



Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley

July 23, 1955 - August 8, 2024

Beverly Oppold-Blessman Whaley, 69, of Clear Lake and formerly of Iowa Falls, passed away Thursday, August 8, 2024 at her Clear Lake home. Funeral mass will be 10:30 AM Friday, August 16, 2024 at St. Mark Catholic Church in Iowa Falls, with a one hour prior visitation. Following mass, Beverly will be laid to rest at the Clear Lake Cemetery. A public visitation will be held from 4-7 PM on Thursday, August 15 at the Woodley Funeral Home, 306 Central Ave. East in Hampton with a prayer service at 6:30 PM. Woodley Funeral Home is caring for Beverly and her family.

Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley was born on July 23, 1955, the daughter of Edmund D. and Marjory A. (Roll) Oppold in Grundy Center, Iowa. Beverly attended the University of Northern Iowa, receiving her Bachelor's Degree and Drake University for her Masters. In 1985 Beverly was united in marriage to John W. Blessman.

Beverly was a beautiful and intelligent woman who spent her life spreading love and positivity wherever she went. Her compassion and empathy knew no bounds, and she had an extraordinary gift for making everyone feel seen, heard and valued. Whether with family, friends, or strangers, Bev had an uncanny ability to bring out the best in people, making her the heart of every gathering.

She understood the value of education, receiving two master's degrees and dedicating herself as an educator for many years in the Webster City school system. In 2005, she joined the AEA as an educational consultant until her retirement in 2009. She delighted in remaining engaged with her students as she followed their successes in life.

On April 20, 2013 Beverly was united in marriage to Mark Whaley at Hilton Head Island, in South Carolina. Beverly opened the door to countless adventures. After finding her "Mr. Wonderful," they traveled, explored, and created cherished memories with their friends and family. She took great pride in being an aunt to her nephews and found immense joy in reading books and playing imaginative games with her grandchildren. Beverly embraced life to its fullest, and we were all fortunate and blessed to be swept along in her vibrant wake.

Those left to cherish Bev's memory are her husband, Mark Whaley of Fountain Hills, Arizona. Stepsons are Dane (Sara Vorland) of Chicago, Illinois and Ryan (Kathryn Lamont) of Rochester, Minnesota. Grandchildren are Alexandra, Norah, Ava and Carter. She is also survived by her sister, Vikkii (Glen) Beasley of Yorkville, Illinois. Nephews are Wade Beasley of Chicago, Illinois and Brad (Jill Kilmartin) Beasley of Omaha, Nebraska. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edmund and Marjory Oppold and a brother, David Oppold.

For those planning an expression of sympathy, you may wish to consider directing memorials to the family c/o Mark Whaley at 2301 S Lakeview Drive Unit 502 Clear Lake, Iowa 50428, to be used to establish an educational foundation in Beverly's honor.

Cemetery Details

Clear Lake Municipal Cemetery

N 20th St
Clear Lke, IA 50428

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hampton - Woodley Funeral Home
306 Central Ave. East
Hampton, IA 50441
(641) 456-3232

Service

AUG 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mark Catholic Church
415 Main St
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Tribute Wall

CE

“ *Connie Irving Erbe lit a candle in memory of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley*



Connie Irving Erbe - August 20, 2024 at 06:39 PM

CE

“ *I was a cheerleader alongside Bev Oppold. I have such fond memories of that and also being in the same class as her. I was on Facebook with her all these years and am sad that she is gone (way too young) from this Earth, 'but not forgotten'!*

Connie Irving Erbe - August 20, 2024 at 06:28 PM

DN

“ *You were always classy with a bit of sass! 😊 I'm going to miss our cocktails and docktails, watching the Iowa women's and Indiana Fever basketball games and the many texts and phone calls trying to help you make a decision. RIP my very good friend.*

Deb Nelson - August 15, 2024 at 09:34 PM

TC

“ *Timothy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.*

Timothy C. - August 15, 2024 at 07:09 PM

NF

“ Niki F. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.

Niki F. - August 15, 2024 at 05:48 PM

MF

“ Much love, Mary and Mark Messmer family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



Much love, Mary and Mark Messmer family - August 15, 2024 at 08:46 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



August 14, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



August 14, 2024 at 01:10 PM

AK

“ Angela K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.

Angela K. - August 14, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



August 14, 2024 at 10:42 AM

SF

“ Susie Ford purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



Susie Ford - August 14, 2024 at 09:35 AM

SF

“ Susie Ford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.

