



## Elizabeth Ann Beeman

June 7, 1947 - July 7, 2021

A passion for education. A commitment to her family, her faith, and her students. A legacy of love and strength. Elizabeth Ann (Hoyer) Beeman was born on June 7, 1947, in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and passed away in Tulsa on July 7, 2021. Liz grew up in La Crosse, Wisconsin, where she graduated from Central High School, the same school where her mother was a 30+ year English teacher. She earned a bachelor's degree in English and Speech Education at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. There she was involved in dramatic productions and speech competitions and met her husband of 49 years, James Beeman. She went on to earn a master's degree in Rhetoric and Public Address from the University of Iowa. She and husband Jim relocated several times in the upper Midwest, during which time Liz gave birth to three sons before eventually settling in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. During these early family years, Liz stayed busy on local school committees and boards, including serving as the President of the PTA. When her sons reached junior high, she began her "formal" teaching career at Tulsa Junior College where she was an adjunct speech instructor. But she truly found her teaching home at Union High School where she served as a speech and English teacher and eventually department chair. She was known for her flair for student-centered teaching, orchestrating college panels, pioneering the use of video and graphic arts in speech presentations, and her passion for the written word. "Mrs. B" was an omnipresent force in kids' lives for more than thirty years both in the classroom and beyond. She was an unfailing attendee at student sporting events, musical shows, and academic competitions. There was little she wouldn't do for "her kids". On every student's 18th birthday, her gift was a voter registration card, which she dutifully stamped and mailed.

Liz was named Teacher of the Year multiple times, was involved in local and national student council conventions, and was a facilitator at Union's annual leadership retreat. She and her husband were inducted into the Union Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016 for meritorious service to student athletes. Liz was exceptionally proud of her three sons and their chosen paths, and treasured hosting family gatherings and holidays. "Nana" was a supporting and loving grandmother to Kathryn, Holly, Cooper, Alex and Annabel, often sending them care packages stuffed with homemade treats, notes and little surprises. A devoted wife and woman of strong faith, she and James were members of the First United

Methodist Church in Broken Arrow for more than 40 years. She is preceded in death by husband James Beeman, mother Marcell "Pete" Hoyer, and father William Hoyer. Survived by sons Jim Beeman (Carrie) of Lake Oswego, OR; Michael "Doc" Beeman (Jennifer) of Platte City, MO; Father Daniel Beeman, a Catholic Priest, of Newport News, VA; mother-in-law Florence Beeman of Tulsa, brother-in-law William Beeman (Frank Farris) of Santa Clara, CA; and sister-in-law Adele Beeman (Steve Freedman) of Culver City, CA. Her funeral will be held on July 21 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Benedict Catholic Church in Broken Arrow, with her son, Father Daniel Beeman, presiding. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Beeman Education Scholarship Fund, benefitting future teachers. Donations can be directly made utilizing the drop down menu here: <https://www.unionfoundation.org/give>

# Events

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**JUL**   **Memorial Service**                      11:00AM  
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St Benedict Catholic Church  
2200 W Ithica St, Broken Arrow, OK, US

# Comments

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Beeman.



July 19 at 02:46 PM

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“ My only sister/sister in law has passed. Liz was one of those teachers you never forget. She positively influenced hundreds of students in the Broken Arrow/ Oklahoma area and then again influenced their children as well. She was funny, intelligent, quick witted and always kind to me. She was my favorite relative and I will truly miss her. If you want to learn more about her positive influence on others you can go to her face book page. Just plug into Liz Beeman and you will get a thread of 'Dead Poets Society' kind of appreciation /professional affection and outpouring of gratitude from those she touched. I love you Liz. I will miss your unique personality and your generous kindness to me. Bless you for all you have done and all of your teaching/caring energy. You inculcated a specific, one of a kind energy into the souls of others. Bless you for that. Your loving real influence will last forever and will silently be handed down for generations to come. I know you are resting in peace with your wonderful husband Jim. Thank you. Thank you.

**AdeleBeeman** - July 15 at 11:09 PM

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“ I knew Liz & Jim nearly 50 years ago when they lived in Janesville, Wisconsin. We had our oldest boys 2 days apart. We went up to Eagle River on vacation together when our boys were little. We kept in touch through Christmas letters and Facebook. My thoughts are with the boys now, you lost your parents, two very special people.  
Terry and Jan Keele

**Jan Keele** - July 14 at 09:53 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Beeman.



July 13 at 10:40 PM

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“ Oh Liz,  
I know of no other educator that has impacted her students' lives as much as you. And if each one could take a small part of a lesson you demonstrated or a bit of advice or guidance you imparted, they will forever be blessed. There was no doubt that education was your calling and that your gifts in this world were genuine and bestowed on many UHS students. May you RIP and shone upon each of us as your spirit and our memories continue to fill our world. Until we meet again, Mrs. B.

Patti Pitcock  
#championofkids

**Patti J Pitcock** - July 13 at 05:19 PM

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“ Mrs. Beeman was an amazing teacher, and I am so happy I got to have her as a teacher. She made class fun, and I was able to talk in front of others and come out of my shell. I hate that you are gone, but I'm happy I got to know you. You will be forever missed Mrs. Beeman.



**Amber Gordon** - July 13 at 03:14 PM

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“ Mrs. B was one of a kind. I'm thankful to have known her during my formative years.

**Lindsey (Angelo) Baldwin** - July 13 at 11:46 AM



“ Mrs. Beeman was a amazing teacher! I loved going to her class! I was a shy girl that was scared of talking in front of people, but because of her and everything that she has taught me, I am now comfortable talking in front of others. She was a big part of my high school year and I am so happy that I had her as one of my teacher. She will be miss by so many people!



**Kalia V.** - July 13 at 11:20 AM

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“ Very few individuals leave such a legacy of love and learning like Liz has done. Her students LOVED her and her connection with them will last for generations as they share their memories of their favorite teacher. She will be missed but remembered.

Cathy Burden

**Cathy Burden** - July 13 at 09:47 AM

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“ Dear mrs.beeman I hope that all teachers see our stories and inspire to be much like you . I hope that my classmates that came through your class and decided to be teachers took after you . I hope that you know you changed so many of our high school

Lives and we wouldn't have survived with out you . To the teacher that made books reach your soul and your happy spot . To the teacher that helped us find comfort in our journey. To the teacher who helped me heal from losing my Bestfriend after she read the assignment I wrote she given us. To the teacher that until I graduated college her senior note to me hung on my board . Thank you for being you thank you for choosing to teach and to love it and to love us you are truly the reason why union was “ where champions were built “ if they came out of your class room 😞 . And after almost 10 years your presence of being our favorite teacher has lasted this long . As today you passed but you were already an angel on earth- Randi Jackson class of 2012

**randi jackson** - July 13 at 09:38 AM

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“ While Mrs. B wasn't my teacher, I worked with her as part of the Union Leadership Retreat program and other student council activities. She had such a heart for students, inspiring not just scholars, but leaders. The light she kindled lives on in countless Union High graduates. May her memory be a comfort.

**Rebecca Williams von Groot**e - July 12 at 10:34 PM