Audrey Jane Beckley

September 26, 1942 - August 19, 2020

Audrey Jane (Hofelich) Beckley, 77, Bloomington, Indiana, died in IU Health Bloomington Hospital, August 19, 2020, after a brief fight with COVID-19.

Audrey was born September 26, 1942 in Orange, New Jersey to Ray M. and Eunice L. (Winders) Hofelich. In 1949, the family moved from Bloomfield, New Jersey to Owensboro, Kentucky, where Audrey's father was engaged in marketing at General Electric's tube manufacturing plant.

Audrey graduated from Owensboro High School in 1960 and earned a B.S. in Medical Technology from Indiana University in 1964. She met fellow student Kenneth A. Beckley of Lynnville, Indiana, at IU and they were married in September 1964.

Audrey was a medical technologist for twenty-eight years and retired from Mid America Clinical Laboratories at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis in 2002.

Audrey lived with multiple sclerosis since her mid-20's and was a role model to everyone with debilitating illnesses with her constant can-do attitude and a determined refusal to give in to the disease. She had an indomitable spirit about life and was a woman of strength and courage.

She was a current member of PEO (Chapter CR) and the Nineteenth Century

Club in Bloomington, Indiana, co-past president of the University Club of IU, and former member of the Bloomington Garden Club. Other memberships included Bloomington Country Club, Indiana University Alumni Association (life member), Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Formerly she was a member of Junior League of Indianapolis and was a civic volunteer.

Among their lifetime of contributions to IU, Audrey and her husband, Ken, provided a gift to establish an endowment for the state-of-the-art television studio in The Media School in 2016. The studio was named in their honor.

Among Audrey's significant honors is the Gertrude Rich Award, presented by the Indiana University Alumni Association in recognition of significant contributions to the university's alumni relations program. Gamma Phi Beta also honored her with a lifetime achievement award.

Aside from her family, whom she adored, Audrey's favorite in life was preparing meals. She loved hosting dinners for friends and rarely prepared the same meal twice for Ken and her. As a hobby, Audrey taught dinner etiquette classes to various organizations but principally to university students.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years. Children: Gregory B. (Michelle) Beckley, Indianapolis; Jo Anne (Thomas) Mayer, Big Horn, Wyoming. Six grandchildren – Kyle A. (Lindsey) Bartley, Carmel, Indiana; Haley M. (Blake) Spurlock, Reedville, Virginia; Alyssa J. Bartley, Indianapolis; Christian T., Lydia J., and Jillian E. Mayer, Big Horn, Wyoming. Three great-grandchildren – June H. Spurlock and Ford A. Spurlock, Reedville, and Ada J. Bartley, Carmel.

Other survivors are brother-in-law Paul Voss, Richardson, Texas, and nephews David (Laurie) Voss, Columbus, Ohio, and Jeffrey (Colleen) Voss, Littleton, Colorado.

She also leaves behind hundreds of friends who will dearly miss her positive attitude.

Audrey was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Lynda A. (Hofelich) Voss.

The family thanks all the caring physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals for their efforts to provide Audrey will all possible treatments and hope.

There will be no public gathering because of the coronavirus pandemic. The family will have a private burial service at Lynnville Cemetery, Lynnville(Warrick), Indiana.

Contributions in Audrey's memory may be made to the National MS Society; Indiana University Foundation for Kenneth A. Beckley and Audrey J. Hofelich Beckley Media Technology Fund; or St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Bloomington, Indiana.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

JM

Ken, You and I share the loss of our Beloved Wife's. Mine in 2017. It is a terrible loss that will stay with you for the remainder of your life.

I send You my compassion and sympathy. You will find peace but it takes time. Living alone is painful. Please try to keep your memories alive. They will help ease your grief.
And, keep the Faith , as Audrey is on the Greatest Voyage of all.

Audrey, when you arrive at your destination, please reach. Reach out and touch the Hand of God , for All of Us.

John McGinnis
Zionsville, IN

John B McGinnis - December 08, 2020 at 04:55 AM

PS

Hi Ken—I've been thinking about the loss of your dear wife, Audrey and want to send you my sincerest condolences. You have both spent your lives lighting the way for so many people. I know you did that for me so many years ago. Know my heart and prayers are sending you living energy. Pat Szuch❤️

Pat Sxuch - September 13, 2020 at 12:16 PM

JS

Dear Ken, I was so sorry to hear of your loss of Audrey. I enjoyed knowing her; she had such a positive attitude. You and your family are in my prayers.
Judy Sutton

Judy Sutton - August 31, 2020 at 11:32 AM

RD

Ken,

Loretta and I were stunned and saddened upon learning of the passing of Audrey, and offer our deepest condolences to you, Jo Anne and Greg and their families. Audrey's graciousness, and lively and ever welcoming spirit and humor, especially in the presence of battling MS, which she treat as it were a slight ankle sprain, will never be forgotten, as befits a person who lived a life that leaves behind so many sweet memories.

Reid & Loretta Duffy

Reid J. Duffy - August 29, 2020 at 03:17 PM

JF

Ken, you know there are too many wonderful memories to mention. She was my dear friend, and there is a big hole in my heart right now knowing I will not see her again.
She was just the best
Jackie Fenton

Jackie Fenton - August 28, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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Allen Funeral Home and Crematory - August 27, 2020 at 05:16 PM

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Allen Funeral Home and Crematory - August 27, 2020 at 05:12 PM

MB

What a wonderful, heart-felt, honoring service. I have just one small comment - Turkey Terazzini!
God Bless,
Michele

Michele Beckley - August 27, 2020 at 09:23 PM

ML

Ken, Jo and family,
So sorry for your loss. We are saddened by Audrey's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and memories. We will always cherish our friendship with Ken and Audrey both through the kid's activities as well as time spent together in Maui. We look forward to more opportunities to share the joy that Ken brings to life. Please let us know if we can help with anything.

Matt and Shelley
WY

Matt Lube - August 27, 2020 at 12:34 PM

Dear Ken and family, Denny and I were so sorry to hear the news of Audrey's passing. What a wonderful, full life she had and we know you will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers our with you all. Katie and Claire also send their condolences.

Siobhan and Denny Dennis

Siobhan Dennis - August 26, 2020 at 12:17 PM

AD

Susan and I would like to extend our condolences to Ken and the family. What a lovely person Audrey was.
Allen and Susan Dunn

Allen Dunn - August 25, 2020 at 09:13 PM

BG

Ken and Family, my thoughts and prayers for you and your family..Thank you Ken for your story 55 years ago involving a car and rice... Byron (h.h.) Grounds

Byron W Grounds - August 25, 2020 at 07:46 PM

WG

With love, The Michigan Group purchased the W hite Standing Spray for the family of Audrey Jane Beckley.

With love, The Michigan Group - August 25, 2020 at 04:57 PM

TC

The Pemberton Family, Randall & Jane, Brad & Craig purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Flo or Basket for the family of Audrey Jane Beckley.

The Pemberton Family, Randall & Jane, Brad & Craig - August 25, 2020 at 10:15 AM

MS

Dear Ken and family, we are sorry for your loss. You two were an inspiration for your professional life, your long marriage and your willingness to give back to your communities. I'm glad you had so many happy years together. Audrey was always so warm and so positive. She will be missed.

Marilyn Shank

Marilyn Shank - August 24, 2020 at 08:04 PM

ME

Dear Ken and family: So sorry for your loss. Will pray for you at this trying time.
Mel Erman, Smithville, IN

mel ERMAN - August 24, 2020 at 03:01 PM

JB

I wanted to express my condolences to her husband Ken, a man I used to work with at WTHI in Terre Haute a very long time ago. And when he worked with or for h.h. Gregg.
I didn't know the Beckleys lived in Bloomington and I've lived here since July, 1990. If he would, I'd like him to call me at 812-345-6059.

Thank you.

Joe Badger

Joe Badger - August 24, 2020 at 01:33 PM

ML

Dear Ken,

Ned and I were shocked and very sad to read of Audrey's passing. We have such fond memories of you both in Indy where you made wonderful contributions to our community's life--and to IU! I enjoyed working with Audrey very much on volunteer projects. She was always positive and energetic--so much so that I did not know of her MS.

We send our deep sympathy to you and your family. Audrey leaves a huge hole in your lives--and endless warm memories of her love and care for you all.

Sincerely,

Martha Lamkin

Martha Lamkin - August 24, 2020 at 11:33 AM

SW

Ken, so sorry about Audrey. My sympathy and thoughts are with you along with good memories of our past times at Channel 6. Sid Weedman

Sidney Weedman - August 24, 2020 at 10:57 AM

PC

Ken, I was so sorry to hear the sad news about Audrey. I know you are surrounded by your lovely family and good friends. You and your family are in my prayers.
Sincerely, Patti Crahan

Patti Crahan - August 24, 2020 at 10:40 AM

JT

Ken:
Please accept my condolences on the loss of Audrey. I always enjoyed her presence when she accompanied you to Alumni events at IU Kokomo. She once did an etiquette seminar for us, traveling beyond the usual locale, an expression of her care for soon-to-be-graduates.

Always, Jack Tharp
Noblesville

Jack Tharp - August 24, 2020 at 09:31 AM

BE

Emily and I always wished we could have known Audrey better. Lived closer. Mom and dad loved all the great times together at the GLI. Cherish your memories. God bless Audrey, Ken and your family.
Bruce & Emily Edwards

Bruce Edwards - August 24, 2020 at 09:15 AM

DJ

Thoughts and prays to the family. So very sorry to hear this. Denise Julian

Denise Julian - August 24, 2020 at 08:21 AM

BB

For seven years heading up sponsorship activation for Conseco, I was privileged to be included in several Pacers trips with others who represented companies supporting their efforts to better our community. And one of the best memories of these trips were a couple of poolside conversations with this remarkable woman, Audrey Beckley.

I had always admired her husband, Ken, when he was a newscaster on my favorite local television station. And then we both headed public relations and sports information for Indiana colleges at the same time (Ken for IUPUI; me for Wabash). And then we ended up working for companies utilizing the same advertising firm.

And while we were only acquaintances at best, we always seemed to run into Audrey poolside, and enjoyed some lazy yet insightful conversations about life, her meaningful work and the importance of family. She was so genuine, and seemed to enjoy getting to know others. I feel badly that we didn't stay in touch through the years, but certainly hope Ken and their family finds solace in so many fond memories of a lady that was so proud of them and so caring about others.

Brad& Norma Boyd - August 23, 2020 at 09:52 PM

BS

So sorry Ken and family, Audrey was a very special person.

Barbara Duke Sams - August 23, 2020 at 06:44 PM

CP

I was so sorry to hear of Audrey's passing. We became friends at the BCC swimming pool this summer. We are new to the BCC and she welcomed me from the day I saw her.
I will never forget her kindness.

Christi Pike - August 23, 2020 at 06:17 PM

Wendy Elliot

Ken,
Sending our deepest sympathies and wishing you strength during this tragedy.
Sincerely, Wendy Elliot and John Schilb

Wendy Elliot - August 23, 2020 at 02:19 PM

RL

Ken, I pray that you will find joy in your memories of a beautiful life with Audrey, and that God will give comfort to your soul as you grieve this terrible loss. Bob Love

Robert Love - August 23, 2020 at 01:22 PM

BL

Ken and Family,
I do not need to tell you what a special person Audrey was, I know you felt her love and
acceptance, as well as everyone that knew her. She and I became friends in grade school and our friendship lasted well over 60 years. We always had fun and respected each other.
There will never be another friend like Audrey. A good ear and that wonderful smile that made everyone feel so special. We will miss her so much.

Barbara and Paul Latimore

Barbara & Paul Latimore - August 23, 2020 at 12:47 PM

RL

Ken, Greg and family, offering my condolences during your difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Ric Ledbetter

Ric Ledbetter - August 23, 2020 at 10:59 AM

MP

Ken, I am so sorry to hear of Audrey's passing. I always enjoyed spending time with the two of you. You and your family are in my prayers. May she Rest In Peace!
Maureen Piontek

maureen piontek - August 23, 2020 at 10:22 AM

TS

Ken and family,

Words do not express enough how sorry Karen and I are about Audrey's passing and your painful loss.

Every time we had the good fortune to spend any time with you and Audrey, we were the better for it. You both lit up a lot of lives with your grace and love.

Our sincere condolences.

Tim and Karen Seiler
Indianapolis

Tim Seiler - August 23, 2020 at 07:53 AM

DT

Mrs. Beckley was always a joy to greet at IU sporting events. She always had something kind to say to me when entering the venue. Her smile will be missed.

Deanna Turner - August 22, 2020 at 11:28 PM

DP

We are so sorry to hear of Audreys death. She was such a sweet lady and will be missed by all. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family Ken.

Dave and Jeannie Pratt - August 22, 2020 at 06:52 PM

MM

Ken, Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. It was always a pleasure to be with you and Audrey at IU events. My condolences.

Matt Morris - August 22, 2020 at 01:51 PM

MS

Ken. So very sorry to hear of Audrey's passing. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Mike and Sarah

Mike Stout - August 21, 2020 at 11:42 PM

PP

Extending our deepest condolences to Ken and family! Super, super lady and friend to many! Prayers for comfort !

Paula and Tony Potts - August 21, 2020 at 10:31 PM

Sweet Comfort was purchased for the family of Audrey Jane Beckley.

August 21, 2020 at 03:54 PM

CD

Dear Ken and family,
Audrey was such a lovely person. She was always so welcoming to everyone at the IU Alumni Association. I am so sad and sorry for your loss.
With Sincere Sympathy,
Char Dapena

Char Dapena - August 21, 2020 at 11:35 AM

Barry Gellers

The first year Ken was IUAA CEO, he and Audrey came to NY for an event in Manhattan. There was time for dinner before their flight back to Indy from LGA. So I took them to my favorite Chinese restaurant in downtown Flushing. It was a great time. Love you forever, Audrey....

Barry Gellers - August 21, 2020 at 10:43 AM