



Beverly Ann Menk

February 19, 1936 - December 20, 2024

Menk, Beverly Ann (Shreve)

Beverly "Bev" Ann Menk (née Shreve), age 88, of New Brighton, Minnesota, passed away surrounded by family on December 20, 2024. Bev was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Shreve; mother, Velma (Smith) Shreve; and grandson, Colton Menk. She is survived by her loving husband, Thomas Menk; her children, Jill (Barry) Froehlich, Roger Menk (Viviana Schwab), Bryce (Colette) Menk, Sara (Scott) Chartier, and John (Carrie) Menk; and grandchildren, Spencer (Alyssa) Menk, Hallie Froehlich, Britta (Jack) Reiman, Danielle and Jack Menk, Eric and Kira Chartier, Reuben and Theodore Menk, and Tyler, Rae, and Kyle Schwab; as well as six wonderful great-grandchildren.

Bev grew up in Greene, Iowa, as a cherished only child. She formed deep bonds with her cousins that lasted throughout her life. After graduating from Greene High School in 1954, she pursued her passion for education at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. It was at Wartburg that she met Tom, who would become the love of her life. On June 2, 1957, Bev and Tom exchanged vows in a candlelight ceremony at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene.

Bev began her career as a kindergarten teacher in Corwith then Waterloo. Though she later chose to dedicate herself full-time to motherhood, her passion for education never dimmed. She created rich learning environments

for both her children and grandchildren, perhaps most memorably through her beloved family Christmas pageant but also through everyday activities of curiosity and play. Her commitment to education extended well beyond her family, earning her the inaugural OLE (Outstanding Layperson in Education) award in 1977 by the Mounds View Education Association.

Over the years, Bev was also an amazing contributor to her many communities. Together, in 1985, she and Tom helped to establish the Norway Cup, an annual soccer tournament that evolved into the USA Cup. Their dedication was recognized with the prestigious Sons of Norway International Founders Award in 2012. Bev served on the organization's steering committee from its founding through present day. Bev was also actively involved as a long-term member of the Fraternal Order of Eagle, serving as both auxiliary club president and state membership chair.

Whether engaged in a competitive game of Scrabble, enjoying card games with neighborhood friends, or simply spending time with loved ones, Bev had a gift for making every moment feel special. Her warmth was legendary, and she possessed an extraordinary ability to make everyone in her presence feel truly loved and valued.

Visitation will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1900 7th Street NW, New Brighton, MN 55112 on Friday, January 3, at 10 a.m. with an 11 a.m. memorial service and a luncheon to follow at noon in the Fireside Room at Christ the King. The service will be streamed at www.lifeatctk.org/memorial.html

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Lutheran Church
1900 7th Street Northwest
New Brighton, MN 55112

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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New Brighton, MN 55112

Tribute Wall

NM

“ Nephew & Cousin Geoffrey Chuck City Menk purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Beverly Ann Menk.



Nephew & Cousin Geoffrey Chuck City Menk - January 02, 2025 at 02:34 PM

BT

“ Boston Scientific EP GSC Planning Team purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Beverly Ann Menk.



Boston Scientific EP GSC Planning Team - December 31, 2024 at 06:54 PM

FF

“ From the Stasson family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beverly Ann Menk.



From the Stasson family. - December 31, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Ann Menk.

December 30, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Menk.*



December 30, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ *John & Melissa Boldon, Peter Boldon & sons, Mike & Sue Meska purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Beverly Ann Menk.*



John & Melissa Boldon, Peter Boldon & sons, Mike & Sue Meska - December 29, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Rosemary Mehl - December 28, 2024 at 05:17 PM



Bev had a contagious laugh, a warm smile and will always be missed! Love and wonderful memories will live on...

Rosemary Mehl - December 28, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Menk.*



December 26, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Menk.*



December 26, 2024 at 12:36 PM



“ *Bev was a “Soccer Mom” and a regular at the Minnesota Thunder games back in the 90’s. I was always welcomed with that huge infectious smile and a big hug. Thoughts and prayers to the Menk’s entire family. She will be missed but never forgotten!*
Tony Peszneker

Tony Peszneker - December 26, 2024 at 08:39 AM



“ *Known Bev (and Tom) for more then 30 years. Familiar faces at USA Cup and the nice dinners we had at Accapulco. Rust zacht Bev!*

Timon Luesink - December 25, 2024 at 03:38 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Menk.*



December 25, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ *Never met Mrs. Menk but taught her daughter-in-law at Carleton. It would have been great to play Scrabble with her.,*

Harry Williams - December 24, 2024 at 12:58 PM



Thank you Professor Williams

Carrie Menk - December 25, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ *We have been next door neighbors for 60 years, with kids the same ages. Fond memories are many. We will miss her. Our love to the family, Harry and Sandy Schlieff*

Harry and Sandy Schlieff - December 24, 2024 at 12:40 PM

JN

“ *Bev was a caring person . My memory will always be for many many years Bev Tom and there family would always buy a christmas tree from Beisswengers the Friday after Thanksgiving. For many years I would deliver the tree that night. I would put the tree in netting than into my truck make a fresh cut at there house and put the tree in a bucket of water. If they were home or not.*

I need no tip from them because I always respected there friendship . What I received from Bev and family was most delicious assortment of Christmas cookies and treats ever.

I think of these great times every Christmas season.

To The family I am So so sorry for you loss , Rest in peace Bev

James R Neumann

James R Neumann - December 24, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Menk.*



December 24, 2024 at 10:53 AM

MM

“*Bev has always been much more than a cousin to me. When I was younger and stayed with she and Tom to help out with “the babies”, I always felt so proud when their friends and neighbors thought I was her little sister. Bev, as the oldest Smith cousin was a shining example for all of us. Many joyful and fun memories from being Bev and Tom’s flower girl to them buying my first beer in a little bistro in the cities(when I was 15). She will be missed but her heritage will live on through her beautiful family.*

Marilyn Merfeld - December 24, 2024 at 06:35 AM