughter my love and lifting up prayers for you for comfort at this sad time.

Pam Borowski - July 15 at 06:09 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Beverly Kay "Bev" George.



July 15 at 11:56 AM



“ Our deepest and sincere sympathy's to the George family. Con and Kay

Hough - July 15 at 10:30 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Kay "Bev" George.



July 15 at 09:54 AM



“ Anita Irene Armes lit a candle in memory of Beverly Kay "Bev" George



Anita Irene Armes - July 14 at 08:06 PM



“ Shirley, Rawleigh and I are so very sorry you have suffered this deep loss. Please know that you and the rest of your family are in our prayers.

Anita Irene Armes - July 14 at 08:05 PM



“ Dear JD and Susan
My sincere sympathy and condolences in the loss of your beloved wife and sister-in-law.
Our thoughts and prayers are with both of you and your family.

Terry Breitwiser

Terry Breitwiser - July 14 at 05:36 PM



“ My condolences to her entire family.

Jim Coode - July 14 at 01:08 PM



“ 44 files added to the album LifeTributes



Weber & Rodney Funeral Homes - July 14 at 12:41 PM



“ John and Sarah, We are so sorry to learn of Bev's passing. Mark and I extend our condolences to your family. God's blessings to you all. -Mark & Jen Teske

Jennifer Teske - July 14 at 02:59 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Kay "Bev" George.



July 13 at 08:25 PM



“ I knew Mrs. George when I served as the Dean of the SIUE School of Nursing from August 2003 until July 2013. She was certainly an impressive Lady and made many tangible contributions to the monthly Board Meetings. Deans were required to attend during my tenure. I guess if there was a person one yearned to be like, Mrs. George was one of those. I am certain she will be missed greatly by her family. Please accept my condolences to all of you on Mrs. George's loss. Know too, that while the loss is yours and deep, it is certainly felt by the SIUE community as well.

Marcia Maurer, PhD, RN - Dean of Nsg Emeritus

Marcia Maurer - July 13 at 03:01 PM



“ John - I am so very sorry to learn of Bev's passing. My condolences to your family.
Vonne Simons

Vonne Simons - July 13 at 11:30 AM



“ John, Sorry to hear about Bev. Your friend always, Tom Glynn.

tom glynn - July 13 at 10:27 AM



“ John and family...
So very sorry about Bev's passing. She was a really great gal. I'm sure she had a lot still to do and accomplish. I got my real estate license with Maurice Widkenhauser in 1971 so I had a lot of history (Wooff Bryant Peterie Ira Berry and finally since 1994 with Landmark) I could list a lot of agents too..Bev helped me a lot with the things with the board merger. I was a director with both boards for over 28 years and Bev was always there when I need an opinion. Sure going to miss her.

Charlie Bertels

Charlie Bertels - July 13 at 10:23 AM



“ Dear JD,

I just heard about the passing of your wife and we want to send our sincerest condolences and sympathies from Fort Worth, TX. I did not know Bev, but can tell by reading the obituary that she was a special lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,
John D. Huebener
Fort Worth, TX

John D. Huebener - July 12 at 08:00 PM



“ John, you have my deepest sympathies on the passing of your wife. The separation by death is always a difficult time but know that Bev resides in a place where there are no tears, only joy. I remember when she chose real estate as a career and her commitment to our profession was always constant.

Bev's Homecoming celebration is in progress and she waits to participate in the celebration for those alive that she loves. Heaven is so spectacular that should we have the power to ask her to come back, she would say no.

If there is anything I can do during your time of loss, let me know.

Dennis Wooff

Dennis Wooff - July 12 at 07:19 PM



“ Bev was a great lady!! Very accomplished in all she did. Our thoughts are with John and family at this time of sorrow.

Bob and Elaine Anderson. Venice, FL

Elaine Anderson - July 12 at 06:26 PM



“ So sorry Bev has passed. She was so full of energy, fun, enthusiasm, friend to many, never met a stranger. Always enjoyed Bev whether in the real estate world or in a social setting. Treasure the years shared and the wonderful memories. God bless Don and Sue Callahan

Sue Callahan - July 12 at 05:38 PM



“ Please know John and Sarah that you have my deepest sympathy. Hugs and prayers being sent your way.

Laurie Chavez

Laurie Chavez - July 12 at 04:54 PM



“ John so sorry to hear about Bev's passing. Our condolences to your family

Jim and Pat Heinemeier - July 13 at 05:43 PM



“ John - we are so very sad to hear of Bev's passing. Remembering fondly our early years together at the lake and sharing the growth of our families and businesses. She was a friend, mentor, and kind soul. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Laurie and Bob Sirtak, Wentzville. MO

Laurie Sirtak - July 17 at 02:03 PM