



Betsy Pearson Caulfield

April 27, 1942 - December 20, 2010

Betsy (Pearson) Caulfield died December 21, 2010, in Bloomington, Indiana, after suffering a massive stroke. She was born April 27, 1942, to Leonard and Hildred (Hudson) Pearson. Betsy grew up in Indianapolis, went to Technical High School and attended Indiana University. She married Richard Caulfield on her twenty-first birthday.

Betsy was as a librarian at the Indianapolis Star and News newspapers. She wrote several novels and published *Finding the Way* with her daughter Holly Cedar in 2004.

After retiring, Betsy and Richard moved to Bloomington. Betsy was active with the Bloomington Society of Friends, where she taught first day school, worked in the nursery, was co-clerk of the Earthcare witness committee and on the library committee. Betsy was the volunteer secretary for the Center for Sustainable Living and worked on the food project. She was a founding member of Earthcare Indiana and participated in the Simply Living Fair.

Betsy was passionate about the environment. An avid recycler and a vegetarian, Betsy was a caring, selfless individual who sought to make the world a better place. She has made a difference in many lives.

She is survived by her husband Richard; daughters Holly Cedar and Elizabeth (Andy) Felt; sons Michael (Laura) and David; sisters Nancy Drew and Susan (Ken) Steeves; brother Bruce (Julie) Pearson; and twelve grandchildren, Raistlin, Heidi, Tristan, Craig, Nick, Naomi, Tom, Grace, Emily,

Blaine, Katie and Abigail.

A service followed by a reception will be held Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 1:00 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 111 S. Grant St., Bloomington. A celebration of Betsy's life will be held at the Friends Meeting House, Sunday Jan 2 at 3:00, 3820 Moores Pike, Bloomington. Donations in Betsy's name may be sent to the Center for Sustainable Living, 323 S. Walnut St., Bloomington, IN 47401. Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

KR

“ Dearest Holly and Family, I am so sad to hear about Betsy's death. I'll always remember your mom as a sweet, kind and gentle woman, a caring mom. She made a warm and welcoming home. I know you all miss her terribly and I hope you find comfort in each other's presence during this holiday season.

Kathleen (Jarman) Rose - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JE

“ Betsy's family,
I am so sorry for your loss of Betsy. I worked with her on the Center for Sustainable Living board for the past few years. She was a wonderful addition to our group and I found her calm, steady presence very comforting. I am sad that I will miss both of her services, as I am visiting family in California. She would often talk about her family and I could tell how important you all were in her life. You were blessed to have such a lovely woman in your lives. I will miss her dearly.

Jeanne Leimkuhler - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

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“ Dick and family,

I was saddened to see the obit that posted Betsy's death. I think I only met her once but since our paths have crossed many years ago at Devon Swim Club I felt I should send my condolences. I have thought about you since those lifeguarding days and wondered how you were. Unfortunately, I find out through this occasion. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Beth Freeman (Wruble) - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JM

“ I'm so sorry to hear to Betsy's death. She was one of the most helpful people in the library at the Indianapolis Star/News...always kind and gentle, thoughtful. My condolences to her family. You are in my prayers.

Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MI

“ Mike & Laura Our Hearts and Prayers go out to you both during this Difficult time, God Bless both of you and your whole Family!

Mike Scruggs - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

KA

“ Dear Uncle Dick and all of our cousins,
We're so sorry about Betsy's death and how quickly it happened. She was always wonderful to me as I was growing up and it meant the world to me. we knew that she had returned to her Quaker roots but hadn't realized how extensively she was involved there in Bloomington.
All we can really say is how much we love all of you and how our hearts and prayers go out to you right now. Betsy was a very rare person who gave of her time and herself without needing to call attention to just how much she was doing.
Our love, sympathy, and prayers are with you all.
Love, Phil & Karen

Karen Wagner - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM