



Rebecca Elizabeth "Becky Beth" Meyer

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Norman, OK – Becky Beth Meyer, 79, died unexpectedly in her home on December 22, 2020. She was born August 17, 1941 in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of A.F. (Slim) and Rebecca Lou (Becky) Cox Meyer of Pauls Valley, OK.

Becky Beth graduated from Pauls Valley High School, class of 1959. Following graduation, she attended Oklahoma City University, earning a degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree from the University of Colorado. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She took a job teaching second grade at South Lakewood Elementary School in Lakewood, CO. Becky Beth taught second grade there for the next thirty years, making a lasting impression on her students. Her great love was children's literature and decades later many of her former students stayed in touch with her and expressed how she inspired their love of reading.

After retirement, Becky Beth returned to Oklahoma and made her home in Norman to be close to her family. She enjoyed traveling throughout the world and taking Children's Literature Tours with other current and former teachers collecting autographed books to gift her nieces and nephews. Ever the

educator, she studied and took notes on all the points of interest on her travels and loved collecting Native American art and jewelry, as well as memorabilia from her travels.

As a Cherokee Nation citizen, Becky Beth was deeply rooted in her Native American heritage and was an active member in numerous organizations and activities. She was active in the National Indian Education Association, the Oklahoma & Colorado Indian Education associations and volunteered for the Red Earth Festival for more than 25 years. She received the 2013 Red Earth Festival Spirit Award and was named Native American Honored Alumna by Oklahoma City University. She was a member of the American Indian Cultural Society in Norman, the Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce, the Central Oklahoma Cherokee Alliance, the Cherokee National Historical Society, was a member of Nancy Ward Descendants and First Families of Cherokee Nation and was a docent at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History for more than 15 years. Especially interested in her Cherokee culture, she took classes in Cherokee language at the University of Oklahoma and was even honored as a Cherokee Elder by the AARP in 2014. She was a faithful member of the Norman First American United Methodist Church and dedicated to the community.

Predeceased by her parents, she is survived by her siblings, Julia Ann Meyer Hunt and husband Dick of Oklahoma City, OK; Steven Frederick Meyer and wife Chris of Truth or Consequences, NM; Clara Janet Meyer Winters of Norman, OK; her nieces and nephews, Anna Hunt of Bath, ME; Katie Meyer Kay and husband Junior of Truth or Consequences, NM; Steven D. Meyer of Oklahoma City, OK; Mack Winters and wife Trish of Oklahoma City, OK; Sarah Winters Jackson and husband Matt of Norman, OK; Anne Winters of Oklahoma City, OK; great nieces and great nephews; Ryan, Mason and Maren Jackson of Norman, OK; Tyler and Tanner Winters of Oklahoma City, OK.

A private graveside service will be planned at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Pauls Valley, OK at a future date. Expressions of condolences can be made on the website of the Wooster Funeral Home at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to Norman First American United Methodist Church, 1950 Beaumont Drive, Norman, Ok 73071.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rebecca Elizabeth "Becky Beth" Meyer*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Becky Meyer was my children's favorite teacher @ South Lakewood elementary school. All four of them! She kept in touch with them and even came for a visit to Estes Park just a few years back. We enjoyed a lunch with her at Mary's Lake Lodge, one of the wonderful old places here near Rocky Mountain National Park. I am only sorry I did not know of her Native American heritage sooner because I am a collector of the Southwestern tribes. She was just my age and I am sorry I did not know she was not doing well. Kindest regards to the large, extended family. Janice Jackson*

Janice Jackson - January 18, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *I was one of Miss Meyer's second grade students at South Lakewood Elementary School. So sorry to hear of her passing.*

David Sayer - January 15, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *We will miss Becky as our family historian and friend. Look forward to visiting with her when she comes for our family reunions and shares her stories.*
Judy Richardson

Judy Richardson - January 13, 2021 at 06:06 PM

LM

“ *Becky was such a caring loving person who always had a smile on her face. She will be truly missed on the Powwow Trail my friend! - former Miss Seminole Nation of Oklahoma*

Lucky Mansker - January 07, 2021 at 11:47 AM

CC

“ *Becky will always be "Miss Meyer" to me . She was my 2nd grade teacher and my favorite teacher of all time. She introduced us to Winne the Pooh, Charlotte's Web and Shadrack. I loved coming in from recess, heads down on the desk, and she would read these to us. I am a huge Pooh fan to this day. We would share many Pooh findings over the years. We stayed in touch, met for lunch when she was in town, and she and Sally booked trips thru my agency. Truly a unique, loving human. Very gifted teacher. We were her very first class she had of her career. God bless you Becky. I miss you and will always have a very special place in my heart for you.*



Candace (Cummings) Chapman - January 07, 2021 at 11:12 AM

TM

“ *Terri McKnight lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Elizabeth "Becky Beth" Meyer*



Terri McKnight - January 07, 2021 at 01:43 AM

LD

“ I met Becky first in OLLI classes then as a fellow volunteer at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History. We had many shared interests and as a result worked together on various projects at the SNMNH especially the yearly Indian Language Institute. She was always dedicated to sharing her vast store of knowledge on many subjects and as a result I learned a great deal from her. I will always treasure our time together and I am a better person for having known her. RIP, Becky, as yours was truly a life well lived. Luceen Dunn

Luceen Dunn - January 01, 2021 at 12:50 PM

JU

“ I always ran into Becky on any given weekend in Norman. I appreciated the warmth and connection she had with the Native community. My thoughts are with the entire family during the grief process. Until we bump into each other again Becky, dear friend!

Julian - December 30, 2020 at 12:06 AM

BM

Becky was an OCU classmate and we somehow managed to stay in touch. She will be greatly missed. A very intelligent, lovely friend. My condolences to her family.

Barbara McAlister - December 30, 2020 at 04:25 PM

KO

A wonderful , wise, interesting lady. I appreciated her dedication and volunteerism. A beautiful person. Will miss seeing her at church and in the community.

Karen Onco - December 31, 2020 at 11:18 AM

BP

“ So sorry to hear about Becky Beth's passing. She was such a nice, friendly person. Condolences to her family. She will be missed. Betty Pannell



Betty Wright Pannell - December 29, 2020 at 11:37 PM

CK

“ I had cleaned Becky's house for several yes. She always shared knowledge or wonderful stories about her students. she loved people. We had great conversation. we had always shared a HUG .she will be missed dearly by me. Love, Carmen

Carmen Dethloff..... House keeper--frien - December 29, 2020 at 08:25 PM

SM

“ We were so sad to hear of the loss of Becky Beth. She was such a special person from a very special family. I have many wonderful memories of spending lots of Sunday afternoons after church in your home. Know that heaven is a little brighter with her beautiful smile! Praying for God to wrap you up and give you peace. Love you all,
Susan Martin Muehleisen
Johnnie Martin

Susan Muehleisen - December 29, 2020 at 11:24 AM

TV

“ I loved to see her come by my pharmacy and our chats about our volunteer work at the museum. Seeing how dedicated and passionate she was has been such an inspiration to me and I aspire to be someone like her.

Trinidad Valadez - December 28, 2020 at 09:35 PM

ML

“ Sorry to hear of Beckys passing... my mom, Alma Jean worked at the court house with Slim. Such a good family.

Melinda Brim Lawrence - December 28, 2020 at 06:19 PM

LB

“ As a fellow classmate of Becky Beth I am very sorry to hear of your loss. We always enjoyed visiting with her. She will be sorely missed. Our condolences to the family.
Larry Baughman (Class of 1959) and wife Linda.

larry baughman - December 28, 2020 at 05:40 PM

PE

“ I met Becky during my training to be a docent at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History. She was a wonderful person who continued to enjoy learning. She will be missed by many— both volunteers and patrons.

Peg Erickson Elwood - December 28, 2020 at 05:33 PM

BP

“ So very sorry to learn of Becky Beth's passing. She was such a nice, kind, friendly person and always had a smile. Condolences to all her family. She will be missed.

Betty Pannell

Betty Wright Pannell - December 28, 2020 at 05:08 PM



JB

“ *Becky Beth has been a part of my life since before I can remember. I will always hold dear her special smile and her special way. Julia, Steve, Clara, and the rest of the family my heart goes out to you in your time of loss.*

John Blake - December 28, 2020 at 02:30 PM

WA

“ *I would often see Becky, here in Norman, and she always had a smile and time to visit. My prayers go out to the family.*



Waymolene Abel - December 28, 2020 at 01:19 PM

RW

“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear of Becky’s journey to the other side of the camp. She was a friend and supporter to me and my family. We will miss her warm and gracious welcome each time we had the opportunity to meet at various events and activities in Colorado and more recently in Norman. I will miss her frequent “likes” and “comments” on Facebook. My thoughts are with her family during this time of remembrance.*

Rick Waters - December 28, 2020 at 01:11 PM

WJ

“ David and I are saddened to learn of Becky's death. She was a very special person. He knew her growing up even though she was a couple of years younger. I met her as the daughter of my good friend Slim Meyer who worked at M. G. Cox Abstract Company across the street from the law offices where I worked. We both knew her as a member of our church, First United Methodist in Pauls Valley. We are so sorry for your loss, and send our sincere condolences to all members of her extended family.



David M. and Wilma Bettles Jones

Wilma Jones - December 28, 2020 at 09:54 AM

CB

“ The Meyer family was always so special to us Martins as we all grew up in Pauls Valley.
I am saddened to hear that Becky Beth has left us.
Praying comfort for your family.
Carol Martin Burnett.

carol martin burnett - December 27, 2020 at 08:22 PM

BW

“ Becky was a dear friend and neighbor. She will be missed. Our condolences to her family.
Bob and Betty Wolfard

Bob and Betty Wolfard - December 27, 2020 at 06:56 PM

SB

“ Steve And Pam Branam lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Elizabeth "Becky Beth" Meyer



Steve and Pam Branam - December 27, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JB

“ Becky has been a dear friend from college days at OCU until now. She was a part of a very close group of Alpha Chi Omegas and Lambda Chi Alphas that met every year over the OklahomaCity Marathon, and all of us looked forward to this gathering. This year the pandemic forestalled it. She was a wonderful lady and a dear friend, and I will miss her terribly. Rest in peace Becky



John H Baransy - December 27, 2020 at 04:52 PM

KS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Becky. I walk by her house nearly every day. Prayers and condolences to you Clara, Julia, Steve and families. So many wonderful memories of your family from our Paul's Valley days and seeing you here in Norman.

Ken and Ann Swanson - December 27, 2020 at 01:25 PM

BB

I am very sorry for your loss. I have so many memories that words cannot express. My prayers go out to all of you. God Bless. Bob Barton

Bob Barton - December 28, 2020 at 07:24 AM

JC

I am so saddened to hear of Becky's passing and send love and condolences to her family and friends. I first met Becky when she attended the Cherokee nation History Course some years ago and had the great privilege to know her better as a member of the Central Oklahoma Cherokee Alliance and many other organizations of the Cherokee Nation. I know I speak on behalf of many in her tribal community in saying that we loved her dearly and appreciated so much the contributions and the dedication she gave to her Cherokee people. She was always a great supporter and a great friend. I have so many wonderful memories of her and I will miss her so much. Sending prayers to her family and to all who loved her.

Julia Coates - December 28, 2020 at 02:00 PM

CC

Dear Julia, Steve and Clara: I was so stunned today when I received a call from one of my PV friends to tell me about Becky Beth. So many sweet memories are flowing through my mind as I think about our past, present and future. I love each of you dearly, and can't help but think how happy Becca is to hold her daughter once again. God bless you and hold you close in His arms.

Cissy Chesnutt - December 28, 2020 at 06:56 PM



Becky was a dear long time friend. I can remember when I first met her and stayed at her home in Colorado. We then stayed in touch. When she moved to Norman, we would attend various functions or have lunch together. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to her family.

Ginger Parker


Ginger Parker - December 29, 2020 at 12:22 PM

LW

I met Becky Beth in 1976 at Ft. Hays University. Our friendship continued until the day she died. I have her to thank for all of the places she has been and shared in depth detail of her experiences. I especially remember a trip she took to China. It was an children's literature trip, and they were the first Americans to see the Great Wall after the China's door was opened. She shared her memories so vividly that I thought I, too, had traveled there. From a trip to Sweden she introduced me to Hans Christian Andersen's home, and the many letters and stories he wrote. What a gift she shared with all of us. Her life impacted my life and imagination. I feel blessed to have known her all of these decades.

Letty Watt - January 2, 2021

Letty Watt - January 02, 2021 at 08:44 PM


Luann
Waters

*Becky and I met because of OLLI classes. When she learned I was from Wynnewood, we had an additional connection with her having grown up in Pauls Valley. We shared many of the same interests and went to some events together. She will be missed; she was a bright spot in the world. My thanks to Clara for letting me know of her loss.
Luann Waters*

Luann Waters - January 18, 2021 at 06:36 PM