



Beth Ann Myers

May 9, 1929 - June 21, 2017

Beth Ann Jury Myers passed away early Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

Beth was the daughter of Harold B. Jury and Lyla Burnham Jury of Washburn, Illinois. She was born on the Jury family houstead in Woodford County, Illinois on May 9, 1929. Beth attended a one-room school, Greely School, about a mile from her home, and often rode her bicycle or pony, "Chum" to school. Her high school days were spent at Washburn Township High School, and she graduated with a BA, in 1950, from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. One week after graduation she married Charles L. Myers, also of Washburn, on June 17, 1950, and they moved to Indianapolis, where Charles (Chuck) was employed as a mechanical engineer, with RCA Victor. Charles preceded Beth in death, on May 17, 2004. During their time in Indianapolis, two daughters were born.

In 1955, the family moved to Boston, and then to Farmington, Maine, from which Charles commuted to Boston for 3 ½ years, to become trained as a Methodist minister. In 1957, while still in Main, a son was born.

The family returned to Indiana in 1958, and subsequently lived in Carlisle, Batesville, Bloomington, Greenwood, Lebanon, New Albany, and Indianapolis, where Charles served churches.

Beth completed a Master's Degree in Education from Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis), in 1971. She taught elementary school in Bloomington and Greenwood. She worked as a social worker in Lebanon. And for a brief time, she was a realtor for Century 21, in Indianapolis. She, alone or

with her husband, often led religious retreats for men and women among United Methodist congregations within the state.

Beth loved her God, her family, and her friends. She was especially devoted to her four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother (Richard D. Jury). Surviving her are her children, Susan Myers Celestian (Stan), Margaret Myers Barr, Paul Myers (Deborah Oliver Myers); grandchildren, Aaron Celestian (Jennifer Cole), Sarah Celestian Markert (Bryan), Kelly Myers, Jacob Myers (Shelby Greeley Myers); great-grandchildren, Alexander Celestian, Oliver Celestian, Rachael Markert, Grayson Markert, and Matthew Markert.

Her wish would be that there would be peace in the world, and all peoples would learn to respect the differences in one another, and give thanks for the many gifts we each bring to life.

Visitation will be at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Monday June 26, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 5:00 p.m. the church with Mary Beth Morgan officiating. A reception is to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to Middle Way House or The Charles L. Myers Scholarship Fund at St. Mark's UMC. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM (ET)

St Marks United Methodist Church
100 State Rd 46
Bloomington, IN 47408

Service

JUN **26**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“*Mrs. Myers was a wonderful lady, always smiling and pleasant despite her growing health problems. I was her Women's Health Practitioner for 15 or more years, and I always enjoyed and looked forward to her visits twice a year.*

One snowy January about 10 years ago she showed up for her appointment and by the time she left there was a blizzard going on. I so worried about her getting home, but she assured me that she would be fine. I walked her to her car and helped her get the snow brushed off, and she did indeed make it home safely. From then on, every visit we joked about trying not to schedule her appointments during a snow storm! We adjusted her biannual visits for months that would be less likely to have snow!! We always got a chuckle out of this for some reason - I guess because in Indiana you just never know!

I will really miss her smiling face, her caring personality and her independent ways! It was such a pleasure to know her!

*Betsy Birch, RN, CNM, MSN
Ludlow Gynecology, LLC*

Betsy Birch - June 28, 2017 at 01:50 PM

BD

“*I am so sorry that I can not attend Beth's memorial service. She was such an inspiration, mentor, and friend to so many of us. She spread love and hope wherever she was and she leaves us with these gifts.*

Beckie DeLong

Beckie DeLong - June 26, 2017 at 06:24 PM

PF

“ Beth was Dad's cousin. Dad (LeRoy Fagot) shared numerous stories of the cousins growing up in Washburn. Beth was an inspiration, especially her cards and Christmas letters. Paul and Mary Flint, Aledo, Illinois

Paul Flint - June 26, 2017 at 01:04 PM

PW

“ To this day when I see a butterfly, it reminds me of Beth. We were members of Trinity United Methodist Church in New Albany. Your mom and dad both were such an important part of our church life while they were there. We were in a small study group with them, and were able to keep up with Susan ,Margie,and Paul as they shared their experiences with us. I will always remember how proud they were of each of you Then later came spouses and grandchildren. You, too , have to be proud of your mom. I loved her smile and and the twinkle in her eye when she was getting ready to make a comment that might surprise people. I know you have so many fond memories that will help you through this sad time. We were unable to make it to he service, but wanted each of you to know how very sorry we are for your loss. Sending heartfelt sympathy, Sonny and Phyllis Wright
New Albany, Indiana

phyllis Wright - June 26, 2017 at 12:29 PM

DF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Beth's family at this sad time. We will always remember Chuck and Beth as our Sunday school teachers at Trinity United Methodist in New Albany. Chuck took our three children through confirmation and very instrumental in their religious upbringing. Beth got us through the more challenging times of raising children through looking at the humor of it all. We shared a special time together in Coterie. And, how she loved cracking eggs at Easter with our Sunday School class! Such a beautiful couple that are now together again.
Love,
Dennis and Bonnye Feiock

Dennis and Bonnye Feiock - June 24, 2017 at 04:04 PM

LT

“ Love, Sunday School Class at Trinity purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Beth Ann Myers.



Love, Sunday School Class at Trinity - June 24, 2017 at 12:27 PM

MS

“ Dear Sue, Margie, Paul and grandchildren,

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Beth. I've known her forever. Her mother was my Great Aunt Lyla, and my grandmother, Helen's, sister. Besides being my dad's (LeRoy's) first cousin, Beth was instrumental in arranging a blind date between LeRoy and her young, unmarried high school Home Economics teacher at Washburn High School. The rest is history, as they say. LeRoy and Margaret were married in Aledo, IL in August, 1946. Beth cut and served the cake at their reception.

Beth was a visitor in Washburn as long as her mother, then her dad, Harold, were still living. She and I corresponded via snail mail or through her iPad later. Beth was a wonderful letter writer, never failing to tell me about her church and friend activities, and her children and her grandchildren. Her memories of past events was helpful when I was compiling a family history in late, 2016.

I will miss her terribly. I am so sorry for the loss of a fine woman, mother and grandmother.

*Sincerely,
Marcia Fagot Scherr
Fairbury, IL 61739*

Marcia Scherr - June 24, 2017 at 09:43 AM

LL

“ I am sad to hear of my friend Beth's passing. I met her in 1968 when my husband (Charles) and I moved to Indianapolis. We were fortunate to serve in Chuck's district at some point in his ministry. I felt an immediate connection to Beth and she was the one I went to for advice and encouragement several times through the years. I knew of the joy and pride she had for their children and enjoyed reading about them at Christmas time. I attended some of the retreats she led, you could say she was my mentor. I enjoyed the company of Chuck as well. Charles and I divorced. Chuck and Beth were one of the few couples I invited, and attended my wedding at North Church a year later. I miss your Father and I'll always remember and miss your dear Mother. You are indeed blessed to have had them for parents and grandparents. I know you have wonderful memories to hold on to and your hearts are full of their love and influence. I know God will stay close by during your grief.
Love and Prayers,

Mrs. Lois (Gipson) Ligocki

Lois (Gipson) Ligocki - June 24, 2017 at 07:35 AM

KD

“ I just loved her! I was a fairly new pastors wife when we moved to Bloomington in 1975. She was there for me. Beth and Chuck were so loving and kind. She was a true friend and mentor. Now she's an angel in heaven instead of here on Earth.

Karen Davis - June 23, 2017 at 08:55 PM

JE

“ I had the greatest respect and appreciation for you mother, as well as your father. I graduated from seminary and started 40 years of full-time ministry in the South Indiana (later Indiana) Conference in 1972. I was never in the same district as your father, and I did not get to spend nearly as much time around him or her as i wish I had. I got to know your parents, when I served on the Board of Ordained Ministry 1976-1988 and worked with pastors entering ministry. Beth and Chuck helped in some of the retreats that we had for young pastors and their spouses. They were such good presenters and role models at those events. Your dad gave good, sound, down-to-earth advice. Your mom exuded wisdom, love and joy. They were both loved the church and pastoral ministry but certainly aware of flaws and pitfalls of each and honest about them. This was so helpful! I enjoyed every time I was around them then and over the following years.

Don and Marilyn Griffith were in some ways the mentors in ministry for my wife and I. I sense your parents were mentors for Don and Marilyn--although only 6 or 8 years different in age. We were a bit like the "grandchildren" of your parents in mentor terms, and that was a real blessing.

We give thanks for you mom's life and faith.

Joe Easley, now retired in Evansville.

Joseph N Easley - June 23, 2017 at 03:05 PM

RM

So well said, Joe; we share those sentiments in so many ways.
Dave & Patty McIntyre

Rev. Dave McIntyre - June 26, 2017 at 08:03 PM