



Beulah May Hooker

May 31, 1938 - April 3, 2020

Beulah May Hooker was born on May 31, 1938, and went to her eternal home on April 3, 2020. She began life in El Monte, California, as the youngest of six siblings. Her father was a postal worker and her mother a life-long teacher at the Christian school connected to the church where the family attended, El Monte Pilgrim Holiness Church. It was there that Beulah completed her elementary school and high school years.

Beulah drove a Volkswagen Beetle, her trademark car for many years, to Central Pilgrim College in 1962, graduating with a B.A. in Church Music in 1966. An eager learner, she continued taking classes each semester through 1974. Beulah then went on to earn a Master's degree from Central State University, now University of Central Oklahoma.

Beulah spent her entire working career at Bartlesville Wesleyan College/Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OKWU), retiring in 2000. During that time, she experienced major advancements in technology, transitioning through the years from starting out with a manual typewriter to the VAX computer (an early and very laborious computer system). Her keen eye for details was an asset when she served as Registrar from 1974-2000.

During her retirement years, Beulah invested many hours volunteering for several local organizations including Food for Kids, LaQuinta Foundation, and OK Mozart. Beulah was one of the most active and faithful volunteers at First Wesleyan Church where she undertook tasks including weekly tracking and recording Sunday School and worship attendance, front lobby welcome receptionist, Director of Funeral Dinners, supplying the pew cards in the sanctuary every week, Wesleyan Christian School board member, Communion steward, OKWU adoptable mom, and maker of cookies for OKWU students each month. She was elected as one of First Wesleyan Church's delegates to district conference for several years. In addition, she was active in the local Community Bible Study where she thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and learning more about Scripture while deepening her relationship with God.

Beulah was an avid reader and gardener, lover of the flowers adorning her yard, maker of

delicious meals and desserts, and creator of “iris folding” cards that she sent to friends on special occasions.

In late March 2020 Beulah contracted the Corona 19 Virus and, with complicating medical issues, she went to meet Jesus. She left a host of friends whose lives were significantly enriched and inspired by her Christian witness, servant heart, quiet spirit, sense of humor, positive attitude, and generosity toward others.

Beulah is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Mark Vimont of Independence, Oregon, a nephew, John Hooker of Cotati, California, and a niece, Mary Ann Hooker Sanders of Spokane, Washington.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Bartlesville First Wesleyan Church. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.davisfamilyfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Beulah Hooker to either First Wesleyan Church 1776 Silver Lake Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006 or Oklahoma Wesleyan University 2201 Silver Lake Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUL 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Wesleyan Church
1776 Silver Lake Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006
<http://www.fwcbartlesville.org>

Tribute Wall

EH

“ Beulah was the registrar when i first came to BWC in 1980, and i remember how she helped me when i found out that i had to have major surgery the week before finals in the spring of 1981. She advised to take half of my finals early and take incompletes on the rest and finish them later in the summer. Even though i had a full load of classes, it worked out better than i ever thought it could.

Then i had the privilege of working with her when i joined the Financial Aid office in 1997. Beulah was such a conscientious worker, and worked tirelessly to do the task of registrar, which was a very stressful job. She suffered from horrible headaches sometimes, and when i saw her in such pain that I knew it must be difficult to keep going, she would keep on going, saying, "if i go home, i will just have a headache there as well. I may as well stay here and finish!" and she would persevere.

The best part of being a colleague of Beulah's was the wonderful desserts she would bring to the college. I still have her Caramel Brownie recipe (I have shared it with two people who also knew her upon hearing of her passing), so her great reputation for great cooking was well known!

She loved the Lord, her church, her work, her family and friends, and touched so many lives of BWC-OWU students through the years it would be hard to count them all. I look forward to seeing her again when we all get to heaven!

Evelyn Hightower - July 18, 2020 at 10:41 PM

AW

“ As a student at BWC ('95-'99) I worked in the Financial Aid office, which shared space with the registrar at the time. I have so many good memories of Beulah from those years - laughing with her, observing her conscientious work and kind manner with those who came in, and enjoying her delicious recipes (the recipe for an Oreo ice cream dessert she shared lives in my recipe box even now!) She was also a faithful partner for many years in our work overseas with World Hope International. She was a treasure. May Jesus bring comfort and peace to all her friends and family.

Alicia Winn - May 01, 2020 at 10:27 AM

JD

Alicia, could I please have the recipe? I worked closely with Beulah 2004-2006 at OK Mozart. She was truly a gem. Jacqi Davis Soh

Jacqi Davis - July 17, 2020 at 01:26 PM

JR

“ Beulah was our next door neighbor for years when I was growing up. I have so many fond memories of her. My sincere sympathy to her many friends and her family. She was such a kind person.



Jayne Nolan Robbins - April 08, 2020 at 08:04 PM

RB

“ Beulah, was a very sweet lady and will be missed by so many. Prayers for her family

Rosanne Nikkel Beck - April 08, 2020 at 06:32 PM

ST

“ I worked and interned for Beulah in the Registrar’s office during my time at BWC, She had a gentle but deep concern for every student she came into contact with. Beulah was one of those beautiful souls that worked quietly to encourage and support others. She had the funniest stories (mostly about her own experiences) and was a trailblazer in many ways. I loved her passion for life. For my graduation, she made me the most beautiful cream afghan throw with 88 squares. Each had a different design -it’s a stunning work or art, truly. I remember the day she asked me to stop over to her house - there, on her living room floor were all 88 squares laid out and ready to crocheted together. She was simply giddy as she showed me her handiwork & I was stunned by all the love and creativity she had poured into my gift. I still have her priceless gift to this day (almost 30 years later) and it’s in perfect condition after years is use, because she made/did everything with such diligence and care. My heart is sad knowing she is no longer blessing this earth, but I look forward to seeing her again in Glory. Shelly DeBoer Troff

Shelly Troff - April 08, 2020 at 11:41 AM

DW

“ I remember her as the sweet Registrar all the time I was at BWC until I graduated. She was always quick to help in her pleasant and efficient way. She is with our savior now.

Duane Winkler - April 08, 2020 at 12:11 AM

RE

“ I (Retha) did my work study hours with her while attending BWC. She was a wonderful person to work for- so patient, cheerful, very knowledgeable , kind. I was blessed by her life. Mark and Retha Engle

Retha Engle - April 07, 2020 at 09:11 PM

JB

“ Beulah will forever be remembered and loved for her deep commitment to God, her servant heart and her sweet quiet spirit. Although we rejoice that she is perfectly healed and rejoicing with Jesus, she will greatly be missed!

Joyce and Howard Brecheisen - April 07, 2020 at 12:32 PM

DM

“ Beulah was a beautiful, giving, sharing, precious, Christian lady! Always a sweet spirit and ready to help others!! PTL she is rejoicing with Jesus and the many friends who have preceded her!! She will be missed!! Don and Naomi Mueller

Don Mueller - April 07, 2020 at 11:28 AM

LD

“ I worked with her in Cbs years ago. She was the sweetest and kindest lady. ❤️

linda derkez - April 07, 2020 at 10:34 AM

CL

“ Loved Beulah...she was loved by so many.

claudia lawrence - April 06, 2020 at 01:41 PM

MS

“ Beulah was my neighbor for many years a very sweet lady with a beautiful spirit

Mary Snell - April 06, 2020 at 11:18 AM

CC

“ Beautiful smile. I remember her as I grew up. Her peaceful spirit captivated me.

Cheryl Clinkenbeard - April 05, 2020 at 08:55 PM

WS

She was one of the people that helped me graduate from BWC.

William Swan - April 20, 2020 at 11:29 AM