Susie Ford - August 14, 2024 at 09:35 AM

JW

“ What a pleasure to have Bev as a student in high school, as an educator in the same area of business, and most importantly as a very dear friend. I will always treasure those special memorable times with Bev. With sincere sympathy to Mark, Vikkii, and all of the family from the Winder Family.

Janet Winder - August 14, 2024 at 12:03 AM

DC

“ I was fortunate to serve as principal at Webster City High School during Bev's tenure as a business education teacher. She was an outstanding educator with a real passion for teaching, and a genuine care for all of her students. Just as importantly, Bev was a great coworker who developed into a true leader of the faculty. She was admired by everyone who worked beside her every day. RIP Beverly.

Dan Conrad - August 13, 2024 at 10:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



August 13, 2024 at 05:42 PM

RH

“ Rich and Sue Haberkamp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.

Rich and Sue Haberkamp - August 13, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.*



August 13, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ *commercial truck& van purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.*



commercial truck& van - August 13, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *commercial truck& van planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.*

commercial truck& van - August 13, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.*



August 13, 2024 at 11:54 AM

BN

“ *Brian & Jackie Near purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.*



Brian & Jackie Near - August 13, 2024 at 10:15 AM

GW

“ *God bless - the Rupperts and Warneckes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.*

God bless - the Rupperts and Warneckes - August 13, 2024 at 08:45 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.*



August 13, 2024 at 08:45 AM

JP

“ *Bev was the Mayor of Eagle Bay. She kept us on track. I will miss her irreverent sense of humor. It's just a shame to be honest with you. She deserved more time, but accomplished a lot while she was here. That's really what matters. Did you make a difference? Bev did.*

Jeff Ploeger - August 12, 2024 at 10:10 PM

JC

“ Jim Cannataro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.

Jim Cannataro - August 12, 2024 at 04:56 PM

JC

“ Jim Cannataro purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



Jim Cannataro - August 12, 2024 at 04:56 PM

SC

“ our thoughts and prayers are with mark and the family. We were so lucky to meet Bev last February when we visited Arizona, Bev was a wonderful friend. Grief is the price we pay for love! hold close all the memories you have made and they will be by your side the rest of your life!

steve coffin - August 12, 2024 at 04:28 PM

TF

“ The Liston Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



The Liston Family - August 12, 2024 at 04:22 PM

YB

“ Your friends and neighbors at Eagle Bay purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



Your friends and neighbors at Eagle Bay - August 12, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



August 12, 2024 at 12:54 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jan Cramsie - August 12, 2024 at 12:52 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jan Cramsie - August 12, 2024 at 12:47 PM

TK

“ Teri, Cathy, Anne, Mary and Karen purchased the *Your Light Shines for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.*



Teri, Cathy, Anne, Mary and Karen - August 12, 2024 at 12:41 PM

LA

“ Love, Natalie & Alan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.

Love, Natalie & Alan - August 12, 2024 at 11:01 AM

LA

“ Love, Natalie & Alan purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



Love, Natalie & Alan - August 12, 2024 at 11:01 AM

DF

“ Danny Burnett and Family purchased the *Rose Garden Heart* for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



Danny Burnett and Family - August 12, 2024 at 10:10 AM

DF

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Danny Burnett and Family - August 12, 2024 at 10:10 AM



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August 12, 2024 at 09:26 AM

BC

“ Bart and Shelley Conry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.

Bart and Shelley Conry - August 12, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



August 12, 2024 at 09:07 AM

ZM

“ Zach Martin and Alec Martin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



Zach Martin and Alec Martin - August 11, 2024 at 10:05 PM

FP

“ From Mario, Ann, Roger, Betsy, Patricia purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



From Mario, Ann, Roger, Betsy, Patricia - August 11, 2024 at 11:42 AM

JH

“ Fun times were had at Webster City High School and later in Fort Dodge. What a delightful person and a treasure to have known her!

JO HENDRICKS - August 11, 2024 at 09:30 AM

CW

“ Chris W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.

Chris W. - August 11, 2024 at 09:28 AM

CW

“ I am so very sorry to hear this. Bev’s bright smile and upbeat personality were ever present when I saw her. She will be greatly missed.

Chris White - August 11, 2024 at 09:27 AM

LB

“ Lori Brakke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.

Lori Brakke - August 10, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



August 10, 2024 at 10:00 PM

DT

“ Don & Nancy Taylor purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Beverly Ann Oppold-Blessman Whaley.



Don & Nancy Taylor - August 10, 2024 at 05:46 PM

DP

“ So very sorry for your loss. I have many laughter filled memories working with her at the AEA. She was a wonderful person.

Donna Perry - August 10, 2024 at 01:03 PM