



Beverly Anne Baxter

August 12, 1949 - April 15, 2016

Beverly Anne Baxter, daughter of Johnny James and Ruth (Lord) Baxter, was born August 12, 1949, in Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away April 15, 2016, at Kansas City, Kansas, at the age of 66 years, 8 months, and 3 days.

Beverly attended Alva Schools and graduated from Alva High School with the Class of 1967. She attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University and graduated with a BA Degree in 1971.

Beverly loved teaching and began teaching Sunday School at age 12. Her teaching career began in the fall of 1971. She taught Speech, Drama, Debate, and Language Arts at Easton High School, St. John's Military School in Salina, and Junction City High School.

She first attended graduate school at Emporia State University. She attended Kansas State university while teaching at Junction City and completed certification in both Gifted Education and Learning Disabilities.

She then began teaching Special Education at Central Middle School in Kansas City in 1978. She taught hundreds of middle school age students with reading disabilities to read. She also completed her M.S. in Education from Kansas University. She continued in this position for over 30 years until her retirement in 2009.

Beverly grew up attending the Alva Assembly of God Church and continued to teach and work in churches for the rest of her life. She directed many church programs, wrote scripts and directed church drama groups. She also loved to sing and sang with her family. She enjoyed singing at many special occasions.

She was a member of New Life Community Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Her teaching brought her many awards. The Easton High School Senior Classes of 1972 and also 1973 both presented her with their Yearbook Dedications. She was voted Teacher of the Year in both 2003 and again in 2004 at Central Middle School. She was also nominated for the Kauffman Excellence in Teaching Award in Kansas City. She sold and published a Speech and Drama textbook, Activities for Oral Communication and Programs, and also has an on-line teaching store @Beverly Baxter Teachers Pay Teachers.

Beverly joined her family in heaven: her parents Johnny and Ruth Baxter; her brother and sister-in-law Merle and Jackie Baxter; and grandparants, John and Osie Baxter and Alf and Thelma Lord, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her three brothers and their families: Dan (Carolyn) Baxter of Lowell, Arkansas; Darrell (Sharon) Baxter of Birmingham, Alabama; and Mike (Julie) Baxter of Smyrna, Tennessee.

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She is also survived by several nephews and nieces, John (Leah), Phillip (Suzanna), Stephanie (Sam), Clinton, Lauren, Jillian, Brandon, and Ryan; and four great nephews, Landon, Chase, Hughie, and Henry Baxter, and many other cherished relatives and friends.

She was cremated at her request and a private memorial will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alva Assembly of God Church or the New Life Community Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beverly Anne Baxter*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM

“ Miss Baxter was how I knew her from '75-'78. She was the Debate and Forensics Coach at JCHS in Junction City KS. She was always supportive and put up with my shortcomings while not excusing them. She was instrumental in securing a full-ride scholarship to college for my debate partner and I.

She was lost to me after that as she took a position at a different school the following year.

Beverly "found" me early last year through the internet; it is good for something.

She shared a memory of an incident that happened while we were at a tournament in KC almost 40 years ago. She said my actions had prevented dire consequences that would have befallen her and that could have resulted in disciplinary action against the school from the KSHSAA, the body that oversees interscholastic competitions. In all honesty I don't have a clear memory of the events, but she impressed upon me what it had meant to her and the far reaching effects that were prevented. It was a timely reminder.

We became email buddies as I shared news and inspirational messages while she did the same.

I was overjoyed to learn that she'd been declared cancer-free.

December 22, 2015 was the date of the email. I praised God for answered prayer as I'm sure many of you did as well.

The last email I got from her was 3/11/2016 and it contained this link; <http://www.chonday.com/Videos/anthofius3>. You can copy and paste it into your browser's address bar if you'd like to see it. It is quite inspirational.

I can imagine Beverly singing a new song with the heavenly choir, "Holy Holy Holy!" and " You do great and wonderful things, Lord God Almighty. Everything the Lord does is right and true, King of the nations. Everyone will respect you , Lord, and will honor you, because the right things you have done are now made known."

She came back into my life at an opportune time, the Lord's time no doubt, with a message I needed to hear.

She was obviously a blessing to many. I count myself as one.

I found her pastor's email address on a forwarded email and sent

him a note when I hadn't heard from Beverly for a few weeks and he shared the crushing news. We can only take heart in the promise that "All things work together for good for them that love the Lord..." knowing that as Paul said "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

My grief is for my loss, our loss. Beverly is not experiencing grief. Her every tear has been dried; replaced by eternal joy in the presence of Jesus.

May the peace of God be with you all.

James Keene - June 03, 2016 at 04:29 PM

AP

“ *Bev was one of the first teachers to welcome me to the Central Middle family. I cherish the many hours we spent together laughing and sharing stories with each other. She was a wonderful teacher and friend. I will miss her laugh and beautiful smile. Rest well Bev, I love you and will miss you.* ”

Anita Perdue - April 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Rest in sweet peace* ”

Tabitha Keeran - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Words fail me.....the lose so great, the love so strong, the joy shared without measure, and the emptiness felt due to such a beautiful soul taken too soon! I, as all others that knew Bev, are blessed to have known such a wonderful lady!* ”

Pamela Finley - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Baxter Family, We have shared a lot of fun times (sharing jokes and stories along with sharing scriptures and songs) with Beverly in Kansas City and Alva as well as numerous phone calls. She left a legacy that will not be forgotten.*

Joe - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *To the Baxter Family, You have my deepest sympathies. May you find comfort in knowing that Bev is now one of God's Angels.*

Gloria Arevalos - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

YB

“ *Bev, always bubbly, Bev. Bearer of the brightest smile in the house. You set out to make a difference, and that you did. Indeed, you did.*

Yolanda Bediako - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IA

“ *Bev always seemed to see the humor in almost everything in her life. That is one of the things that made her such an excellent teacher. It was a privilege to call her colleague and friend.*

Ione Angilan - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Ms Beverly Baxter was a nice sweet person always caring about others I worked with her at Central for many years she will be missed. Prayers go out to her family.*

LaToya Etier - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

YR

“ Ms. Baxter omg I remember you back in middle school you were such a great teacher you will truly be missed your in a better place now ? My console go out to all your family rest well ms.Baxter

Yadira Reyes - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ amazing woman and teacher. So soft and spoken in her words of storytelling at family fun nights! The "gold" of friendship will remain in our hearts of you! Storytell away in the Heavens. Thoughts and Prayers are with the family!

jodi reno - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ It was a pleasure to know such a sweet person. Her smile was most contagious! To be absent from the body is presence with the Lord.

Addye HAWKINS - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Bev was a MIRACLE WORKER! I have never seen a teacher pull out the very BEST in each of her students like Bev did! Amazing woman! My thoughts & prayers are with her family!

Kathy Drumwright - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I lost a good friend, but gained an Angel! Bev was a friend from the first day I met her! I will remember her wittiness! She always had a smile!!She cared and loved everyone!! Prayers and thoughts for the family and friends!!

Ella Smith - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Mike and Dan, and the Baxter family, I worked with Bev for 21 years. I have never known her to yell at a student. She taught many of of special children to read and feel good about themselves. She is going to be greatly missed. Prayers for the family.

Patricia Bell - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Thursday, April 21st, 2016. Beverly was a great special education teacher. She cared for all of her students and loved them. All the years I taught with her she always showed concern for the special child as well as all children.

Gene Sanita - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I'm so lucky that got to teach with Bev. She was a wonderful teacher who cared so much for her kids and her colleagues.

Meredith Beachly - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ It was an honor to know Bev...she left us way to soon . She was smart and so funny.....Bev , you will be missed !

Mike Liber - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ The sweetest of souls. Bev was the best reading teacher I have ever have ever known. She loved her students and they absolutely loved her. I cannot recall a time that she didn't make me laugh. I loved her and when I think of her - I will smile.

Janis Dow - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Beverly was such a talented teacher and I loved her wit. She always made something really special. She was very positive and she will be missed by many. I have many fond memories working with her. Karen Demster, Lenexa, KS

April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Bev was a joy to work with. The teachers and students of Central Middle were blessed to know her. I could always count on her to keep things calm when the going got rough. May your memories of her give you peace. I will remember Bev for her loving smile and the joy she spread to all who knew her.

Jill Hershberger - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I was blessed to have been acquainted with Beverly, even if only by phone. Larry told me what a delightful and accomplished individual she was. I would have loved to have had the opportunity to meet her. May God bless each of the family who will no doubt find a great void in her absence and yet find comfort in her great gain. My sincere love and prayers, Sonjia Henderson

Sonjia Henderson - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM