



Beverly Thomas

December 21, 2008

Beverly A. Thomas, age 66, of Westerville, passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, on Sunday, December 21, 2008 after a short battle with breast cancer. Beverly is preceded in death by her father, Bernard Elfrink and her mother, Mary (Hunt) Foster. A loving wife and mother, she is survived by her husband, Junie "Jay"; children, Cindy Ford, Georgetown, KY and Beth (Mark) Otto, Centerburg, OH; grandchildren, Cory, Zachary, Josh and Brooke; brothers and sister, Marie (Tom) Wittkopf, Barb Decker, Steve (Gulay) Elfrink, Pat (Kathleen) Elfrink, Linda (Frank) Gallo, Becky (Jim) Elias, Rita (Brad) Stevenson and Ed (Michelle) Elfrink; many nieces and nephews and friends. Family and friends may call from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 23rd at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085, where a funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 24, 2008. Burial will follow in Blendon Central Cemetery. For those who wish memorial contributions may be made to: Stephanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research, 300 W. 10th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses and their amazing staff at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital for their wonderful care. Condolences for the family may be sent to: www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beverly Thomas*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *The Thomas Family: Beverly will be missed by a lot of people. but she is at peace and rest. God needed another Angel and called Beverly home. My prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Betty Bidwell Creagan - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bev's passing. I worked with Bev at InVentiv where we discussed babies/grandchildren, flowers, All-Clad, jewelry and chocolate! She was a wonderful woman that touched many and will be missed...*

Kimberly Incorvati - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'll miss her.*

Gino Valli - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Thomas family, I worked with Bev at GSW, and I cannot say enough about her. She always offered kind words of encouragement and greeted you with a sincere smile. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with your family.*

Rachel Iannarino - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Aunt Bev was a beautiful, strong, and wonderful person and I regret that I was not closer to her. My thoughts and prayers go out to all her friends and family in their time of sadness.

Stephanie Elfrink - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Bev's warmth and kindness not only touched all of us at GSW but was so strong that it reached through the phone lines. When I told my family the sad news, they all instantly knew who "Bev" was and were deeply saddened by the news. My family's thoughts and prayers reach out to yours in this difficult time.

Pam Janco - December 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Beth: I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May God bless you and your family through this difficult time. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Shannon Sergent Pond - December 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I am very fortunate to have worked with Bev at inVentiv Communications. She was always willing to lend you her smile when you had lost your own. One thing is for sure, you never went hungry at GSW when Bev was around. She was always able to hook you up with the leftovers around the building. My thoughts and prayers are with Bev's family and friends.

Rachel Bertrand - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

UI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families at this very sad time. Please know that we will miss seeing her at work...she always made us feel so welcome with her beautiful smile. Our condolences are with you all. Ute Bunner and Lorrie Campbell, Ambius, Inc.

Ute Bunner and Lorrie Campbell from Ambius, Inc. - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Jay and Beth, You both are in my prayers and I know at this time there are no words to say. I am here if any of you need me. I lost my mother also to breast cancer. I'm sharing the lost with you. Bev was a friend to me. Sincere, Jody

Jody Fields - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Bev was a wonderful woman and a delight to know. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with her family and many friends. Maria

Maria Carr - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Bev will be missed so much. I never met a more warm, gentle person than her. We will miss her. Always a smile and a kind word-that was Bev.

Nancy J Mussari - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I am grateful to have known Bev for several years working at GSW - she will be missed tremendously. I will never forget how supportive and genuine she was towards me. Her words of encouragement and conversations of family helped give my day a boost! May God surround you with His peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Marquetta Rupert - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Jay, So sorry to hear about the loss of Beverly. My thoughts and prayer are with you and your family.

Margie Payne - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Bev was such a special person. It was impossible not to fall in love with her. She took care of everyone at work because she genuinely cared. She will be greatly missed.

Heather Erskine - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ It may sound a bit trite but the world would be a much better place if we had more people like Bev. Like so many people at GSW I saw in Bev a daily reminder that it is possible to always have a kind word; it is possible make people feel special; and it most definitely is possible to look for and find the good in every day. I will miss her cheerful voice calling out a hello to me or a "how do you think the Bucks are going to do on Saturday?" I can only imagine how much you will miss your wife, mother, sister and grandmother. I hope you can take some comfort in knowing just how deeply she was loved by her GSW family.

Pat Smith - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ Bev was a breath of fresh air to anyone who stepped off the elevator on the 3rd floor at GSW, or any of us who needed a little mental vacation from the daily grind. For me it was sharing sightings of the Westerville bald eagle, stories about her grandchildren and her trips to the Cincinnati Zoo with them, or Thanksgivings surrounded by her family and a house full of her “grand dogs”. But I think one of the lasting impressions she left with me is the fact that she never failed to put others first. Her joyful, welcoming, sincere personality is a loss that can never be replaced. She’s given us all something to aspire to.

Patrick Ortlieb - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Bev and I hadn’t worked together for a couple of years so I was both shocked and deeply saddened to hear of her passing. I will always remember her smile, her outgoing personality and all of the chats we had about my son and her grandchildren. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with your family, the world is truly a better place for having Bev in it.

Jenell Haas - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Such an incredible person with a huge heart. She will be missed terribly.

Kate Williams - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Bev was such a wonderful, caring person & will be missed by all whose lives she touched so sweetly! She truly warmed your heart, whether in conversation or just in passing & always saw the good things in life. She was a joy to work with at GSW & will be missed very, very much. To her family, I am very sorry for your great loss & will keep you in my thoughts & prayers... she loved you all very much. May peace be with you during this difficult time.*

Jenni Weeks - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *Bev will be very much missed here at GSW. Her pleasant and professional style added a great deal to our work lives. Whether it was transferring our calls around while we were on the road, looking up people's cell phone numbers, finding us when we had a visitor, fixing rental car issues, or just making sure we knew there was left over food around in case we were hungry - Bev always seemed to be thinking of others. She was especially proud of her grandchildren, and knowing I am also a hunter, would bring in pictures of them to show me with their most recent deer or turkey. I pray God holds her family close during this difficult time.*

Neal Gearing - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Bev, Words can not express the deep impact you had on the lives of everyone around you. Your good humor and optimistic outlook on life is a beautiful gift to us all and you will never ever be forgotten. Thanks for all you have taught me, not only about work, but about life: compassion, charisma, faith, love, family and most of all how to enjoy it. You will forever be loved, always in my heart and never forgotten. To the family: She loved talking about being a wife, a mother and a grandmother most of all. My deepest condolences to you and yours. If you ever need anything please don't hesitate to give me a call at the desk. ~Audrey

Audrey Richards - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Bev was the face of GSW - warm, caring and friendly. We are all blessed to have had the joy of working with such an amazing woman. She will truly be missed but we know she is smiling down over all of us.

Jen Oleski - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Jay and family: You have my deepest sympathy during this extremely challenging time for all of you. May God comfort you and give you strength. God needed another angel in heaven, so he asked Beverly to come home. She is no longer suffering, and is at peace. Barbara Bidwell Gray Coombs

Barbara Bidwell Gray Coombs - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Thomas family, I had the pleasure of knowing Bev for the last eight years at inVentiv. And like others have said, she was a very special lady. We shared a birthday and she affectionately called us the members of the 9/25 club. There was not a year since I've known her that she didn't give me a card saying Happy Birthday to us and some type of Buckeye trinket as we both shared our love of sports teams as well. I am deeply saddened by her loss and will miss her smiling face around the office. The entire family is in my prayers. God Bless You all.

Lanie Blackburn - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Bev touched and enlightened every person she crossed. She will be dearly missed.

Angie Johnson and Ryan Oberhauser - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Such a lovely lady... all of us at GSW will miss her.

Deanna Spring - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Thomas Family - Please accept my deepest sympathies. I worked with Bev at GSW, we will miss her terribly. I will remember her with fondness; always with a smile on her face and a kind word. Peace be with you in this time of sorrow, your family will be in my thoughts and prayers this holiday season. Sincerely, Karen HAWley

Karen Hawley - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Bev had the ability to make you feel like the most important person in the room. Her warmth and hospitality were so genuine. She was a special lady that I could only hope to imitate. My prayers go out to her family and close friends who have suffered a great loss. All of us who had the privilege of knowing her from work will miss her deeply.*

Laurie Basile - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *I knew Bev at inVentiv and no matter how bad your day may be going, just seeing her smile as she said "hello" or just talking with her in her soft, calming voice, always made everything better. She was there for everyone and was always willing to help you at anytime. She will be dearly missed. Thoughts of Bev's family are in my prayers during this holiday season.*

Wendy Besase - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Bev was a pleasure to see every day here at GSW. She was the perfect combination of sweet and sassy, and always made me smile. She is already greatly missed. My thoughts are with you all.*

Claire Jester - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Bev and cannot say enough great things about her. Bev's laugh was contagious, her advice was superb and friendliness was unmatched. She will be missed and thought of on a daily basis. My condolence and prayers are with her family and friends in this tough time.*

Kristina Autullo - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *Bev always made me smile, she was always concerned about everyone else. I will miss her smiling face and sharing stories about our families. My thoughts are with your family.*

Molly Ivey - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *I had the honor of working with Bev and she will be deeply missed. She spoke so highly of her family and loved sharing stories. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Toni Kelling - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Bev helped me over and over again with my love life woes. She had the sweetest heart and most compassionate love for all people she came in contact with. I will miss her dearly. This office will never be the same without her.*

Lisa Heaton - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Dear Thomas Family, I just wanted to send a note to say how deeply sorry I am for Bev's passing. She was a wonderful, beautiful, and kind person who added so much warmth to our office every day, for so long. I am truly sorry for your loss, but I feel that each of us who were touched by Bev are very lucky to have known a wonderful woman like her. We have missed her in the past few months and will continue to miss her in the future. God bless all of you and may peace be with all of you and Bev. Best regards, Tracey Long GSW Worldwide*

Tracey Long - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I worked with Bev, and like so many others, were lucky enough to know her and feel like I had a special bond with her. We shared a love for Twizzlers and Good'n'Plenty's, she told me stories and showed me pictures of her granddaughter, I told stories and showed her pictures of my dogs, and we talked about our flowers and yards. It's hard to imagine not seeing her again, not joking with her again, smiling with her again. She was a great lady, and will be missed every time I walk past what I will always think of as "her" desk at work. Kathleen

Kathleen Burke - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM