



Vicki Beierschmitt

March 24, 1945 - April 11, 2023

Vicki Beierschmitt, 78, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. She died in her home after a fierce battle with cancer.

Vicki was born the second of identical twins on March 24, 1945 in Alva, Oklahoma to Wilma and Harry Coffman. She grew up in Alva where her adventures in life began early as she climbed trees, built dugout forts, and played with many animal friends along with her siblings, older brother, Tom, and twin sister, Kay. Piano recitals, Rainbow dances, 10 cent movies, and a train trip with her Grandmother out to California and Disney World combined to create magical childhood stories. She graduated from Alva High School with the class of 1963, and true to form, was active in many aspects of high school life including a State Finals doubles tennis team, and being crowned football queen...Go Goldbugs! She attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva where she earned her Bachelor's degree in three years (Ride, Rangers, Ride!) and was a member of the synchronized swimming team. She then continued on to Oklahoma State University to earn her Master's degree (Go Pokes!) During those college years, she married her high school sweetheart, Billy Beierschmitt, and the bond that began when they traded dog tags in seventh grade, grew into a strong, nearly 57-year marriage. The double wedding of Bill and Vicki along with Ira Dale and Kay Campbell took place at the Methodist Church in Alva, Oklahoma on May 7, 1966.

Vicki began her teaching career as a high school science teacher in Dewey, OK then moved on to teaching Physical Education in the Bartlesville Public School System. Her career spanned 29 years of teaching PE at all levels. While teaching at the elementary level, she would work with the music teachers to put on elaborate programs involving music, movement, routines, and skills to showcase her students. She organized teacher fitness programs, jump-a-thons to benefit the American Heart Association, and even started a jump rope team called the Kardiac Kids that performed at many venues. She was always learning something new as she attended and taught countless workshops, and teacher trainings, and became the go to mentor teacher for a number of student teachers. Her peers recognized her teaching excellence and voted her Teacher of the Year for Bartlesville Public Schools. Later in her career, she became fascinated by the brain/body connection and how movement affects brain development and also the importance of being out in nature to regulate the body systems. After she retired from public schools, she continued to use physical activity as a way to minister to people. She was involved with Outdoor Education opportunities, B.O.W. (Becoming an Outdoor Woman), and Project Wild. She worked at the HelmZar Challenge course in Tulsa as a Ropes Course Instructor and taught at Friday Friends Homeschool Co-op in Skiatook. She wanted her students to challenge themselves and to experience success so that it would carry over into their mindsets and improve their quality of life. She had a heart for children with special needs and with compassion and encouragement would help them try new things and celebrate their efforts! For the last several years, she became a pickle ball aficionado and incorporated that into her repertoire, teaching and competing in the growing sport.

As active as she was, her family knew that they were always her first priority. She would run the vacuum at six in the morning, throw open windows because the house felt stuffy, start a load of laundry, and put something in the crockpot all before leaving for work. The girls would joke about waking up to

the vacuum “alarm”, but the house was always clean, laundry always caught up, and there was always something for dinner. She enjoyed outside work as well. Many spring and summer days you could find her zooming around the yard on her lawnmower. She loved keeping the grass neat and trim. She enjoyed hosting family holiday celebrations, decorating her home lavishly for every season, and delighted in getting extended family together for reunions. She would open her home for weeks at a time every summer to care for grandchildren that were participating in Children’s Musical Theatre mainstage productions. She made sure to get them to rehearsals on time and volunteered wherever she could. Playing card games with Grandma and eating Chinese food from Szechuan were highlights of these times. Bill and Vicki traveled many miles to just be present as their grandkids participated in all kinds of extra-curricular activities like soccer, basketball, football, cross-country, track, band, choir, theatre, and winter guard. Vicki loved to create adventures for her grandkids! Whether it was camping out in the backyard, learning how to cook over a coal fire, a geo-caching treasure hunt, baking cookies, a trip to the zoo, or fishing out at the Campbell Ranch, a “Grandma Day!” was never boring.

Vicki and her twin sister, Kay, are family celebrities for their own crazy brand of adventures. Always wanting to live life to the fullest they began a series of trips that make the younger generations say, “I want to be like Grandma when I grow up!” Dog sledding in Minnesota, kayaking in Florida, swimming with the manatees, scuba diving, spelunking, riding mules down the side of the Grand Canyon, hiking up mountains, rappelling down cliffs, camping out in Alaska (their husbands joined them on this trip-it was their anniversary after all!), riding in a hot air balloon, and jumping out of a plane to sky-dive in celebration of their 70th birthday!

Vicki has been an active member of East Cross United Methodist Church in

Bartlesville for over 50 years. Serving on committees, going on missions trips, hosting Sunday School get-togethers, and reaching out to the community have all been a regular part of her life.

Vicki is survived by Bill Beierschmitt of the home. Two daughters- Marci Brewer and husband Cary of Cleveland, OK and Jamie Sizemore and husband Walter of Cleveland, OK. Twelve grandchildren- Michaela (Brewer) and husband Christopher Hansen of Moore, OK, Jaden Brewer and wife Kinsey of Cushing, OK, Tobin Brewer and wife Sarai of Bartlesville, OK, Asher Brewer and fiancé Kennedy McReynolds of Wichita, KS, Kiera Brewer, Eliana Brewer, Isaac Brewer, Carson Brewer, Emily Sizemore, Rebekah Sizemore, Samuel Sizemore, and Levi Sizemore all of Cleveland, OK, and the first great grandchild due in August. Twin sister, Kay Campbell and husband Ira Dale of Bartlesville, OK as well as a multitude of other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Tom Coffman.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hopestone, 206 SE Frank Phillips Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74003.

Services will be held on Monday, at 10 a.m., at East Cross United Methodist Church with Rev Chad Perceful officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Service

APR 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

East Cross United Methodist Church
820 S Madison
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Tribute Wall

ML

“ I was the elementary physical education teacher at Lincoln and Jane Phillips Elementary Schools at the time Vicki was the same at Ranch Heights. One of my many great memories of Vicki was that we each started jump rope demonstration teams at our respective schools. We each had a different vibe in the music we selected for our performances. We would perform not only in house, but also out in the community. The band shell at Sooner Park was our stage on more than one occasion. Vicki's passion was so evident in everything she did to help her students learn and grow in a fun and encouraging environment. That motivated me to elevate my teaching during the time I was there and beyond. My prayers go out to Bill and the entire family as I close with the following memories of her:

*Her name was Vicki, Vicki B was she,
Who passionately taught her beloved P.E.
To hundreds and hundreds of kids she adored,
The kids in her gym never said they were bored.*

*There were Wranglers who ran, jumped - climbed, whirled and danced.
No heights were unscalable among those at the Ranch.
She once drank Dr. Pepper at 10, 2 & 4,
Then stopped due to the unhealthy calories it bore,
For one needs those models of good health in one's life,
Dear Vicki was that – and sweet mother and wife.*

*I heard she fell in love with the game Pickle Ball.
No doubt she shared that love with any and all.
Gems like Vicki come along only once in a while.
May our memories of her make us all bust a smile – just like hers.
----Mike Lamb*

Michael "Mike" Lamb - May 23, 2023 at 11:28 AM

NG

“ My family grew up around Vicki and Kay and their family. My sister Mary Ann Roepke Bachus was such a close friend of the girls so we did see a lot of them. I am so sorry to hear of Vicki's death and hope you all can find some peace in your hearts. She was just delightful and will be missed by all. You are in my prayers.
Nancy Roepke Gwaltney

Nancy Roepke Gwaltney - May 11, 2023 at 05:49 PM

CE

“ Charlotte Holt Edwards lit a candle in memory of Vicki Beierschmitt



Charlotte Holt Edwards - May 03, 2023 at 11:26 PM

CE

I'm So Sorry to hear About Vicki.. My Prayers for the Family ...
Charlotte Holt Edwards

Charlotte Holt Edwards - May 03, 2023 at 11:27 PM

LB

“ My thoughts and hugs to you! My childhood memories of Vicki and her zest for life will be with me always! Memories of tagging along with Dad and the first girls tennis team was always a “wowza” moment!

Linda Brandenburg - April 19, 2023 at 11:32 AM

CD

“ *Bill, Steve and I are sorry to hear of your loss and praying for you.*
Carol Davis

Carol Davis - April 18, 2023 at 10:07 AM

SF

“ *I was planting roses the day Bill called me so I named this one Vicki.*



Stanley Ferguson - April 17, 2023 at 03:31 PM

TG

“ *Special lady who will be missed by many. Memories of softball fields and basketball gyms - our parents supported us through them all.*
Love ya Marci

- Tammy (Thomas) Gaff

TAMMY (THOMAS) GAFF - April 17, 2023 at 10:30 AM

BW

“ *Beautifully written story of her love for life--- brought me to tears. I loved my Ranch Heights gym teacher, a woman who made a life long impression on her students.*
Condolences to the whole family.



Betsy Webster - April 17, 2023 at 01:42 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Vicki Beierschmitt.*



April 16, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vicki Beierschmitt.*



April 16, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *Kay Ruehlen lit a candle in memory of Vicki Beierschmitt*



Kay Ruehlen - April 16, 2023 at 11:03 AM



Vicki attended church and was on the Mission Team with me at East Cross. She was fun to work with and loved the Lord. We will miss you
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Kay Ruehlen - April 16, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *So sad to hear of your loss. May God's presence bring you comfort,*
Don & Audry Rader

Don Rader - April 15, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vicki Beierschmitt.*



April 14, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ *I'm so glad I got to reconnect with my former high school gym teacher. She still loved teaching and I'm thankful she taught me the game of Pickleball, along with her sister Kay. Through this we became more than teacher and student, we became friends. I will miss her dearly but will always have many happy memories. My prayers continue to be with all the family.*

Teri Dray - April 14, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Jeff, Amy, Michael & Tyler Rude purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Vicki Beierschmitt.*



Jeff, Amy, Michael & Tyler Rude - April 14, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *So, so saddened to learn of Vicki's passing! I have such fond memories of our years at Northwestern! Praying that you and all of your family find peace and comfort in our Lord's healing grace!! 🙏*



Judy Wolgamott - April 14, 2023 at 03:45 PM

LE

“ *Lori Eckert lit a candle in memory of Vicki Beierschmitt*



Lori Eckert - April 14, 2023 at 11:01 AM

JS

“ *Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Vicki Beierschmitt*



Jeanne Foreman Shepherd - April 13, 2023 at 08:40 PM

MB

“ *2 files added to the album Friends from Alva High School*



Mary Ann Bachus - April 13, 2023 at 08:04 PM

MB

Vicki is on the left of the first photo and on the right in the second. They always dressed alike when going to the Alva High Class of 63 reunions. I grew up, knowing and trying to keep up with them since I was 5. Vicki was such a great athlete, good person. The girls, as they were known were a great comic act..they'd put on a funny skit, then crack themselves up laughing. Vicki will be sorely missed, but she left a great legacy with her girls and grandchildren. A very close knit family. The one in the middle is me, Mary Ann Roepke Bachus.. Of course you can recognized Ira Dale in the patio picture on Kay and Ira's patio facing the sunset. Vicki has moved on over to the other side. May she rest in peace.

Mary Ann Bachus - April 13, 2023 at 08:22 PM

MS

“ Vicki was the most energetic and the most positive person we have ever know. She and Bill were the friends everyone wished they had. She was always involved in something but always had time for friends. We will always have fond memories of Vicki. Mike and Carol Smith

MICHAEL SMITH - April 13, 2023 at 06:39 PM

BE

“ Mrs. Beierschmitt as I have called her for many years, will be truly missed. She was a great teacher and always an encouraging presence. From ninth grade science on she was always happy to see students and wanted the best for them. The past couple of years I would see her coming to play pickleball and she was always trying to get me to come to her beginner's class. (Now I wish I had not put it off) The hardest thing was getting to use to calling her Vicki. She always had a smile and an encouraging word. She also would check to make sure I got my yard mowed - almost felt like making sure I got my homework done. A teacher for life! The family will be in my prayers and I know they will be comforted by the Holy Spirit to know she is with the Lord.

Betty - April 13, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vicki Beierschmitt.*



April 13, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Vicki was my PE teacher at college high , we always had a lot of fun , and we go to the same church going to miss seeing her every Sunday ,we would pass each other she would be leaving first servicing and we would be going to second service, she will be missed Prayers sent to her family*



Mary Gaines - April 13, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Carol Martin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Vicki Beierschmitt.*



Carol Martin - April 13, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Vicki was an exceptional friend and classmate. Any time I would visit and drive home Vicki made sure I had a snack for the long drive home.*

Stanley Ferguson - April 13, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vicki Beierschmitt.



April 13, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ Mrs. Beierschmitt was the most patient teacher I ever had in school. I had her for a Science teacher in Dewey my Ninth grade. Was not that long ago that I seen and talked to her. She never changed looked as pretty as always. Our Condolences to the family. Deniece Bush.

Deniece - April 13, 2023 at 01:17 AM



“ I knew Vicki because of playing in school teacher's league volleyball games. We shared a common ground of Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma. She was a joy to be around. I'm saddened by this news. May our memories of Vicki surround us in our time of grief and loss.



Carrie Fleharty - April 12, 2023 at 10:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vicki Beierschmitt.



April 12, 2023 at 08:38 PM

MP

“ Vicki was my PE teacher at Sooner and I thought she was so cute, she is the reason I became a PE teacher as well. She was proof to me that you didn't have to be masculine to be a good women's PE teacher. So sad to lose her. Margo Proctor

margo proctor - April 12, 2023 at 05:33 PM